

ABOUT DR. MARTIN ZUMMERSCH – 5th - 6th grade and 5th – 9th grade Math and Science

WHY I BECAME A TEACHER



BACKGROUND

- I was born in 1965 in Oelde, Germany, a small farming and manufacturing town first mentioned over 1,200 years ago. I was the first in my family to graduate high school, attend college, and move abroad to the U.S. in 1995.
- My mother and entire family still live in the small town close to Muenster.
- I attended Catholic Churches since the age of 7 and volunteered at Catholic youth organizations. I became a member of the Lutheran Church of Missouri Synod in 2009.
- I have worked and lived across three continents, have traveled to over 40 countries, including Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, China, and the U.S.
- I became a U.S. citizen in 2019.

EDUCATION

- High School in Beckum, Germany, 1986.
- Bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering (1990) and Marketing (1992).
- MBA in Operations Management, and a Doctorate Degree in Management, both from Case Western Reserve University.

EXPERIENCE

- I served in the German Air Force before earning my undergraduate degrees.
- I continue to pursue my passion for teaching and mentoring and have served for over 15 years as an adjunct faculty at various universities in the United States.
- I have been a longtime volunteer for youth organizations in Germany, inner city programs in Cleveland, OH, and I currently support other local initiatives, such as the farmers market in Meridian, ID.
- I have been leading the ZLS Chess Club for about four years and I was a ZLS parent while my son Sebastian was attending ZLS.

FAMILY AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS

- I am a proud father of Sebastian, who just turned 14. Sebastian was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in 2023. Sebastian attended ZLS for several years and is currently at Cole Valley High School. The 3rd member of their family is Luke, their German Shorthaired Pointer.

WHY I TEACH or AT ZION LUTHERAN

- I teach at a Lutheran school because it allows me to share both my academic knowledge and the hope we have in Christ, shaping students' minds and hearts together. In this setting, faith and learning come together, allowing me to nurture children in God's Word while preparing them for their future.

CLASSROOM MISSION STATEMENT

- Our classroom is Christ-centered, where we grow in faith, knowledge, and character. Together, we strive to use our God-given gifts to serve others, pursue excellence, and live as disciples of Jesus.