

# PRINCIPAL SPOTLIGHT

## WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL!



**BRYAN SEWARD**  
**PRINCIPAL**

“Welcome to Nordonia Middle School! We are excited to get to know you, and watch you grow. Our goal is to welcome you from the elementary level, develop you as a young adult, provide you the best education possible, and prepare you for your future successes!

Our expectations of all Nordonia students are to represent yourself, your family, and your school, the "Knight Way", and to explore and embrace both the curricular and extracurricular opportunities that are in front of you.....Go Knights!”

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**Interests/Hobbies:** I love to exercise, golf, spend time with my wife and 5 kids, as well as supporting our students, by attending games and performances.

26 years in Education

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**SHON SMITH -  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL**

I am an avid reader. I sing mostly in the church choir. My favorite food is a steak burrito from Chipotle. I love karaoke, all music, and all team sports!

“I expect that all students can learn and that my role is to provide support so that all students will learn! “

20+ years in Education

# NMS STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



**LORI JORDAN**

*English Language Arts -*

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16 years teaching

**Interests:** I love to read! When I can curl up with a good book and a cup of coffee I am happy. I have many creative outlets. I scrapbook, garden and dote on my golden retrievers.

“I love critical thinking games and creative writing. Additionally, I am an avid reader of all types of literature. I have high expectations for every student and firmly believe that hard work and investing in yourself can be the difference in your future success.”



**ABIGAIL SHOOP**

*English Language Arts - 7th*

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4 years teaching

**Interests:** I enjoy being active as much as I can by going to the gym, doing yoga, or hiking. When I want to relax I like to have a cup of tea while I read or write. I also like to bake and try different DIY/craft projects. If I'm not doing any of those things, I love going out to see new movies, plays, and try new restaurants!

“I try to involve hands-on activities, moving around, and group work when I can. My goal is to show students that reading and writing can be fun and interactive, even if ELA is not their favorite subject. Those who don't like reading simply haven't found the right book yet!”



**ELISE FINKELL**

*English Language Arts - 7th*

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11 years teaching

**Interests:** I mostly spend my free time with my family - my husband, daughter (4), and son (2). Other favorites include: reading, DIY projects, coffee, and being outside.

“I love to help students become better readers and writers! “



**SHAWN BALLY**

*English Language Arts -8th*

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9 years teaching

**Interests:** I love the activities: volleyball, basketball, cycling, hiking. I like to write with funny pens and read entertaining books. I am a big fan of Chipotle, Chick-fil-a, Starbucks, Dunkin, and any local businesses! I don't love candy, but I'll eat anything with peanut butter in it! That's Mr. Bally!

“We read...A LOT! We write...A LOT. We succeed...AT BOTH. And I can't wait to get started with you! ”

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



**KATELYN ERIKSEN**

*English Language Arts -8th*

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8 years teaching

**Interests:** When I'm not at school I love spending time with my two dogs (and I am always willing to share pictures of them!). I enjoy reading, traveling, fitness, and family time. My favorite place to eat is Pulp, but my husband would call it an addiction :)

“My classroom is a safe space for all students. I like to work hard to play hard and I am excited to be a Knight! “



**AMY WEBB**

*English Language Arts - 8th*

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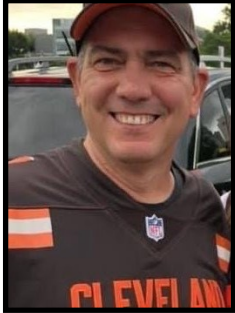
12 years teaching

**Interests:** In addition to teaching ELA, I am the football cheerleading coach at NMS, and I cheered in college at Kent State University. Other hobbies I enjoy include reading, kayaking, golfing, yoga, and softball. I LOVE all Cleveland Sports, and I am a Browns season ticket holder. My favorite places to shop include Kohls, Express, and Target. I'm a chocolate lover, and my favorite treats include Malley's Buckeyes & chocolate covered pretzels. I do NOT drink coffee or tea- just water!

“GRIT is my "bing" word, and I have very high expectations to try to motivate students to always strive for their best by applying perseverance, dedication, and hard work! “

# NMS STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## MATH



**ROBERT MERHAR**

*Math - 7th Grade*

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26 years teaching

**Interests:** I enjoy taking my boys to sporting events - The Browns, Indians, Buckeyes when I can and watching my sons play football and lacrosse. I also love to take bike rides on the trails of the Cuyahoga Valley Park. When I do go out to lunch in the area it usually is Chick Fil-a, Chipotle, or Jersey Mike's.

"I have a wife who is a nurse and Physical Therapist at Cleveland Clinic and 2 boys who are in 8th and 5th grade. I have coached football, wrestling, and track during my 17 years at Nardon Middle School."



**MEGAN BAILEY**

*Math - 8th Grade*

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20 years teaching

**Interests:** I like being active outdoors. I enjoy reading and spending quiet time with family, the beach, walking, biking, reality tv; Target, Old Navy / Gap, Amazon.

"I am excited to meet you and get back into the classroom. Expect a challenge and be prepared to have fun!"



**JODY RADCLIFFE**

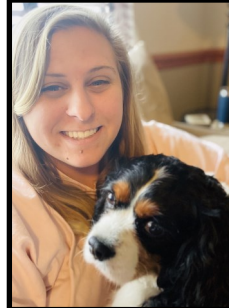
*Math - 8th grade*

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1 year teaching

**Interests:** "I love being outdoors, preferably by water and with my family & friends. I'm a big fan of Starbucks, Target, Amazon and of course... The Browns! "

"Life is too short to be anything but happy! We work hard to play hard and with grit we can all strive to be the best versions of ourselves each and every day... even when it's tough!"



**MARY TATTON**

*Math - 7th Grade*

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4 years teaching

**Interests:** I love to craft and get a lot of supplies from Michael's or Amazon for my cricut or painting. I love Starbucks, Target, and Kohl's. Miss Shoop and I love getting Outback together and Mexican and Sushi are my favorite foods.

"I love having fun during class and making lessons entertaining. I like to incorporate something goofy into learning so students make emotional connections with what I am teaching. I try to build strong relationships with all my students and LOVE attending their extra curricular events (sports, choir, etc) so always let me know when there is a game or show! As long as you do what is expected and give 100% effort we will have an amazing year, I always do everything I can for my students :) Most importantly, I am very competitive and strive to win every Spirit Shield."

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## MATH



**RACHEL MALY**

*Math and Algebra I*

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20 years teaching

**Interests:** Interests/Hobbies - camping, volleyball, reading, crafting, watching sports, swimming, boating. Favorite Places - Michaels, Dunkin Donuts, Target, Jo Ann Fabrics, Hobby Lobby.

"In my 19 years of teaching 7th and 8th grade, I've seen it all!! In my classroom, you are encouraged to work with each other and learn from each other. My expectation is that you try your very best, try not to get discouraged, make mistakes that you can learn from, and stay positive. You will see a combination of digital learning and paper/pencil (if we're in the building that is). There will also be a combination of individual work, group work, and pairs. I really do try to use your strengths in learning and have my instruction meet your needs as much as possible. I do my best to build trust and build your confidence. If you ever need help, you will not be afraid to ask. I look forward to being your teacher and hope to have a great year improving your math skills and your love of math :) "



**LAUREN RUPPRECHT**

*Math*

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10 years teaching

**Interests:** Family, reading, crafting and traveling. Favorites: coffee (Starbucks), Target, Chipotle, and Burntwood Tavern.

"I would like students to know that if they want to be successful in math, I will do everything I can to make sure they are! Being "good" at math is a mindset and if you believe in yourself and your ability to be successful in my class you will be!"

# NMS STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## SCIENCE



**JAN TYLICKI**

*Science - 7th*

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16 years teaching

**Interests:** I love the outdoors. We camp, hike, kayak. I also love to cook and try new recipe. I like biking, boating and gardening. I like chipotle and Chick-Fil-A. (wink wink)

“I am very maternal, personal, and very understanding. I try to establish a good rapport with students and parents. My expectations are that we respect each other and always be humble and kind!”



**LYNN URBANCICH**

*Science - 7th*

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19 years teaching

**Interests:** I love spending time with my family and being outside. We love to bike ride, take walks and swim. I love to shop at Target and Amazon. I also love coffee! :)

“I would like my students to know that I am there for them. Communication is key! I want them to talk to me if they don't understand something or if they need anything from me. We will figure out any problem together.”



**DIARA WASHINGTON**

*Science - 7th*

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1 year teaching

**Interests:** In most of my free time I can be found shopping. Usually when I am relaxing, I am scrolling on my phone online shopping, watching Netflix, or ordering Chick-Fil-A through DoorDash. When I am not shopping, I enjoy spending time with my family. My siblings and I are very close, so when we are together it is never a dull moment. I also coach Track and Field. I started running track when I was in the second grade. One of my biggest regrets is not running in college. However, coaching high schoolers makes up for it since I spend so much time at the track. Oh, and my favorite candy is Watermelon Sour Patch Kids. “I am excited to start my first-year teaching and it is even more exciting that I get to spend it with the Nordonía family! My classroom door will always be open if you need extra help, to laugh, cry, or just to chat. Be prepared to think outside of the box, and have fun while learning!”



**ADAM WISKOFSKE**

*Science - 8th*

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15 years teaching

**Interests:** When I'm not teaching science, I love to spend time with my family outdoors. Hiking, kayaking, biking, backpacking, and skiing are just a few of my favorite hobbies. I grew up in Ohio but just moved back after living in Colorado and Massachusetts for the last 15 years. It is good to be back where I belong, and I can't wait to start the school year!

“Science is not a subject. It's a way of thinking, a way of tackling problems. Through hands-on activities, discussions, and having fun, you will learn how to think like a scientist in this class.”

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## SCIENCE



**ANNE BERARDINELLI**

*Science - 8th Grade*

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21 years teaching

**Interests:** I love to read, travel, snorkel, visit and learn about National Parks! I can be found frequenting Target, Bath and Body Works and order from Amazon a little too much :) I am a huge fan of Coke and Starbucks, too!

“I am extremely passionate about science, and love sharing my love for the subject with students! In my classroom, you can expect to have fun, learn, and feel a sense of community and belonging.”



**REBECCA BUDZIAK**

*Science - 8th Grade*

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9 years teaching

**Interests:** Addicted to Starbucks and chipotle. LOVE target and hobby lobby! I'm a beach bum, I love the water. I enjoy coloring, arts and crafts, board games, cooking and baking.

“As long as you try and put forth effort you will succeed I am here to help you, you need to help yourself as well.”



# NMS STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY



**TONI DONZE**

*Social Studies*

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17 years teaching

**Interests:** I like to shop at Bath and Body Works, Target and Amazon. I also like Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks and Chipotle (really - any place so I don't have to cook on super busy sports nights...Hah!)

"I am married, have three daughters (middle school and elementary ages), and two dogs. I love to watch my daughters play soccer (club/travel), and compete in gymnastics. I LOVE the beach! I would expect students to know there is mutual respect in our classroom. Our classroom is a safe place, a fun place, and a place of learning!"



**LYNDY ZEHNER**

*Ancient World History*

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20 years teaching

**Interests:** I love to shop at Kohl's and Target. I am addicted to Starbucks coffee. I love things that smell nice ....candles, lotions, body sprays..

"I am the proud mother of 3 boys, Thomas who is 12 and Quinn and Corbin my 9 year old twins. I love spending time with my family and watching my boys play sports. We have a new Husky puppy named Sky and look forward to adding her new puppy sister Gracie soon! I love learning about science and history but also like to binge watch Netflix with my husband Scott when I have extra time. "



**BRYAN RUDOWSKY**

*Social Studies - 8th*

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5 years teaching

**Interests:** I am a huge sports fan who loves all Cleveland sports! I also enjoy movies, reading, and being with my family.

"I am married, and my wife and I are expecting our first child in November. We also have a one year old dog named Lilly who loves to play and go on walks with us. I also currently am one of the football coaches here at the middle school and in the winter I will be coaching with the girls high school basketball team. In my classroom if you try your best each day you will be successful. Expect to have fun, be challenged and grow into well rounded individuals! I am very excited to begin my first year as a Knight!"



**KATIE KRUSE**

*Social Studies—8th Grade*

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13 years teaching

**Interests:** Last year, my husband and I welcomed triplets to the world, June 2019 :) :) :). They are my newest hobby, as they take quite a bit of time at this age and with three of them, lol. Other than that I enjoy a well rounded active and healthy life style. I love spending time outside gardening, running or playing sports. I love cooking at home, but when I need a quick fuel up I love Chik-Fil-A, or Panera just down the road.

"Students can expect to have a teacher that is willing to put the time and effort in each day, to ensure students have the best school year possible. As a class we will take time to get to know each other, work together studying American History, and have fun in the process. I love my role as a teacher impacting student's lives and I'm grateful to be a Knight! "

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## SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY



**JUSTIN SHANK**

*U.S. History/Social Studies*

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18 years teaching

**Interests:** I hike almost every day, love to bike, and my wife and I are world travelers. We have been to roughly forty states and twenty countries. My "faves" are dark chocolate and Starbucks : )

"Bring your sense of humor!"



**CINDY O'CONNOR**

*American History/Social Studies*

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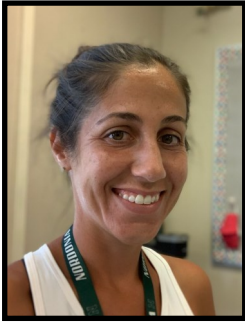
24 years teaching

**Interests:** I love skiing, painting and enjoying our parks! Target is another place I enjoy browsing in when I have time. My two favorite local food/ snacks places are Chick-Fil- A and Pulp.

"I care a lot about them and how they treat others."

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## INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS



**SHAUNA AULT**

*Intervention Specialist -  
7th Grade Math*

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16 years teaching

**Interests:** My interests include spending time with my family, drinking coffee and trying out new chapsticks. :) You will always find them on my desk. :) We enjoy going to our family's lake house and exploring new water sports.

"I am very excited to meet them next year! This will be my 15th year teaching 7th grade at Nordonia Middle School. Not only am I a teacher, but I am a mom to three fur babies and two wonderful children. The only things I ask of my students are to be kind, try your best and put forth effort."



**KERRY SHOTWELL**

*Special Education Math -  
8th Grade*

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16 years teaching

**Interests:** Music!! I always have music playing in the background -- it helps me think. I am also a lover of yoga, coffee, organization, comedy and clean hands (I carry at least two sanitizers with me at all times!)

"I expect everyone to give it their best! Great things can happen when you try something new!"



**DAN WALLACE**

*Intervention Specialist*

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21 years teaching

**Interests:** I currently am a coach and fan of fastpitch softball. My 15-year old daughter plays on a very competitive travel team that takes me all over the country. Chick-Fil-A is our go to fast food restaurant of choice.

"Students should expect to be held accountable for completing their work, to be rewarded for their hard work, to be supported in completing their required academic tasks, and to have as much fun as possible while we're doing all of the above."



**MARLENA WRIGHT**

*Intervention Specialist*

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24 years teaching

**Interests:** My favorite places to shop are Target and Loft. I love to eat at Chick-fil-a and Starbucks.

"I would like students to know that I am here for them. So, if they need anything they can come to me for help."

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## INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS



**MATTHEW SIMONETTA**

*Intervention Specialist –  
7/8 Math & ELA*

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11 years teaching

**Interests:** I like sports and traveling. Favorite type of food is Mexican; love Chipotle!

“Students can expect being very positive, down to earth type of assignments and conversations. ”



**ANDREA NOVESS**

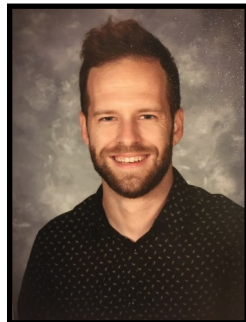
*Social Studies, Science, Math, ELA  
and Social Skills*

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34 years teaching

**Interests:** Being with my family and friends, teaching. Hobbies: gardening, yoga, bike riding, traveling and reading.

“Students can expect to enjoy learning and trying new things. Also they will be respectful to others', be kind and helpful.”



**STEVE CHARNAS**

*Special Education - 7/8 ELA,  
Science, & Social Studies*

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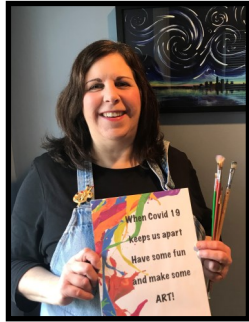
7 years teaching

**Interests:** I love to be outdoors! Camping and hiking with my family are at the top of my list. I also enjoy snowboarding, wakeboarding, and skateboarding every chance I get. I like to eat healthy and exercise, but if you ask me to go to Chipotle, I won't say no :)

“I expect honesty, compassion, and understanding of others differences. I expect students to try their best to make good choices, and not be afraid to make mistakes. My classroom is built on mutual respect, self empowerment, and goal-setting. I hold my students to the highest expectations, but more importantly, students will learn to hold high expectations for themselves. ”

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## ENCORE



**KIM ALLEN**

*7th & 8th Grade Art*

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35 years teaching

**Interests:** I like to travel, go to art museums, see Broadway shows and make art!. I like to shop at Target, I like to eat at Burntwood Tavern and I love coffee, especially Starbucks.

"I expect all students to do their best and yes, all students can get an "A" in art, even if they don't think they are very good at it. "



**AMBER MALKUS**

*7th & 8th Grade Art*

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19 years teaching

**Interests:** I love to roller skate and I'm learning guitar. Starbucks!

"I only teach one class at NMS in the morning, and then I'm at Northfield the rest of the day with younger artists. I LOVE that I get to see some familiar faces again of students that I had in elementary school. In class, we will learn about historic and contemporary artists, use a variety of materials, work to further develop your artistic skills, and provide you with a great experience in the visual arts. "



**ERIKA CANITANO**

*Health—7th Grade*

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13 years teaching

**Interests:** I love spending time with my family (I have a 6 and a 9 year old). We like to cook, bike, hike, swim, play games and play outside. I eat pretty healthy but if I eat out I like Panera or Chick-fil-a. I don't drink coffee but my guilty pleasure is dark chocolate. I like shopping at Target of course!

"I love teaching people how to be healthy! You will learn lots in my room. Ask lots of questions to get the most out of class. We learn a lot in class but have lots of fun doing it!"



**RITA COVIN**

*Physical Education, Middle School Athletic Director*

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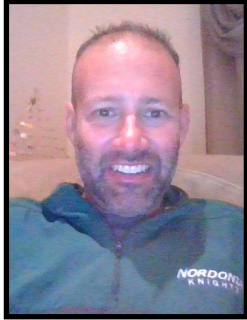
26 years teaching

**Interests:** Traveling to different beaches, gardening, softball & family.. I like shopping through Amazon.

"Be ready to be "active" and have a lot of fun! Positive sportsmanship & team work at all times."

# NMS STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## ENCORE



**MATTHEW SPELLMAN**

*Health and Physical Education*

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26 years teaching

**Interests:** I really enjoy the outdoors whether walking, biking, catching some rays or whatever. I like to shop at pretty much anywhere as I am not too complicated or picky at all. I like all kinds of food.

“I really care about being physically active as it is my passion. Be prepared to try your best every day. Effort is everything!”



**KATHLEEN PELLINGTON**

*Music*

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4 years teaching

Miss Pellington is excited to start her third year at Nordonia Middle School. She graduated from Otterbein University and is currently pursuing a masters degree at Bowling Green State University. She co-created the student-led a cappella group at Otterbein and is thrilled to be on staff at Camp A Cappella along side Mr. Pickering and Pitch Perfect’s Deke Sharon. Miss Pellington is also an avid choreographer, clinician, and a cappella performer.



**MARY SCHREMBECK**

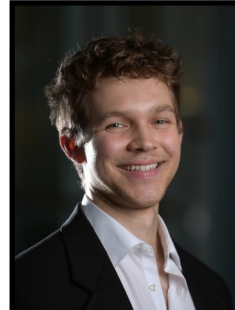
*7/8th Band and Music*

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32 years teaching

**Interests:** I love to listen to music, go to concerts of all genres, drink coffee and garden. We love to eat at the Schrembecks and are not picky!!!

“I have a passion for making music with kids! Be prepared to work and become amazing.”



**ERIC VASQUEZ**

Assisting 7/8 Band & Today’s Music

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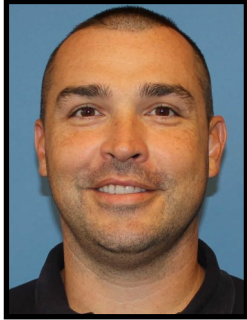
1 year teaching

**Interests:** I am a performing saxophonist in the area and I love playing music for others. I also enjoy checking out different artists that come perform in the various music venues Northeast Ohio has to offer!

Students will have the opportunity to create and communicate with each other using music. Everyone is encouraged to express their individual identity in the music we perform as it is an integral part of the music making process!

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## ENCORE



**ANDREW MATLACK**

*Project Lead The Way*

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16 years teaching

**Interests:** I like listening to music especially vinyl records. I love the outdoors: Camping, fishing, and riding 4 wheelers. I spend a lot of my time making and fixing things (mostly my 4 wheelers and my house). I love Chipotle and Chick-fil-a and coffee is essential to life.

“These can be fun projects based classes that do require a bit of effort.”



**ANDREA MAURICE**

*Spanish*

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17 years teaching

**Interests:** I enjoy being in the outdoors and drinking strong coffee.

“There will be music, games, conversation, and a lot of fun! Get ready to hear a lot of Spanish!”



**COURTNEY YAGIELA**

*Spanish*

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15 years teaching

**Interests:** I love dogs and have a Jack Russell mix named Linus. A favorite hobby is family walks in the park. We love to explore different trails in our local parks. Anything with chocolate is my favorite dessert. We may run into each other at Target or Rosati's!

“Speaking Spanish is so fun! In my classroom, everyone is involved in the conversation! :)”

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23 years teaching

**Interests:** I like to cook, to read, to exercise, to travel and spend time with my boyfriend and two sons. I like to shop at Bath and Body Works, Target, Home Goods, Kirklands. I am a major foodie. I like Panera, Chipotle, Chick Fil-A, Jersey Mikes Subs.

“I began my educational career as a teacher in the fall of 1999. I taught 5th and 6th grade special education. I worked at Lee Eaton. I began my masters work the fall of my 2nd year as a teacher. Four years later I graduated from Kent State University with my Masters Degree in School Counseling. As luck would have it, a guidance counselor position opened in our district in my building and I was offered the job. This is my 16th year as a school counselor. I have not worked in any other district than Nordon. I have always been Knight at heart. My door is always open to anyone that needs help. I take such pride in the work I do with my students. I consider myself very lucky to have a job that I look forward to coming to everyday. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any support (academic, or social/emotionally).”



**RACHEL VITALE**

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8 years teaching

**Interests:** Some of my favorite things to do are spending time with my friends and family, swimming, reading, walking, gardening, tubing, and painting (though I am not great at it). My favorite store is Target and I love Chick Fil-A and Chipolte as a treat.

“Though I graduated from Twinsburg, my legacy is as a Knight, my father graduated in the class of 1964 and both of my uncles are Nordon. I became a school counselor because I love working with kids and hearing about what is going on in their lives. I love to be around for kid's good days and bad. I feel proud of my students when they tell me about a sporting event, concert, or play that they did well with and my heart hurts for them when they don't do well with something. I most want my students to know that I am here to support them in any way that I can. With all of the uncertainty that is going on this year, I want my students to know that one of the things that will remain a constant is that I will be here to support you this year, just as I have in the past.”



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16 years teaching

**Interests:** I like working out so I can eat and drink :) I have two kids and two dogs. I like to be outside swimming, biking, snowboarding, or really anything. Target, Pulp and Amazon are my friends!

“Sometimes I work with students in the classroom and sometimes I take students out of the classroom. I am always another adult who can help in the classroom. If you see me, I am there to help everyone!”



**JIM TIMOTEO**

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2 years teaching

**Interests:** I love all sports but especially playing golf. Love to eat at Panera Bread, Chipotle, Aladdins.

“I’m a rules follower. Follow the rules and I can be a lot of fun.”



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