



Serena Bolon-Lower School First Grade Teacher

Hello, my name is Serena Bolon and I will be a first grade teacher this year. I am excited to re-enter the classroom after spending time as a stay-at-home mom. My husband and I have four children, three boys and one girl. I love MCA and all four of my children attend. This will be our fifth year at MCA. From the moment we enrolled our kids at MCA, I knew I wanted to come work at MCA! God is moving at MCA and I am thrilled to be a part of it! I have a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Organizational Communication and I have a Master of Arts in Education. My teaching license certifies me to teach in grades PK-3. I was not raised in a Christian home but came to Christ in my early 20's. It has been my greatest blessing to make sure that my children know Christ from the very beginning of their lives. I feel honored to be able to teach your children about Christ as well!

My favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." I have loved being able to look back over my life and see how God's way is always best and how God writes the most beautiful stories for us. A verse I strive to live my life by is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I am excited to be back in the classroom and cannot wait to get started!



Toni Bosela-Rebick- Upper Campus Nurse

My name is Antoinette, but everyone calls me Toni. I was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. Graduated from Chaney High School. Never having children of my own, my first husband died in 2001. I remarried in 2010. I have 3 step-children and 5 grandchildren. I was an LPN for 5 years and then became an RN. I have been a traveling nurse for the last 8 years. I have worked with geriatrics most of my career. My favorite verse is John 3:16.



Dan Boyer-High School Mathematics Teacher

My name is Dan Boyer, and I am excited to join the MCA family as a high school mathematics teacher. I graduated from Cleveland State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and a minor in statistics. For the past six years, I have been fortunate to utilize my knowledge and passion for the learning process as a tutor. I have also enjoyed working with teenagers as a softball coach. I look forward to helping the students at MCA grow in mind and spirit as we learn about the fascinating ways that God incorporates mathematics into our everyday life and the world around us.



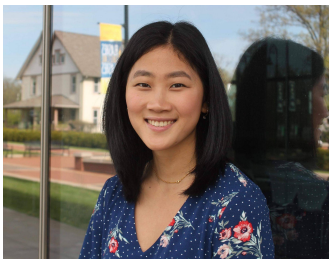
Kristen Dunleavy-High School Student Supervisor

I surrendered my life to Christ in 1988 at the age of 14. A lover of the ocean, I had every intention of being a Marine Biologist, but God had other plans. While attending a “campus experience” event at a Bible college in Rhode Island, I felt a call to full-time ministry. After attending Bible college and receiving a 3-year diploma in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Ministries, marrying my husband, Steve, the adventure began. Steve and I were in pastoral ministry for several years before God began to fine-tune our calls. We both resonate strongly with Luke 4:18, 19, “The Lord has put his Spirit in me, because he appointed me to tell the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to tell the captives they are free and to tell the blind that they can see again. God sent me to free those who have been treated unfairly and to announce the time when the Lord will show his kindness.” For Steve that meant becoming a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and for me that meant pursuing a career in law enforcement. During a six-year period, I was trained as a C.I.T. (Critical Incident Team) officer, as well as a D.A.R.E./Student Resource Officer and spent much of my time teaching in K-12. In 2010, my career was cut short due to a back-injury I suffered after being rear-ended by an impaired driver while on patrol. In 2015, after staying home for several years with my twins, Finley and Cooper, I entered the field of victim advocacy. Without a doubt, I believe my highest calling is that of wife and mother. I reside in Wadsworth, OH with my family. Together we attend Radiant Life Church where I have led worship, a community group and participated in jail ministry. Steve and I regularly travel, speaking at marriage conferences and pastors retreats throughout the United States.



Emily Glontz-Middle School 6th Grade Teacher

I was privileged to grow up in the church with a family who put God above all else. As a teenager and young adult, I learned to make my faith my own, growing from what was passed on to me from my parents and grandparents. I became a worship leader and deaconess at my church, and my husband works in the Sunday school classes. We put God first in our home, and we try to treat everyone as Jesus would. My favorite verse is John 15:13 which says, "Greater love has no one than this: than to lay down one's life for one's friends." I graduated from Ashland University in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in integrated language arts. I received my Master of Education degree for curriculum and instruction in 2014. I am also working towards another degree, a Master of Arts in reading, which I will receive in November of this year. I am passionate about being a life-long learner and continually improving myself for the benefit of my students. I love teaching language arts and the Bible, filtering everything through a Biblical lens. It is my hope that the students I encounter will be more ready to share the Good News and love others as Jesus does after spending time in my classroom.



Hannah Hirko-High School Intervention Specialist

My name is Hannah Hirko, I'm filled with joy to be part of the MCA family! I've recently graduated from Kent State University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education with a dual license of mild to moderate and moderate to intensive.

God has led me to this opportunity to ensure an exceptional education, in a Christian manner. These students are the future, I am called to serve them. Which entails me to instruct and assist their academics and discover themselves, all through the truth of the word. I am looking forward to working alongside you as I strengthen the students academically and their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:2-Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.



Sara Koeth-Middle School STEM and High School Bible Teacher

Hello! My name is Sara Koeth and I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to join the staff at Medina Christian Academy for the 2023-2024 school year. I grew up in Medina County and graduated from Buckeye High School in 2019. I went to Miami University, from which I recently graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Biomedical Engineering and a Minor in Bioinformatics. Over the course of 4 years, I participated in 2.5 years of undergraduate research, volunteered on a research team at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA, and was founding president of a humanitarian STEM club on campus. During my freshman year at Miami, I am humbled and thankful to say that, I met the Lord through Miami CRU and gave my life to Jesus Christ! As I progressed through college, the Lord began to challenge my idea and expectation of what my career would look like and ultimately pointed me back to a desire he planted in me as a child to become a teacher. I am so grateful to be able to utilize my experience with STEM to educate and minister to students at MCA, amidst a community of fellow believers! I look forward to meeting everyone!



Sandra Kubiak-Lower School Third Grade Teacher

My name is Sandra Kubiak. My faith is what keeps me anchored. God has played such a pivotal role in my life as an educator, mother and wife. He is my source of peace, strength and joy. Through God's guidance I am thrilled to join the MCA team and spread the love of Jesus!

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.- Deuteronomy 11:18-19

I graduated with my bachelor's in early childhood education from The University of Cincinnati in 2012. I have been teaching third grade for nine years. I love teaching. I love the energy that naturally comes from a classroom where students are engaged in meaningful learning. I love interacting with all of the unique personalities and the family partnerships that are built throughout the school year. I've sent both of my own children to MCA and have experienced the authentic love and care that the MCA family has shown us. Education is such an important part of a child's upbringing and I am really looking forward to teaching through a Biblical worldview. I'm excited to bring my experience and also learn from others!



Jessica Lappin-Middle School/High School Health & Physical Education Teacher

Hello! I am so excited to join the MCA staff! My name is Jessica Lappin and I graduated from MCA in 2001. My passion has always been in health and fitness education which led me to the University of Akron to complete my Bachelor's Degree in Science Education focusing on Exercise Science/ Physiology and Dietetics in 2006. I have taught fitness and nutrition education for over 20 years. For the past 10 years, I have been homeschooling my three children as well. Homeschooling has been such a blessed time for our family but this past year we felt the Lord leading us in a new direction. We will all be joining MCA this fall 2023! I am beyond thrilled to begin teaching health and physical education within an outstanding christian community and of course my alma mater. I truly love teaching and sharing my love of health and fitness with others. It is amazing to learn how our loving Father shares His love for us through health and fitness as well as being beautifully created in His image. Because our bodies are temples for the Lord, our Father wants us to take good care of them. Health is a blessing (1 Corinthians 6:19)! I look forward to meeting everyone at MCA this coming school year.



Kristina Robertson - Scholarship/Testing Coordinator

My name is Kristina Robertson, and I am so excited to be part of the MCA family! Christian education has always been a priority to me, and I have been blessed to serve in multiple different environments including teaching, volunteering in various private settings, and obtaining my Master's in Educational Leadership. God has clearly had His hand in each of my seasons, guiding me to where I am today! With my heart for Christian education, my detail-oriented brain, and my passion for communication, I am thrilled to be pioneering this position of Scholarship/Testing Coordinator. My goal is for MCA to be accessible for all families, and I know all of the legal requirements can be a daunting task! However, having someone to walk the journey with each family through paperwork, testing, and entering the school will be such a blessing. I look forward to meeting you either in person or on our social media pages!



Maddison Stafford-Lower School Kindergarten Teacher

Hello! My name is Maddison Stafford, and I am so excited to join the MCA staff this fall as a kindergarten teacher. I graduated from The Ohio State University this past May 2023 with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, certified to teach Prek-5th grade.

I have always had a passion for teaching children whether it was coaching soccer, working at summer camps or in the classroom. I felt the Lord was leading me to teach at a Christian school so I am thrilled to be at MCA where I can support my students academically and spiritually to grow in their God-given gifts and to pursue a relationship with Jesus. I hope to create a nurturing and loving environment for all my students to become successful in. I am looking forward to working in a community that is unified in their love for Christ (Colossians 3: 23-24). I can't wait to meet all of you this fall.



Shannon Strausser-High School Teacher

My name is Shannon Strausser and I am excited to join the MCA community! Having earned my Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from Kent State University, I have been blessed that in most of my career, I have taught in Christian education.

The world has become increasingly complex, and I am called to help equip students to discover, consider, and discuss the relationship between their studies and their individual lives from a Biblical perspective.

I look forward to partnering with each of you as I encourage students to grow both academically and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 22:6~Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.



Tamara Swanson-Lower School Welcome Center Attendant

Hello fellow MCA families. My name is Tamara Swanson and I am the Welcome Desk Attendant at the Lower School. I look forward to becoming part of the MCA team being in an environment where Jesus' love for children is celebrated. This year marks many firsts as our eldest daughter begins her freshman year at college and our youngest begins his first year at MCA as a sophomore.

I earned my B.A. from Baldwin Wallace and my Master's from Cleveland State University. I have been a stay-at-home mom volunteering at many school, church and extra-curricular activities. My husband, who is a great cook, and I can often be found cheering on our daughters at swim meets or dance competitions.



Brian Taylor~Middle School/High School Science Teacher

My name is Brian Taylor and I am very excited to join Medina Christian Academy! For the past three years, I have been working in education with Strongsville City Schools. I am also the Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach for the Strongsville Varsity Football Team.

Graduating from Taylor University in 2015, I have been able to experience a Christian education first-hand and I look forward to applying that experience to the lives of my students.

My wife of 3 years, Olivia, and our young son, Otto, moved to Medina in 2021. I look forward to getting to know each of you and working with you to provide the best academic, social, and spiritual experience possible for our students.

Galatians 6:9~“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”



Christa Tran-Middle School Welcome Attendant

Hello my name is Christa Tran, and I have just recently moved to the Medina area with my family. We are all very excited for this new journey at MCA. I will be working at the front desk, in the middle school, and both my children will be students at MCA this year. Looking forward to meeting everyone!

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.



Courtney Weaver Middle School Intervention Specialist

Hello!! My name is Courtney Weaver and I am beyond thrilled to be joining the MCA staff this school year. I have always had a passion for working for students and a want to support and guide students with special needs. My passion for teaching and Christ led me to Malone University where I graduated in May of 2023 with a degree in Intervention Specialist Education and Middle Childhood Education. I am very excited to be using my skills as an Intervention Specialist in this outstanding Christian community. I look forward to meeting everyone this upcoming school year.