



## **JESSIE BREAUX**

Middle School Teacher of the year

Congratulations to Mrs. Breaux, our sixth and seventh grade English Language Arts teacher, who was named as a semi-finalist for the 2020 Louisiana Teacher of the Year on April 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Known for her dedication to student achievement and her passionate style for teaching writing, her belief when it comes to teaching is, "relationships first, all else second." This philosophy is evident in the amount of time Mrs. Breaux dedicates to creating opportunities for her students to be successful. She pushes each of her students to put forth his or her best effort and grow. She is always encouraging students to rise to new challenges and find ways to be even better than before. This year, Mrs. Breaux was instrumental in starting the National Junior Honors Society and acting as the adviser for middle school students to hold themselves to high academic standards while simultaneously giving to the community. Additionally, Mrs. Breaux has coached Heart & Sole, a running organization to empower young women.

When asked what her hopes are for her students, Mrs. Breaux responded, "I hope each of my students learns to always believe in his/herself, be the hardest-working person in the room, keep a positive attitude along the journey, and throw kindness around like confetti."

Mrs. Breaux is extremely proud of the improvements her students have made in writing this year. "They are turning into incredible writers who understand that writing is a process that takes tremendous time and effort. We have worked hard, and it has paid off. I am also proud the relationships that have been fostered in my homeroom class this year. From LEAP songs to field day chants, our class feels like a family, and I'm so thankful for each and every one of them."

Mrs. Breaux graduated from Louisiana State University as a University Medalist and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English/Secondary Education. She is certified to teach grades 6 – 12, and has taught middle school for seven years in West Feliciana Parish, St. Charles Parish, and Orleans Parish.

We are tremendously fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated teacher like Mrs. Breaux on our team, and we are all immensely proud of her! We will continue to cheer her on during this exciting time. Finalists for 2020 Louisiana Teacher of the Year will be announced in mid-June, and winners will be selected at a gala in July.