My Educational Philosophy

My name is Cathy Knauff, a teacher of CTE at Klein Cain High School. I am a native Houstonian, making my home in Klein. I have a B.F.A. in Radio/Television/Film from SHSU (‘92) and a M. Ed. in Educational Leadership from UST (‘13). I have been blessed to teach in many capacities in Spring Branch ISD, Southlake Carroll ISD, and (presently) Klein ISD, with this year marking my 10th in Klein! I have found my dream job as a CTE teacher! I am not an engineer, by trade; however, taught myself AutoCAD with the development and building of my race car, a 2007 Subaru STi. As my husband and I thought up parts, he would encourage me to design, try, and build them! I am the proud mother of one son and four bonus kids, two boys and two girls. In my “free time”, I enjoy racing, photography, traveling, spending time with my family and friends.

My reason for teaching is simple, I love spending time with children as they learn, grow, question, and discover the amazing world around them. Learning is a passion, volunteering is a gift from God. I am blessed to have both. I am committed to ensuring each student, whether my student or not, feel successful, capable, and celebrated in my class/presence. My job, as a relationship builder, is to be there for students no matter the situation. I take the saying “*in loco parentis”*  to heart...I am not a mother to one, rather a mother to all students while they are in my presence on campus. I strive to develop enriching and engaging lessons that stretch the thinking of my students while providing a safe, welcoming, and enthusiastic environment in which to learn! I try to go above and beyond to ensure all students succeed at Klein Cain. I wake each morning knowing I may very well touch the life of a student without even knowing it. I try to embody the “we not me” in my classroom and dealings with anything student related. My hero, my mother, taught me to put others needs above your own. I try to embody this with every breath and choice I make!