

**Dan McCommis** (Math) is excited to be part of the HSPVA family. A native of Illinois, he enjoyed music from a young age, singing and playing both the trumpet and piano. While in high school and college, he served as drum major in marching band. While earning a Bachelor of Arts from Eastern Illinois University in mathematics and psychology, he learned to chart marching band half-time shows, which is a skill he still uses today. Upon graduation, he taught math in Illinois for seven years, and after a brief stint as a technical recruiter in Florida and Utah, he returned to the Midwest to teach another ten years. During that period, he also coached a local Winter Guard to their circuit championships. He holds a Master of Education in educational administration from the University of Missouri – St. Louis. He moved to Texas in 2009, where he has taught math ever since. He loves and has taught all levels of math from pre-algebra to AP Statistics and enjoys seeing students gain understanding and confidence in learning mathematics. Outside of school, he enjoys anything in the marching arts, such as Drum Corp International, as well as reading, traveling, and spending time with his family including puppies Aaron and Tadpole.