





# Please welcome our New Teachers and Administrators for the 2017-2018 school year!

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|    | <p>Jeff Bregenzer – Mr. Bregenzer is our new business teacher in the High School. He will be teaching Accounting, Financial Independence, PC Apps, Careers and Occupational Studies. Mr. Bregenzer has an extensive background in business and spent many years in the banking and financial industry. He has taught at both the high school and college levels. Outside of the classroom Mr. Bregenzer enjoys biking, skiing and games with his children and learning about business.</p> <p>He has many new and exciting things planned for this year. Not only will our students be learning about business, they will become future business thinkers and leaders!</p>   |
|    | <p>Jessia Clark – Ms Clark will be joining the 6<sup>th</sup> grade as soon as she finishes up at Amsterdam.</p>   |
|   | <p>Miriam Dobbs, Assistant Principal in the High School – Mrs. Dobbs is very excited to join the Hoosic Valley community. She grew up in Westchester County, NY and was a two-sport athlete in high school playing Basketball and Soccer. Mrs. Dobbs has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from RPI and a Masters in Teaching from Pace University. She spent her first 5 years of teaching at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx where she also coached Basketball; she later moved to Peekskill High School where she spent 5 years teaching Mathematics and assisting with the girls' basketball program. Mrs. Dobbs finished her Masters in School Building Leadership and moved up to the capital region to take a position at Albany High School as Principal of Citizenship Academy.</p> <p>Outside of school, Mrs. Dobb's enjoys spending time with my family and most important her 5 month old daughter. She has a passion for sports and still enjoys playing basketball. She is looking forward to forming relationships with students, faculty, staff, and the entire school community. She believes anything is possible when everyone is "All In."</p> |
|  | <p>Carrie Hall – Miss Hall is a Special Education teacher in the elementary school. Miss Hall earned her Bachelor's from SUNY Oneonta and her Master's from Saint Rose. She comes to Hoosic Valley with experience from the Greater Johnstown School District and Questar Boces. Miss Hall currently resides in Troy and in her free time enjoys reading, Zumba and volunteering for a local animal shelter.</p>   |



Katherine Gerwin – Mrs. Gerwin is moving from the Pre-K classroom at Hoosic Valley to one of our Kindergarten Classrooms. She is going into her 10<sup>th</sup> year of teaching and can't wait to meet her new kindergartners.



Kristin Guba, Guidance Counselor, High School - Ms. Guba is a Capital Region native, originally from Latham. She earned her BS in Health and Phys Ed from Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania and her MS in Professional School Counseling from Sage Graduate School in Troy. Ms. Guba has filled in at many capital region schools, Bethlehem, East Greenbush and Ticonderoga. The different school environments presented Ms. Guba with the opportunity to gain invaluable experience that will be a great benefit our students.

In her spare time Ms. Guba likes to be as active as possible, in particular she loves running, playing tennis and hiking.



Andrew Lefebvre – Mr. Lefebvre is a Special Education teacher in the high school. Mr. Lefebvre earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY Plattsburg and his Master's from Sage. He comes to us from the Capital District Beginnings program.



Alex Lilac – Coach Lilac will be one of our new Phys Ed teachers in the high school this year. Coach Lilac is a lifelong resident of Hoosick Falls. He comes to HV after graduating from the Sage Colleges. He played basketball while at Sage and earned the Scholar-Athlete of the year award in his senior year. This year Coach Lilac will be coaching modified girls soccer, JV boys basketball and varsity baseball.



Jake Mullen – Mr. Mullen will be returning to Hoosic Valley again this year. He filled a temporary leave position in the social studies department at the end of last school year. He loves working with children and teaching them about the important connections between our society today with figures and events of the past. In his free time he loves watching sports, exercising and binge watching on Netflix!



Lauren Oppelt – Mrs. Oppelt will be teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade science and Living Environment this year. She completed her bachelors in Human Biology and Anthropology at SUNY Albany and her Masters at Saint Rose in Adolescent Education. Mrs. Oppelt has taught middle school science at Norte Dame-Bishop Gibbons for the last nine years before joining us at Hoosic Valley.



Brady Talbot – Mr. Talbot will be joining the Math Department at the High School; he will be teaching Algebra this year. Mr. Talbot graduated from Tamarac High School and earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY Cortland. He was a high school math teacher at Sneads Ferry, NC before returning to the capital region. Mr. Talbot is a big Yankee's fan and sports enthusiast.



Nicole Welcome – Coach Welcome will be the girl's phys ed teacher in the high school this year; Coach Rogers returned to the elementary school. Coach Welcome attended SUNY Delhi and SUNY Cortland to pursue her passion for physical education. She is currently in the process of obtaining her Masters in School Health Education. Athletics and physical activity have been a huge part of her life and she looks forward to teaching and coaching at the Valley. Coach Welcome will be coaching JV girls' soccer, JV girls' basketball and modified track.



BriAnna Williams – Miss Williams grew up in the Binghamton area and always knew she wanted to be a teacher. She attended Elmira College majoring in childhood education with a minor in literacy. She was a competitive cheerleader and an active volunteer in the local humane society throughout her college experience. Miss Williams has been in the Capital District since 2013, she has taught 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Rosa Venerini in Schenectady along with various long term sub positions. Miss Williams is still very much into fitness and animal rescue, she has two cats and tries to volunteer whenever she has time. She's excited to join such a close knit community and can't wait to start the new school year!



Elaine Williams – Bonjour! Ms. Williams is our new French teacher in the high school. She has been teaching for several years, most recently in a virtual school. Her journey learning French began in Sydney, Nova Scotia where she was raised. Growing up in a community hearing French spoken in the daily activities, on the radio and television gives Ms. Williams a different appreciation for the language and culture that she can't wait to share with our students. She enjoys volleyball basketball, baseball and soccer, so you may see her at the games. If so, make sure to say Bonjour!