



Jennifer was born and raised in Warner Robins and a product of the Houston County School System. Jennifer's parents, Barth and Diane Cadenhead, moved to a new house when she was in the 2nd grade that placed her at Parkwood Elementary School. One of her first friends was Shana Dyson, who was excellent at showing all her friends the excitement of Northside High School since her daddy was the principal. Shana would gather everyone at the playground fence on pep rally days and they would dance and cheer to what was going on at the high school. It was in these early years that Jennifer fell in love with Northside High School. She went to Northside Junior High after Parkwood and started at Northside High School in the fall of 1990. Jennifer was a part of prayer club, ensemble, Miss NHS, Oklahoma Spring Musical, and Camelot for one act, but for the most part her days were spent with friends enjoying being an eagle. After graduation she went to Georgia Military College and obtained an Associates Degree, but decided to go to work and not pursue a bachelor's degree. In August 1999, she was hired at the Houston County Board of Education and in October 1999 she married the love of her life, Billy Dollar, who has also been a part of the Houston County School System for many years. Jennifer loved working at the Board Office, but the bookkeeper position at Northside High School opened up and she jumped at the chance to return to her alma mater.

Jennifer's children, Isabelle and Thomas, both were born while she worked at Northside High School and they grew up Eagles. They both went to and graduated from the Little Eagle Preschool and spent many mornings charming the administrators and clerical staff. Having both of them at school with her during their early years was a treasure. Isabelle also started at NHS in the 9th grade and was a 2021 graduate of her momma's alma mater, which gives Jennifer a huge sense of pride.

As a person dedicated to the advancement of her beloved school, Jennifer opened the first "school store," sold a multitude of things in her office to bring money in to support the school. She proved herself capable and won over the trust of principals moving to bigger projects like updating the decor of the teachers lounges, front offices, conference rooms, the front lobby, to the noteworthy improvements to the faculty Christmas parties and Teacher Appreciation Week activities. She was also tasked with figuring out a new system for textbook distribution, that doubled the meaning of her title of bookkeeper to also the keeper of the books.

What stood out most to Jennifer were the times where she was able to build relationships with the students at NHS. While selling store items, tickets to students, or distributing textbooks did not leave much time to get to know the students personally. It was when she received office assistants to help with the inventory and distribution of textbooks, that she was able to really get to know and bond with her office assistants. As a result of that time spent working alongside her, many of the office assistants were taken under her guidance and care, she symbolically adopted many of them. She still has friendships with many of her NHS kids to this day.

In her services to the school, we share in one of those moments of NHS fame, even today.

Alongside Dr. Jody Dean, a decision was made to not just talk about a NHS Hall of Fame, but making it happen. In 2018, Jennifer assisted in assembling a committee that drafted bylaws, parameters, and inducting the first class of Hall of Famers. She designed the wall in the lobby, and it was a labor of love that she enjoyed seeing the reactions of everyone at the first ceremony. The first three inducted classes have a special place in her heart as she got to know them on a personal level. Being inducted in the Hall of Fame was never on her mind when she helped start the ceremony, but it is an honor she will cherish forever.

What does Northside High School mean to you?

Northside High School means tradition, family, and excellence, just like the logo says and I can see how all three of those pillars have shaped my life. The people of NHS have become just like family to me, there were good days and bad days, but I knew the people of NHS always had my back. Being a part of the NHS family is an honor and one I count as a privilege. I got to walk the halls of NHS not only as a student but also as a staff member. Those days of working in the trenches alongside my mentors and people I love are memories I think of often. The traditions of NHS were put in place by people who really loved the school and the students who walked the halls, to be able to be a part of them as a student and then come back and help execute those traditions made me feel like I was a part of something much bigger than myself. NHS always had a reputation of excellence, this reputation made me want to be an excellent employee. Every thing I did as the NHS bookkeeper was to show or improve on the excellence of an already great institution. I was taught, and felt, like what I did mattered in the day to day lives of those in the building. This gave me confidence to try new things and work hard at things that didn't come naturally to me. The memories I made and the relationships that were formed forever changed me into a better person, Northside High School will always be one of my favorite places on the planet. It's Great to be a Northside Eagle!