## Celebration of Excellence Employee of the Month

## CHS – Brett Wheeler

**College attended:** I got my undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin and my Masters at SFA.

**Years in education:** This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year being a teacher at CHS.

Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration? My family and my faith. My family is so very supportive of me and has helped me get to where I am today. I can't do what I do without them. And my faith helps strengthen me daily and gives me the patience I need for my challenging job.



Why did you choose to become an educator? I decided to become an educator after working with my late stepbrother during the summers while I was going to college. I tutored him in math and reading and I fell in love with the profession.

What makes a good teacher? A good teacher in my opinion is someone who puts their students first. Someone who tries every day to the best of their ability to meet the needs of each of their students.

A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve? I have students with variety of needs. I would like to continue to learn more instructional techniques to better reach the needs of each of my students.

What do you love about CISD? I love our community and how supportive the faculty, staff, and students are all. We have a great school district and I let everyone know how special CISD truly is.

## From around campus:

"Brett is always positive. He does his job with professionalism and with a smile! He is willing to try new things, make changes on short notice, handle emergencies and all the while, teaching his students to be the best they can be. All this is so important for a life skills teacher - and he is one of the best I have ever known. His kids love him and will do anything he asks of them."

"Brett has been a God send to our classroom. He treats each student the way they need to be treated...special. He has no favorites. Without him...I honestly don't think these students would thrive the way they do. I look forward to coming to work each and every day because he is here."

"Brett works hard but, because of the population of student he works with, I'm not sure what he does is noticed! He has such a soothing demeanor and is able to remain calm in every situation that I observed him (even running to block a student from "getting away"). Watching him interact with his students (holding hands with those who need physical contact to remain in control) and the joy he has is just a blessing. There are only a few people who could handle the job that he has and even fewer who would truly love it the way that Mr. Wheeler does! That makes him Teacher of Forever in my book!"