



**OAK PARK and  
RIVER FOREST  
HIGH SCHOOL**

# **WELCOME NEW STAFFULTY!**

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2024–2025  
New Faces  
and  
Familiar Faces in New Places







# **CAMPUS SAFETY AND SUPPORT**





# KRISTEN DEVITT

**DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS SAFETY**

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I have two greyhounds that I adopted when they retired from racing.







# **EQUITY AND STUDENT SUCCESS**





# APRIL BELL

**MOTIVATIONAL MENTOR  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

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I was born three months early, weighing 2lbs,  
2oz.







# **FINE AND APPLIED ARTS**





# WENDY MCVEY

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHER**

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I have a passion for cycling. I have ridden my bike across Iowa 11 times!





# ZUBAIR MUHAMMAD

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHER**

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I just graduated from Oakton College with  
a certificate in early childhood education.







# HISTORY





# KENNETA CYRACUS

**HISTORY TEACHER**

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I know how to speak Russian!





# ANDREW KUECH

## HISTORY TEACHER

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My first teaching job was in South Korea as the only English speaker in a very large middle school.





# NOAH SCIBBE

**HISTORY TEACHER**

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When I was in 6th grade, I was a world-ranked Mariokart player on the Wii for a week.





# SAMANTHA STEARNS

**HISTORY TEACHER**

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I'm getting married on Valentine's Day, 2025!





# JESUS VALLEJO- GODINEZ

**HISTORY TEACHER**

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I'm a groomsman for two weddings this summer.







# **INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**





# DAVID ANDERSON

**INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR**

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All my transportation is electric – electric car, electric motorcycle, e-bike.







# MATHEMATICS





# JOSE ARREOLA

**MATH TEACHER**

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I have two mini-schnauzers named Pingu  
and Bambi.





# GUSTAVO GIANCOLA

**MATH TEACHER**

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I enjoy table top role-playing games!







# **PE, HEALTH AND DRIVER EDUCATION**



# HOWARD BIRMINGHAM

**PE TEACHER**

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I enjoy swimming.





# KRISTIN CARLSON

**PE TEACHER**

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I am from Ohio, but me and my three siblings and parents all moved to Chicago, or the Suburbs, over the last 5-15 years.





# MICHAEL LORENZ

**PE TEACHER**

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I play slow-pitch softball.







# SCIENCE





# TOM PESCI

**SCIENCE TEACHER**

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I was born in Colorado.







# **SPECIAL EDUCATION**





# LARON BLANCHARD

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I'm a new Real Estate License Holder as of  
2024.





# JONATHAN CORDERO SANCHEZ

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT**

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I love all things pop culture, especially Star Wars!





# NIK EFFGEN

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT**

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I collect vinyl and own over 1,000 records.





# DAVONTE HOLMES

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT**

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I can sing, dance, and play a few instruments.





# MICHELLE JILES

**PSYCHOLOGIST**

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I lived in Suzhou, China for a year when I was 7 years old.





# ALLYN JOHNSON

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT**

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I really enjoy playing board games with friends and family.





# CAROLINE REEDY

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

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I went to the football National  
Championship for free!





# JACOB RUNDELL

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT**

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I'm a huge Bears fan. I can talk about them all day, every day!





# DANIEL SCHERER- EMUNDS

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

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I recently returned from an 18-month fellowship with a disability organization at the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.





# HADLEY SCHULER

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT**

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I love being out in nature and cooking for my family.





# BOBBIE SHIVERS

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT**

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I love Marvel movies and all action movies.  
Football is my favorite season and  
Superbowl is the day I wait for all year.





# STUDENT LEARNING



# JENNIFER BRINKMAN

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LEARNING**

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If I didn't work in Education, I'd like to be a  
Lego Master Builder.







# **WORLD LANGUAGES**





# BRIGIDA ARREOLA

**EL TEACHER ASSISTANT**

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I enjoy doing Zumba and yoga.





# ERIK RENTERIA

## EL TEACHER

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I am a big fan of Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter. I was a substitute teacher at OPRFHS for three years. I graduated from here, too.





# MICHAEL STUDER

**SPANISH TEACHER**

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I graduated from OPRF in 2008.







# **FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES**





# JOE BATTAGLIA

**DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY  
AND INNOVATION**

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# HUMBERTO CELIS

**HEAD CUSTODIAN**

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# DAN CORCORAN

**DRIVERS' EDUCATION TEACHER**

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# JANAE DABNE

**FINE AND APPLIED ARTS  
DIVISION SECRETARY**

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# DREW FREDRICKSON

**INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY  
MEDIA SPECIALIST**

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# ERIC HACKL

**DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY**

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# BRIAN IMHOFF

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

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# LEILA MCGOWAN

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT –  
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

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# JENNIFER PORTO

**DIRECTOR OF FOOD AND  
NUTRITION SERVICES**

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# MATT PREBBLE

**INTERIM DIVISION HEAD –  
FINE AND APPLIED ARTS**

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