

Spartan Spotlight: Mr. Chris Brown, Theatre Arts Teacher



A resident of Chicago for 14 years, Mr. Brown moved to Charlotte in August 2019 to become our theatre arts teacher - teaching drama and directing the Spartan Ensemble Theatre - and to lead the development of this exciting, new department at Sedgefield. In Chicago, Mr. Brown taught theatre and public speaking at the City Colleges of Chicago and worked for nine years in higher education. This is his first year teaching in a K-12 school.

“My favorite aspect of working with middle school scholars is the chance to provide a creative outlet and a safe harbor for kids going through some of the hardest years of growing up,” he said. “I introduce the dramatic arts to scholars by giving them an opportunity to practice acting, playwriting, set designing, and costume designing. I work to build each scholar’s capacity to communicate with expressive confidence and creative discipline. I guide them in developing an understanding of how to think critically and work collaboratively.”

Mr. Brown was born in Charlotte and grew up in Midland and Stanfield. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in theatre performance from Winthrop University and a master of fine arts degree in acting from DePaul University.

Together with his wife, Carly, and their Yorkie/Wookie named Chewbacca, Mr. Brown spends his time outside of school reading, drawing (as a middle schooler, he thought he might one day be an architect or illustrator) and collecting comic books. His favorite movies include the trilogies of “Back to the Future,” “Star Wars” and “Indiana Jones,” and his favorite play is “The Glass Menagerie.”

