

# TUESDAY TEACHER FEATURE



**Mrs. Deb Mielcarek,**

If you attend nearly any event for St. Catherine's during and after school hours, on or off campus, or even on the weekend you are likely to see Mrs. Deb Mielcarek. She makes an effort to be nearly everywhere and she always lends a hand for whatever project anyone has including students, staff and faculty. She is a true gem among the faculty and staff.

**How long have you worked at St. Cat's?**

In 97-98 I worked in Development part time. I started teaching in 98.

**What is your title?**

Business Technology Instructor

**What kinds of major things have changed since you started?**

My first year teaching was in Room 123. There were green CRT monitors and we had just networked the room. The only programs on the computers were Word, Excel and PowerPoint. I've added the Intro to Desktop and Advanced Desktop over the years. They are my favorite programs and I love teaching them to students. They do so much and I like seeing students develop computer skills. It's something that they will always use in some form.

**Each year do you get assigned a different task?**

I teach all the classes in the business department, so have I seven different preps. I have these classes and yearbook every year.

**What kinds of things have you added this year so far?**

This year we added a MultiMedia class. This replaced the Web Design Class. I also took on the task of scheduling the substitute teachers for the Administration.

**What keeps you busiest in your day?**

The busiest part of my day is 5th hour. It's the MultiMedia class. Everyone in that class is doing something different.....from learning Premier Pro video program to completing both the middle school and high school yearbooks. Then you add taking pictures and doing all the various opportunities the Development Department has given us, plus T-shirt designs, play books, postcards, posters and flyers. We are crazy busy and it's a blast!!! The students in that class are learning so much and getting some "real world" jobs to do.

**If you could get the students to do one thing differently what would it be?**

Take a vested interest in what you are learning. Everything you learn makes you well-rounded individuals and makes you more employable in the end.

**What do you see on the horizon?**

Who knows!!! Technology is changing so fast - That's what always keeps me going. I love the challenge. If it stayed the same it would not be as much fun. I love new computers, programs and most of all new camera equipment...maybe even a 3D printer! My wish list of new things is long and ever changing.

**If you could tell your student's one thing and they would believe you...what would it be?**

I hope that students can see that it's important to give 110% every day and take the opportunity to learn something new every day. I am always amazed at how much my students can teach me. I hope they can say that back to me. The students are amazing people.