

Maryrosa Ramos-Burgos is an educator with a passion for fostering a lifelong enjoyment of music through the development of musical skills. She is excited to be joining Holy Cross Academy this year from Sonoma County, California. A certified K-12 Music Educator, her pedagogy draws upon the teaching methods of Zoltan Kodaly, Carl Orff, and Edwin Gordon, among others. Through her style, she seeks to develop creativity, ingenuity, and appreciation of music as an art form using age-appropriate activities including instrument playing, music theory, history, singing, dancing, movement, and games.

Maryrosa holds degrees in Piano Performance and Music Education, Choral Emphasis; and minors in Secondary Education, Dance, and Spanish from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. She holds a K-12 Music Specialist Certification, a Multiple Subject Teaching Certification. Originally from Puerto Rico, she has lived in different states and has recently relocated to Virginia.

With over 20 years of experience in both public and private schools, she has taught Elementary, and Middle School General Music has been Music/Choral/Theater Director and Choreographer for Middle School and High School and has taught private piano lessons in Ohio, Texas, and California. She is actively involved in professional organizations and holds memberships in the Ohio Music Education Association, Texas Music Education Association, Texas Choral Directors Association, and the National Association of Music Education.

One of the things that Maryrosa enjoys most about what she does professionally is teaching how the fine and performing arts are interconnected to everything in life; how they help to develop academic, motor, visual skills, decision-making, focus, collaboration, and accountability all while promoting self-esteem, motivation, aesthetic awareness, cultural exposure, creativity, emotional expression, social harmony and appreciation of diversity, as well as the relationships that are formed with her students through performing ensembles and theater work. "There is something special about creating 'the magic of performance,' and feeling a common bond while working together."

Her favorite Saints are St. Nicholas because he gives unconditionally and St. Teresa of Calcutta for her unselfishness, courage, and for showing the modern world the true meaning of empathy-sympathy in action.

Maryrosa loves gardening, antiques, drawing/creating, travel, attending the performing arts, her kitties, and going on adventures with her husband and children.