# Tara [Collins] Townes

- Class of 1994 -

Favourite Subjects in high school: Math and English

Favourite Teachers: Mrs. Orlando and Mr. Card

# What did she do after graduating from Monsignor Doyle?

She went to University of Waterloo to study Math, English and Computer Science. She got married. She went to Brock University for Teacher's College. Mrs. Townes taught grade 8 for two years at St Peter School and then for one year at St. Margaret School. After she was blessed with her second child, she came back home to Monsignor Doyle to teach in 2004. She taught English for a couple of years and then convinced everyone she should be a math teacher.

# What is she doing now?

Living the dream: being a mom and a math teacher. She is excited every day to get to work with the amazing staff and students of Monsignor Doyle.

Mrs. Townes spends her free time 5 hours north of Cambridge at the cottage with her family. She loves everything outdoors from swimming and paddleboarding to ATVing and snowmobiling. Mrs Townes also loves taking photographs of nature and her kids, Aspen and Hudson.

### What are some of her other accomplishments?

Mrs. Townes' favourite personal accomplishment is giving birth to both of her children at home. Professionally, she is happiest when she gets to share her passion for assessment and use of technology within the classroom with her colleagues and students.

### Mrs. Townes' advice to current Doyle students:

"Never stop working toward who you are meant to be. Find a song that you can listen to when you need to be reminded of who that is. My song is: 'Be a best friend. Tell the truth. Overuse 'I love you'. Go to work. Do your best. Don't outsmart your common sense. Never let your praying knees get lazy and love like crazy.' (Lee Brice)"