

## Mrs. Matthews

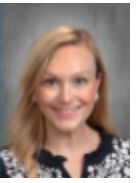
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**Mrs. Matthews** has a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and a Masters in Curriculum from BGSU. She previously taught kindergarten and served as an intervention aide at local public schools. Mrs. Matthew's children attend Saint Rose, and one is a graduate of Saint Rose.

## Mrs. Szymanski

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**Mrs. Szymanski** has a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Saint Mary's College and a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education from the University of Toledo. Her teaching experience includes preschool teacher, preschool director, and kindergarten teacher. She has been teaching at Saint Rose since 2012, is a Saint Rose alumna, and was distinguished as a Golden Apple recipient in 2019.

## Curriculum Highlights

**Religion:** Kindergarten students begin Catholic faith formation by attending all-school weekly Mass. The class curriculum discusses God and the creation of the world. The students learn the seasons of the liturgical year, read stories about Jesus, and learn many prayers. Kindergarten also participates in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, which helps children develop an authentic prayerful relationship with God who loves them through the use of sensorially-rich materials.

**Language Arts:** The kindergarten language arts curriculum provides the foundation for all future language and reading skills. Students practice letter and sound recognition, and begin the writing process with simple sentence formation. By introducing students to a variety of literary genres, children develop strong reading habits. Students learn handwriting techniques as well.

**Math:** Students learn mathematical concepts through creating, building, and disassembling shapes and numbers. Students focus on the numbers from 0-20, and are introduced to numbers up to 100. Students begin measurement, and addition and subtraction with numbers up to 10. Students also examine 2 and 3 dimensional shapes.

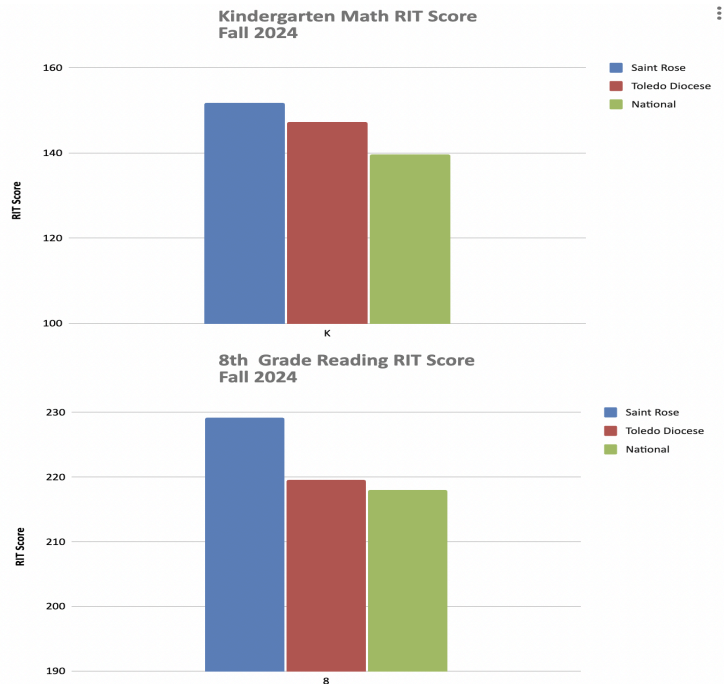
**Science:** Students learn to look critically at the world around them. Topics for the year include plant growth, weather, and seasons, our five senses, living things, and the relationship between the sun, moon, and earth.

**Social Studies:** Citizenship, timelines, map skills, and wants versus needs are taught through real-life lessons and connections.

**Social Emotional:** Kindergarten students are introduced to emotions and feelings using Diane Alber's Little SPOT Curriculum.

Students in Grades K-8 take the Measurement of Academic Performance (MAP) evaluations. Saint Rose School students score consistently higher than their peers in the Diocese of Toledo and across the United States.

## Fall 2024 NWEA MAP Scores



The Saint Rose 8<sup>th</sup> grade students serve as big buddies to the kindergarten students. They attend Mass together each week and have fun activities with each other throughout the school year.

