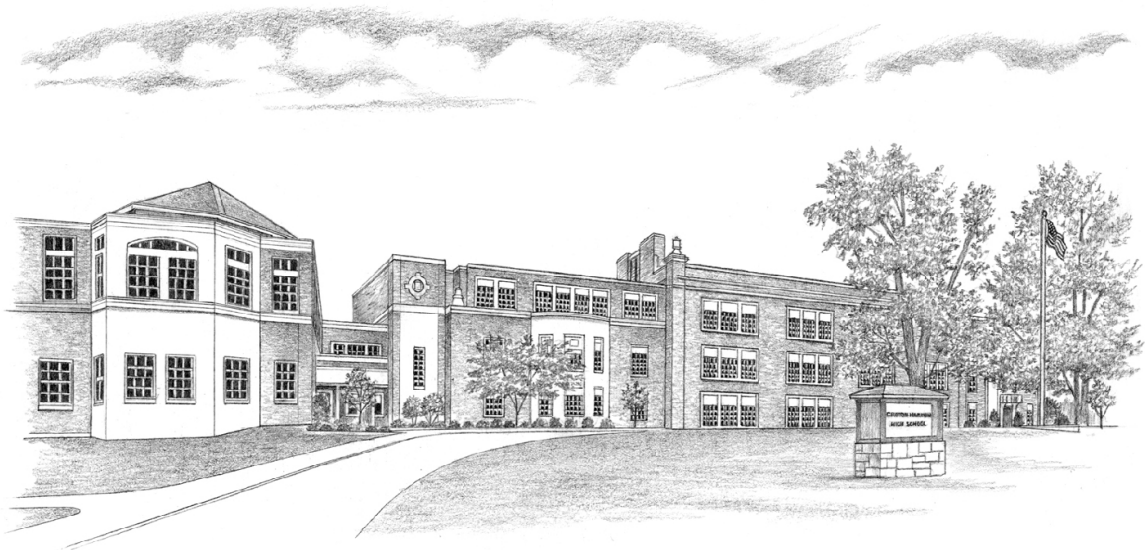


WHO'S WHO AT CHHS



2023-2024

CROTON-HARMON HIGH SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY, 2022-2023

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Asst. Principal/Director of Guidance

Bill Thom
Director of Health, Physical Education,
and Athletics

Erica Fiorini
Dean of Students

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Administration

LAURA DUBAK is the principal of Croton-Harmon High School and this is her fifth year in Croton. Dr. Dubak started her career as a high school English teacher in Brooklyn and then was an assistant principal for seven years including several years in high schools in Westchester County prior to coming to CHHS. She holds a doctorate in education from Fordham University, a B.S. in English and education from New York University, an M.Ed. from Harvard University in educational policy and management, and an M.Ed. from Columbia University Teachers College in school leadership and organization.

MARK MAXAM is the assistant principal of Croton-Harmon High School and the K-12 Supervisor of School Counseling. Mr. Maxam has worked in public education for 27 years, having served as a classroom teacher of Physics, Chemistry, Physical Science, and Earth Science, as well as an assistant principal. A Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, Mr. Maxam spent two years teaching Physics and Math in a rural High School in Kenya early in his career, and went on to serve for ten years as the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization working to install solar lights in rural African schools. More recently, Mr. Maxam has been leading his sailing club as Commodore, and teaching keelboat sailing on the Hudson River. Mr. Maxam holds a B.S. in General Science and Chemistry from Michigan State University, a M.A. degree in International Affairs from Ohio University, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Administration and Supervision from SUNY New Paltz.

BILL THOM is the Interim Director of Health, Wellness, Physical Education and Athletics. A native of Croton-on-Hudson, Mr. Thom is an educator and Hall-of-Fame basketball coach. Starting his career at his alma-mater, Croton-Harmon High School, he taught business and physical education for 30 years, and worked as the athletic director for 20 of those years serving as the conference president and vice-president during his tenure. As the head boys basketball coach at CHHS, Mr. Thom was named League Coach of the Year multiple times, Conference Coach of the Year twice, and New York State Section One Coach of the Year in 1996. He was also the Head Coach of the Hudson Valley region in both the Empire State Games and the Basketball Coaches Association of New York, winning three Gold Medals, five Silver Medals, and seven Bronze medals.

ERICA FIORINI is the Dean of Students and an English teacher. She holds a B.A. in English with a minor in Medieval/Renaissance Studies from The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. She attended SUNY New Paltz, where she earned an M.S. in Secondary Education in English. Mrs. Fiorini began teaching at CHHS in 2000, and she earned her National Board Certification in 2006.

Faculty

ALEXANDRA AGUGLIARO is one of the science teachers. She joined the Croton community in 2020. Mrs. Agugliaro holds a B.A. in science with a concentration in biology and a M.A.T. in secondary science education from Manhattanville College. In addition to a biology certification, she also holds a supplementary chemistry certification. Prior to coming to CHHS, Mrs. Agugliaro worked in Pleasantville schools as a teaching assistant in the special education department.

MELISSA ALAMPRESE has taught Physical Education in Croton since 2002. She has a B.S. from Springfield College in Physical Education with a minor in Coaching. She also has a M.S. from Lehman College in Recreation Administration. In addition to teaching Physical Education at CHHS, she is the Varsity Field Hockey Coach and the Assistant Women's Lacrosse coach at Pace University.

SUSAN ARDOLINO is a National Board certified teacher. She started teaching English at Croton Harmon High School in 2008. She has a B.A. in English with a minor in Writing and Communications from Siena College. She also has a Masters of Arts in Teaching degree in Secondary English from the Graduate College of Union University. Susan also enjoys her role as one of the coordinators for the CHOOSE program for senior internships. Susan is a co-advisor of the CHHS Book Club and a member of Student-Faculty Congress. In prior years she has been the advisor of the school literary magazine, GSA, the CHAP steering committee, and a member of the building and planning committee.

MONTSERRAT BALLINA-LLOSA teaches Spanish. She is a native from Spain. Mrs. Ballina holds a B.A. in Law from Complutense University in Madrid and a MST in secondary education from Pace University. Mrs. Ballina taught at a private school and Clarkstown High School South before coming to Croton.

JOHN BOHUNIEK teaches Global 9 History & Geography, and AP United States History. Mr. Bohuniek serves as the social studies curriculum coordinator, and is also the co-advisor for Student Faculty Congress. He has a B.A. in History and a minor in Law and Politics from SUNY New Paltz, and received his M.S.T. in Adolescent Education from Pace University. Prior to teaching at CHHS, he taught in the Bronx, and at Arlington High School in Dutchess County.

GREGORY BRADLEY teaches mathematics. He has a B.A. in mathematics and a minor in theater from the College of St. Rose and a master's degree in math education from the City College of New York. In addition to being a National Board Certified Teacher, he is a member of AMTNYS (Association of Math Teachers of New York State) and NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics). Prior to coming to CHHS, he taught in Harlem, NY at Rice High School and Frederick Douglass Academy. He is also a graduate of the National Shakespeare Conservatory of Acting.

SUSAN BREE teaches French and Spanish and also serves as the curriculum coordinator for the high school's Department of World Languages. She has a B.A. and an M.A. in French from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, and a Ph.D.

from Stanford University. Prior to CHHS, Dr. Bree taught French at Stanford and at the College of William and Mary.

JODI BURGER teaches Art. She received her B.A. from Duke University in History and Art Design, and has an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University in Art and Art Education. Prior to coming to CHHS, Ms. Burger taught in Nassau County, Long Island, and at LaGuardia High School of Music and Art in New York City. She is also a graphic designer and has worked in the fashion and magazine industries for over nine years.

RYAN CALLAHAN has taught the R.I.S.E (Real Individual Student Experience) Program as well as sections of 9th and 11th/12th grade Resource at CHHS and is entering his 16th year in the district. He spent five years at PVC Middle School. He graduated in 2007 from Hartwick College with a B.A. in English and Minor in Education. In 2009, he received his M.S. in Secondary Education and Students with Disabilities from Mercy College. In the past, he has served as the HC of the Modified Boys Lacrosse team, JV Girls Basketball, Varsity Football (7 years with 3 as HC) as well as entering his 6th year as HC of Varsity Girls Lacrosse and 1st as a Varsity Field Hockey HC.

CASSANDRA CARTAGINESE is a Special Education and English teacher who has been a member of the CHHS community since 2016. She holds a Masters Degree in Teaching English and Special Education from Pace University, and received her B.A. in Creative Writing from Purchase College in 2013.

MICHAEL CHIMILESKI teaches social studies. He has a B.A. in history and an M.A. in education from St. Lawrence University. He served as Educational Administrative Internship/ Experiential Middle School Coordinator in the Geneva City School District and as Social Studies Coordinator at Finger Lakes Alternative High School.

DERRICK DAVIS teaches Geometry and Applied Geometry, and is excited to join the Mathematics Department this year. He holds a B.S. in Mathematics and a B.S. in Secondary Education from SUNY Oneonta and a M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University/Portland. Mr. Davis' prior experience includes teaching fifth grade mathematics in the south Bronx, AP Calculus in Poughkeepsie, and Advanced Geometry in Scarsdale. He has also taught both undergraduate and graduate math and teacher education courses at SUNY Dutchess and CUNY Brooklyn College.

JONNA DEAK is a resource room teacher. Previously, she taught biology and chemistry at the high school. She has a B.A. in biology from Plattsburgh State University and an M.S. in secondary/special education from Mercy College.

EDWIN DEMPER teaches 9th and 10th grade English. Prior to coming to Croton, he taught high school in Rye and in the Bronx. He also taught as a college instructor at Hunter College and Stern Yeshiva College for women. He is originally from the Netherlands and interested in international affairs, as well as journalism, the humanities, and cooking.

SUSAN DUDMAN is a math teacher and serves as the curriculum coordinator for the high school math department. She holds a B.S. degree in Mathematics with Applied

Physics and a B.S. in Secondary Education from SUNY Oswego. She also has an M.A. in secondary mathematics from CCNY. Susan previously taught at Dover High School and John S. Burke Catholic High School. She is a current member of AMTNYS and NCTM.

LUCY EREMITA teaches Mandarin. She is a native of China. She holds three master degrees, an M.A. in Mass Communications from Leicester University in the United Kingdom, an M.B.A in Finance from Mercy College, and an M.A. in Teaching from Clarkson University. Ms. Eremita also holds a TESOL certificate. She is the Chinese Club advisor for CHHS. Prior to coming to CHHS, Ms. Eremita taught at a non-profit school and Pelham High School.

RAY FERRARA has been teaching science in the Croton Harmon school district since 2003. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from SUNY Purchase and a Master's in Education from Pace University.

GINA FITZSIMONS is the nurse at CHHS.

KYM GARRETT has been teaching mathematics in Croton since 1996. She holds a B.S. degree in Education with a specialization in mathematics from SUNY Oneonta. She also has a master's degree in Special Education from Western Connecticut State University.

MARISA GENDRON teaches self-contained classes at Croton-Harmon High School and Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School. She has been a special education teacher in the Croton-Harmon School District since 2009. Ms. Gendron graduated from Marist College with a B.A. in Psychology and Special Education, and a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology. She is a National Board Certified Teacher in the area of Exceptional Needs.

ZHANNA GLAZENBURG teaches Physics and Engineering. Born in Minsk, Belarus, she studied applied mathematics at Belorussian Polytechnic Academy. After coming to the United States, she received a B.S. from New York University (summa cum laude), and an M.A. from Columbia University, Teachers College. Ms. Glazenburg is a member of the Cohort 1 of NYS Master Teacher program, and one of the founders and former trustee of the STEMteachersNYC professional learning community. She became a National Board certified teacher in 2020. Mrs. Glazenburg has previously taught at Brooklyn Technical High School and Fiorello La Guardia High School for the Performing Arts in New York City, and at Mildred E. Strang Middle School in Yorktown.

KELLY INGRAHAM-FRIEDMAN has been a special education teacher at Croton-Harmon High School since 2007. She earned her M.S. in Applied Educational Psychology from Northeastern University and holds a B.A. in Psychology, with an Art Studio minor, from SUNY New Paltz. Prior to her years here, Kelly worked in the field of counseling at both the high school and college level, and has spent time in the field of art therapy.

CHASE ITTER teaches photography at CHHS and 5th grade art at PVC. He earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY New Paltz in 2006, and his master's degree from

UMass Dartmouth in 2015, both in art education. He is an advisor to the CHHS Yearbook. Prior to teaching, Chase ran the Children's Program for the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY. He also curates exhibitions and shows his own artwork all over New York and New England.

NORA JORDAN teaches Spanish. She graduated from Mount St. Mary College with a B.A. in Hispanic Studies as well as an M.S. in secondary education. Ms. Jordan's experience includes teaching at both the middle and high school levels.

MICHAEL KATZMAN has a B.A. in Music Composition from the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford, a M.Mus from the New England Conservatory of Music in Music Composition, and Certification courses in Music Education from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. He has taught music in the Croton-Harmon Public Schools for the last 17 years, teaching general music and chorus. In addition to his teaching duties, he has been music director for the musicals at Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School as well as the co-director for the last five musicals at CHHS.

ROBERT KEEHN has a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in German from CUNY Hunter College. He has a M.A. in Science Education for grades 7-12 from CUNY Brooklyn College. Prior to Croton-Harmon High school, he taught at The Urban Assembly School for Green Careers.

SOYOUNG LIM teaches Mathematics and Computer Science. She is National Board Certified, and a member of NYS Master Teacher Program. Ms. Lim holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Chonbuk National University in Korea and an M.A. in Computer Science from Queens College. She has a certification as a JAVA programmer from Sun Microsystems, Inc. and CompTIA A+ certification. Before she came to the United States, Ms. Lim taught computer science in high school and middle school for four years in Korea. Ms. Lim is an advisor to the high school's Math club and Programming club.

KURT LINDNER teaches mathematics. He has a B.S. in Mathematics from Pennsylvania State University, along with an M.A.T. in Mathematics from SUNY Cortland and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Administration from SUNY New Paltz. Mr. Lindner has coached a variety of soccer, tennis and ski teams in the Croton-Harmon School District and previously taught 8th grade mathematics. Mr. Lindner has been the advisor to the Explorers Club for the last ten years and the CHOOSE program for the last six years.

CARISSA LOCATELLI teaches social studies. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Adolescent Education Social Studies 7-12 from SUNY Oneonta and received her Master's in Educational Technology Specialist K-12 as well from SUNY Oneonta. She has previously taught Global I, Economics, Participation in Government, and Coding and Computer Science at other schools, and is excited for her first year here at CHHS!

LAUREN MAIOLO teaches social studies. She has a B.A. in history from SUNY Albany and an M.S. in teaching from Iona College. Ms. Maiolo is the Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator.

CORI MARTINEAU teaches Reading throughout the district. She graduated from Iona College with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood/Childhood Education. She holds NYS certifications in General Education, Literacy and Special Education. Mrs. Martineau is trained in Orton Gillingham Methodologies, Preventing Academic Failure (PAF) and is a Wilson® Dyslexia Practitioner. She is also the District Wide Support Services Curriculum Coordinator.

BEN MARTUCCI teaches Physical Education and P.A.S.S. A Croton-Harmon alum, he has been teaching in the district since 2001, with experience in all three of our buildings. He has a B.A. from Syracuse University, an M.S. in Physical Education from Hofstra University, an M.S. in School Building Leadership from Mercy College, and also holds a NYS certification in Health Education. Mr. Martucci coaches boys' varsity basketball, and has previously coached girls' varsity basketball, modified boys' basketball, junior varsity field hockey, modified boys' soccer, modified co-ed track & field, and modified baseball. He serves as public address announcer for the varsity baseball team. Previously he served several years as the Curriculum Coordinator for the Physical Education & Health department, as the co-advisor of our school spirit club, and also as the public address announcer for varsity football. Mr. Martucci arrived in Croton-Harmon after teaching at Hawthorne Cedar Knolls.

ILANA MCCONVILLE teaches Social Studies. She graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies and History from SUNY Cortland and received her Master's Degree in Special Education from CUNY Lehman. Ms. McConville is the faculty advisor for the Sophomore Class, as well as a member of Student Faculty Congress. She is also the faculty advisor for Debate Club.

MARTIN MCDONALD teaches Physical Education.

JOSEPH MERRIAM has been teaching English, and occasionally Theater, at CHHS since 2001. He earned a B.A. in English from Fordham University, an M.A. in English from Duke University, and certification in secondary English education from Pace University.

ALLISON MILLEN is the Student Assistance Counselor, and a Licensed Master Social Worker. She provides education, prevention, and counseling services to 9th - 12th grade students. She does classroom presentations, organizes school-wide activities and events and assembly programs. She is also available to meet with students individually and in small groups. Ms. Millen is the advisor to the Teen Leadership Council (TLC).

JENNIFER MOORE is in her 17th year teaching Art at CHHS. She is a National Board Certified Teacher; holds a B.A. in Studio Art with a concentration in painting from Potsdam College; an M.S. degree in Art Education from the College of Saint Rose in Albany; and, an M.S. degree in Teacher Leadership from Quinnipiac University. She currently serves as President for the Croton Teachers' Association.

PAMELA MORRISON is the Teacher Librarian at CHHS. She advises the Junior Class and Book Club, and is the co-advisor to Student Faculty Congress and Spirit Club. She is also on the CHAP Steering Committee. Ms. Morrison holds a B.A. degree in English and Education from Marist College and an M.S. in Library and Information Science

from the Palmer School at Long Island University. She is a member of the American Library Association's SLMS and PNW BOCES Secondary Librarians' Network.

KIRBY MOSENTHAL is a school counselor. She holds a B.A. in Spanish with minors in Psychology and Sociology/Anthropology from Denison University, and an M.S.Ed in School Counseling with a Bilingual Extension from CUNY Hunter College. Ms. Mosenthal has previous experience working in college admissions at Denison University and in school counseling at Sleepy Hollow High School. She is also the modified spring track coach.

ZOHA NADEEM is a school counselor. She holds a M.S in School Counseling from Mercy College. She has completed her school counseling fieldwork in the Newburgh and North Rockland districts. She is also fluent in Urdu and Hindi.

SARA O'BRIEN teaches music/strings. She graduated from the Hartt School with a B.M. in violin performance. In 2002 she received her M.M. in viola performance from the Conservatory of Music at Purchase College, SUNY. She is a co-founder, artistic board member, and an active performer with the Artemis Chamber Ensemble.

STEPHEN PALENC SAR has taught special education for the Croton-Harmon Schools since 2010. He holds a B.A. in Communication and an M.A. in Organizational Communication from SUNY Albany. He earned a M.P.S. in Secondary Social Studies and Special Education from Manhattanville College. Mr. Palencsar also serves as the Boys Varsity Lacrosse coach and CHOOSE coordinator for Croton-Harmon High School.

LEANDRA RAMIREZ is the school psychologist for the Flexible Support Program. Prior to her current position, she was a school psychologist in her hometown of the Bronx. Last year, she became familiar with the Croton community as she worked in PVC Middle School. She received a B.S. in Psychology at Macaulay Honors College at Lehman. She also holds a M.S in Education with a specialization in School Psychology from Queens College.

ALISON RHOADES teaches French, levels 2, and 3 at CHHS and fifth grade exploratory at PVC. She earned a bachelor's degree in French at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. She also studied at The School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. She earned her Master's of Science in Teaching at Pace University. This year she will share in the coordination of the Croton-La Rochelle Exchange as well as co-adviser of the French Club.

JAMIE ROONEY teaches earth science and animal physiology, and serves as the science curriculum coordinator. She has a B.S. in environmental conservation and a minor in freshwater resources management from the University of New Hampshire and a MS in education from Pace University. Ms. Rooney has previously taught at Ossining High School and The Windward School in White Plains.

ERIC ROSEN is the school psychologist at CHHS. He holds a B.A. in psychology and interpersonal/intercultural communications from SUNY, New Paltz. Mr. Rosen has received his M.S. in school psychology from Mercy College. He also has a M.S. in

school building and school district leadership. Mr. Rosen is the Head Varsity Baseball coach and assistant boys basketball coach at CHHS.

NOEL SCHOENLEBER teaches English and serves as English department curriculum coordinator at the high school. She has a B.A. in English from the College of William and Mary and a graduate teaching certificate from Mills College. She also earned an M.A. in Secondary Education from Mercy College. She became a National Board certified teacher in 2008.

MICHAEL SPALDING teaches chemistry. He has a B.S. degree in chemistry from SUNY, Cortland and an M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

KEITH SPENGLER teaches chemistry and physics. He has a B.S. and M.S. in Applied Physics from NJIT, as well as an M.A. in teaching Science from the Relay Graduate School in Manhattan. He began teaching in 2015 with the NYC Teaching fellows in the Bronx and moved to Westchester in 2020. Mr. Spengler has previously taught at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy in the Bronx, and Scarsdale High School.

JACLYN SZYMANSKI teaches English. She has a B.A. in English and Education from Pace University and an M.A. in English from Mercy College. Jaclyn comes to Croton after teaching at Carmel High School, Mahopac High School and White Plains High School.

TANYA THIBIDEAU is a school counselor. She has a B.S. in psychology from St. Thomas Aquinas College and her M.S.Ed. from Long Island University in School Counseling and Development. Prior to joining the faculty at CHHS in 2005, Tanya worked at the college/university level, working admissions for five years and academic advising for three years. She is the online site coordinator of the VHS Online Learning program at CHHS.

KERRI TRACY teaches Health and PASS (Personal & Academic Skills Seminar). She has a B.A. in Athletic Training from Messiah College, a M.S. in Health Education from Hofstra University and is a National Board Certified Teacher. Ms. Tracy is the Curriculum Coordinator for the Health & PE department, advisor of Activism Club and co-advisor of STAR Club, Spirit Club and Women's Connect.

ASHLEY VALENTINE is a ninth-, tenth-, eleventh-, and twelfth-grade English teacher who has worked in the district since 2010. Ms. Valentine earned a B.S. in Adolescent Education: English 7-12 from SUNY Oneonta and her Master of Science in Education degree in Literacy Studies 5-12 through SUNY New Paltz.

ANDREW VOGL teaches mathematics. He holds a B.A. in Communication from George Mason University and a M.S.Ed. in Mathematics Education from Lehman College. Mr. Vogl is also the advisor for the CHHS chapter of the National Honor Society.

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN teaches Music Video Production and Electronic Music. He has a B.F.A. in Music Education from Long Island University and an M.A. in Music Composition. Prior to CHHS, Michael was a music producer in the music industry for 12 years. This will be his 21st year teaching at CHHS.

ANDREA WHALEN teaches Social Studies. She has a B.A in History Education from Siena College and a M.A in Literacy Education from Hunter College. This is her fourth year teaching Social Studies at the CHHS.

DAVID XAVIER is the Special Education teacher in the Flexible Support Program. He earned his B.A. in History from SUNY at Albany and his M.S. in Adolescent Education from Mercy College.

AMY YANNARELLI-SHAW teaches English as a New Language (ENL). She has worked in public education for 16 years, having served as an elementary classroom teacher. Mrs. Yannarelli-Shaw has a M.S. in Early Childhood Education and Students with Disabilities from Mercy College. In 2017, she completed the TESOL program from the College of New Rochelle.

JAZZ ZANTAY teaches Concert Band/Jazz Band as well as 4th Grade Band and 5th Grade General Music. She graduated summa cum laude from Manhattanville College with her B.A. in Flute Performance with an Art History minor, and Masters in Music Education. Jazz has performed in renowned concert halls such as Carnegie Hall and Symphony Space, as well as venues throughout Austria and France. Currently, Jazz is the principal flutist of the Hudson Valley Wind Ensemble. In addition to performing, Jazz also maintains an active private flute studio. When Jazz is not teaching or performing, she enjoys spending time with her family and visiting Disney World.

ISABELLA ZAPPA has been a math teacher at CHHS since 2016. In addition to teaching, Ms. Zappa works as one of the high school's pedagogical coaches. She earned her B.A. in Mathematical Sciences at Binghamton University where she also earned her M.A.T. in adolescent math education. Ms. Zappa is a Level 2 Certified Google Educator and an Apple Teacher. Over the years, Ms. Zappa has coached several sports including soccer, field hockey and lacrosse. She is currently the assistant coach for the Girls Varsity Basketball team.