

Mr. Blane Wagatsuma

Blane was born and raised in Hawaii. He is from Mililani, a suburb of Honolulu, on the island of O'ahu. He came to know Jesus Christ as Savior during his freshmen year of high school.

Blane attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa, earning a Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in Geography. He also attended Eastern Washington University, graduating with a Master of Arts in History and earned a Master of Secondary Education with an emphasis in Social Studies from the University of Phoenix. Blane is licensed to teach by both the State of Hawaii and Montana and has been teaching for over 10 years in public and private schools.

Blane's father worked as a civilian engineer for the military at Pearl Harbor, and his mother is a retired kindergarten teacher. He is the middle of three sons. In 2004, Blane married Jessica, and their daughter, Jada, was born in 2007. In September 2015, his family moved to Kalispell, Montana. Jada is a student at Trinity Lutheran School.

He is an avid sports fan, with baseball being his favorite sport, a sport he played since he was five years old. Blane's favorite team is the Seattle Mariners and his favorite baseball player is Ichiro Suzuki. He enjoys volleyball and basketball, archery, hiking, and gardening, along with playing computer, video, and board games. David McCullough is his favorite historical author, *John Adams* being his favorite book.

Blane is excited and grateful to be teaching at Trinity Lutheran School, and he prays to help each and every student understand and believe Psalm 139:14, which says, *You are fearfully and wonderfully made.*