



2017 Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Jan Martin

Trinity Baptist School, Fond du Lac, WI

Over thirty years ago a mother and father wanted to enroll their four boys into a school with Christian values. Jan knew that there were many benefits and she and her husband were determined to make sure that their family was in a place where men and women teachers would help shape the lives of their young children. Their pastor, at the time, actually advised against the possibility since the school was a Baptist School not associated with their current church. The decision was difficult because, like many in their shoes, finances were tight. After several long talks and deep conversations about the future of their family Randy and Jan Martin decided to take a leap of faith and visit the Christian School in LaSalle-Prue. After meeting with the Administrator and taking a tour of the school, Randy walked away with a clear decision to enroll their boys the following fall. The decision to “invest” was made. The Martin family began to get involved with athletics and music, and the talents of both the kids and parents were very obvious to many. Randy and Jan have a love for music and have used these gifts in many ways for the Lord throughout the years. After many years in La Salle-Prue IL the Martins moved to Fond du Lac, WI in 1994 to assist Pastor Dan Leeds in the ministry of Trinity Baptist Church. Their oldest son was a senior in high school and the other three were not too far behind. Jan Martin began her teaching at Trinity Baptist School immediately and worked with the Elementary and High School Choirs. Jan’s music ministry over the years has accounted for countless practices, performances, extra hours of accompaniment preparation, WACS judges forms, Fine Art competitions, and concerts of every kind. Students, staff, alumni, families (past and present) respect and love this lady and cherish what she has meant to Trinity Baptist School for the past 26 years. As a highlight of her commitment and investment she and her husband Randy have made, God has richly blessed them with all four of her boys currently serving in full time ministry. Dr. Ryan Martin is a senior pastor in Granite Falls, MN and a graduate of Central Seminary. Rory Martin, also a Central graduate, and is serving as senior pastor at Liberty Baptist Church in Eden Prairie, MN. Their third son is currently on full time deputation and will be taking his family to serve on the mission field in Cape Town South Africa. Finally, their son Ross Martin just took the call to be the head worship pastor at Calvary Bible Church in Appleton, WI. The investment to Christian Education has been huge and serves as a living testimony that God does bless those who follow Him. Jan you deserve the award for teacher of the year not only because of the time and energy you given to our school over the past 26 years, but you also deserve the award because you continue to see Christian education as a worthy investment. Thank you for being a living example to many with your life! TBS Nation is forever blessed because of your faithful service.