

## Dan Ansotegui

I was born and raised in Boise. I graduated from Bishop Kelly and went on to Boise State University to major in Elementary Education. I spent my sophomore year in the



Basque Region of northern Spain studying Basque and Spanish in a Studies Abroad program through BSU. I returned to Boise to finish my degree. I returned to the Basque Country and lived with cousins for four months working on my language skills.

I returned to Boise and began teaching at St. Mary's Elementary School in Boise teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade and coaching basketball at St. Mary's and baseball at Bishop Kelly. After four years at St. Mary's, I left to teach fourth grade at Sacred Heart. I then took an opportunity to change things up a little and opened a restaurant, Bar Gernika in Boise. After sixteen years of owning and operating the restaurant and an import market and catering business called The Basque Market, I sold the businesses to come back to teaching, my first love. The 2010-11 year is my fourth year at St. Paul's: teaching 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Religion, and Spanish.

I have two children, both at Bishop Kelly. I play music for the Basque dancing groups in Boise while my kids both dance. I feel very blessed to be here at St. Paul's, and am looking forward to an exceptional year.