Congratulations to our December Staff Member of the Month, Anne Corey!

A native of Long Island, NY, Ms. Corey is in her 13th year as a Math teacher at Hammond High School. She has been with HCPSS for 13 years. She has been with HCPSS her entire career.

Ms. Corey currently teaches Algebra 2 and Geometry GT. Additionally, she is the 9th grade ITL, SAT testing coordinator, and the SAC chair. She sponsors the HOSA club and "Beyond the Game", which tackles challenges that student athletes face. Ms. Corey enjoys being part of the Hammond School community where relationships are prioritized and where all people truly matter. Ms. Corey mentions that, "when students know that they are loved, respected and supported (even on their off days), the most meaningful learning happens." Our students' acceptance and understanding of others' abilities, preferences and choices impresses her; in particular, Ms. Corey is moved by how incredibly inclusive our students have been since she started working here. Ms. Corey mentions that she absolutely loves Hammond students. Watching students push through math-induced discomfort to discover mathematical competence and confidence is one of the best parts of her job!

Her hope for this school year is that her students discover, or rediscover, the joy in solving the puzzle that is the math problem. She wants them to leave her classroom believing in their ability to do hard things and feeling confident that they *can* and *will* be successful in mathematical situations in the future.

After hours, Ms. Corey works several events here at Hammond High School, including chaperoning dances and attending school functions. She enjoys subbing for admin when she can and designing themed department luncheons for the math team. She wants to leave her mark with a quote by Maya Angelou, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel." It's important to be kind. Always.

Congratulations, Ms. Corey!