## **Mission Moment**



## **Dr Carrie Hutton**

Dr Hutton grew up in Hammond and has been at CCSJ full time for 11 years. She teaches mathematics courses. She is also the Director of the St. Gaspar's Honors Learning Community and Executive Director of CCSJ Charter Authority, LLC.

Before becoming a full-time faculty member, I taught in local K-12 schools. Brother Benjamin Basile, a member of CCSJ's founding religious community (the C.PP.S.), invited me to join him in the mathematics program as a full-time faculty member 11 years ago. I eagerly accepted the opportunity. The guidance and the example he set greatly influenced my approach to servant leadership and how I do my job. It is an honor to be part of the CCSJ family and I find excitement, joy, and fulfillment in the work I do here.

As part of a dedicated mathematics team, I strive to contribute to the academic success of our students by designing interactive courses that offer multiple opportunities for learning and foster strong relationships between students and faculty. In the St. Gaspar's Honors Learning Community, I have the privilege of helping students develop a commitment to service. Our SGHLC scholars and I complete service hours on campus and in the community each semester.

Our institution fulfills its mission, in part, by authorizing charter schools. Authorizing allows us to support and oversee the efforts of our community K-12 partners. This work requires a team of dedicated individuals who are passionate about K-12 education and committed to providing all students with access to high-quality, engaging learning environments. Being part of the authorizing efforts at CCSJ has been a tremendous experience. It is an opportunity to reach out into our community and positively impact the journey of countless K-12 students.

Much of my work in mathematics, St. Gaspar's Honors Learning Community, and the charter school office is collaborative. I am deeply grateful for the talented, kind, and visionary colleagues I work with every day. I am thankful to be here and for the many ways I have experienced, and participated in, the mission and vision in action at CCSJ.