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Mrs. Melissa Riethman joined Guerin Catholic's Counseling Department in July 2022. She is a former teacher and school counselor in Fishers, IN.

WORDS TO DESCRIBE ME AS A COUNSELOR:

Approachable, Reliable, Sympathetic

ADVICE TO PARENTS OF INCOMING STUDENTS:

Engaging in open and meaningful communication with your child is crucial for building a strong parent-child relationship and supporting their emotional well-being. Ask them open-ended questions to start the discussion and be an active listener as they respond to you.

ADVICE TO INCOMING STUDENTS:

I encourage freshman students to be open to new experiences and try something out of their comfort zone. This can be taking an art class, joining the theater program or trying out for an athletic team. All of these experiences can be a great way to meet new people and develop friendships.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME & MY FAMILY . . .

While teaching in Columbus, OH, I met and married my husband Scott in July 2007. During the same summer, his job relocated us to Indiana. We have two sons, Andrew '27 and Zach '29. We enjoy spending time watching their basketball games and golf matches.

On a summer day, you can find me walking our dog through the neighborhood, then sitting on the back porch reading a book.

We attend Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.



MY FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENT FROM MY OWN COLLEGE EXPERIENCE . . .

I attended Ohio University and had a wonderful experience. The campus has an amazing landscape near Hocking Hills. I loved the environment and nature around campus. I joined a sorority to meet new people and volunteered in the local schools to gain experience working with different grade levels of students. As a student teacher, I was able to learn from veteran teachers and find my passion for education and school counseling.

FAVORITE ST. THEODORE GUERIN QUOTE

"Love the children first, then teach them."