



## St. Celestine School

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### YEAR 2018-2019 - Fifth Grade - 207

**Samantha Tomas** – *Teacher*

I am so excited to be welcomed into the St. Celestine family for the second year to be an Educator for 5th grade homeroom and 5th & 6th grade Science scholars!

I absolutely adore educating, and there is no other vocation that I could wish to be involved in that is so rewarding. The St. Celestine family has proven to be such a loving, welcoming community and I am honored to have been included in this 2018-2019 school year!

Upon entering college, I had the fabulous opportunity of being a foreign exchange scholar in China, travelling around the world for a summer!

My initial degree earned is a BAS in Graphic Design and Web Design, and worked in the industry for 8 years. I am an extremely hands-on Educator that welcomes and exemplifies the importance of technology in the classroom. This past year I achieved the status of becoming a Beck Fellow through the program at Dominican University enhancing my adoration of technology in the classroom. I have achieved a Master's degree in education from Roosevelt University, with a concentration in Special Education with high-needs scholars.

I began my teaching career as a Title I Educator as a Reading and Math Specialist for 2 years, and continued as a 3rd through 6th Grade Educator for the past 6 years. I have experienced the opportunities of teaching both in the private and public schools in the Chicagoland area.

I have been blessed with 3 wonderful children; David 13, Cassandra, 11, and Damien 9. This being stated, I keep my hands busy!

We enjoy spending our time camping, visiting Chicago museums, and playing sports!

In free moments, I teach Lego Robotics, coding, ACT, and creative writing classes at Sylvan Learning Center. My bucket list is quite extensive: I enjoy anything that involves music & arts & crafts such as painting, crocheting, playing guitar, and reading every book on the recent "books to read list" while trying to include my lovely children in all the wonderful hobbies!

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself, as it "takes a village to educate our children, and I am elated to be a piece of this great puzzle of education.