



OHS Staff Shoutout

Mary Beth Alexander

~English Teacher~



Introducing Ms. Alexander

Ms. Alexander is an English Teacher here at OHS. She attended Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor's Degree. Then graduated from McKendree College with a Master's Degree. Mrs. Alexander has been teaching for 15 years.

Interviewing Ms. Alexander

What is your goal as a teacher?

"My goal as a teacher is to impart a love of literature and writing in students but to also help students become critical thinkers and effective communicators. I find this work personally fulfilling, and I learn as much from students as they learn from me."

What do you think it takes to be an effective teacher?

"To be an effective teacher requires a strong knowledge of your content area, but it also requires so much more than that. To be an effective teacher requires a personal desire to continue to learn. It requires a willingness to get to know students - their learning strengths and weaknesses, but also their character - and help them navigate high school and prepare for life after high school."

What are your thoughts on OHS?

I have taught in multiple schools, but I love OHS best. The students and staff at OHS are second to none! I consider myself lucky to get to work with the people I work with at OHS and the students I get to teach here. The way the OHS students and staff care for and show up for one another makes our school different from other schools. Many of those I once called students I also now call friends. It is my honor to get to see them now as members of our community.

Words From The Writer

Ms. Alexander is a beloved teacher here at OHS. Students find her to be one of the more comforting teachers at the school, she's the kind of teacher you can talk to about anything. Ms. Alexander's class is a fun class to be a part of and it's difficult not to participate during class discussions because she grabs her students' attention. She teaches in a way that all students learn from, by making arrangements for those who learn different, and ensuring that everyone grasps the information and understands what is being taught. Ms. Alexander is a teacher we actually learn from, and we will remember what we've been taught in the years to come. I'm proud to say that I was able to be taught by Ms. Alexander, I truly believe she taught me things that will forever be useful to me. I started to lose the love of reading and writing but with the help of Ms. Alexander, I found the love for it again; now I want to go to college for Journalism and be a writer. We all love Ms. Alexander here at OHS, she's special and like family, we appreciate all Ms. Alexander does for OHS.

Thoughts From OHS

"Women will love her that she is a woman more worth than any man; men, that she is the rarest of all women."

-William Shakespeare" -Mrs. Williams

"Ms. Alexander is AMAZING to work with, and one of my closest friends. She is extremely passionate about her students and wants to see them succeed. Her door is always open and her room is very inviting for all. OHS is blessed to have MBA in our building!" - Mr. Griffin

"Prior to coming to OHS, Ms. Alexander taught at OMS and I always say that I stole Ms. Alexander from OMS--fair and square. Her rapport with students and colleagues is exceptional. She is someone I know I can count on and her students know the same. It was certainly a good day when she decided to join our staff." - Ms. Hargrove

Fun Fact

When not in the thick of grading papers, she enjoys the outdoors, spending time with her sons, having meals on patios, and listening to great live music. OHS is blessed to have MBA in our building!