



October 23, 2026

Dear JFK High School Families:

This year at JFK High School, we are thrilled to welcome several new staff members to our team. To help you get to know them, we've created our "New Staff Newsletter," where each new staff member shares a bit about their background and their role here at JFK.

Looking ahead, I invite you to join us at our Parent-Teacher Conferences, a sporting event, or a community gathering such as the musical. These events are wonderful opportunities to meet our new staff in person and help us welcome them to the JFK team.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me—or to any of our new staff members—directly.

Go Bears!

Sincerely,

Robert N. Julian, Jr.

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Principal

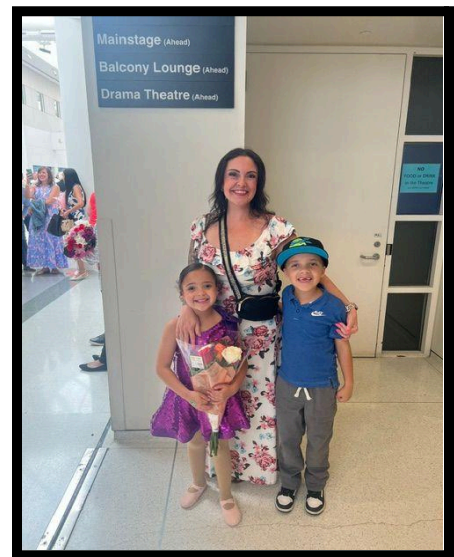


Hello families of Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD! I'm excited to be the new Technology Teacher at the High School. This is my 36th year teaching, and I have to say I'm just as excited to be here as I was on day 1. I'm a graduate of SUNY Oswego and Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. I first taught in Southern Indiana, then for a long time at Sweet Home Middle School, High School, Ready Academy, Big Picture, and most recently at Buffalo State University.

I do a lot of different projects and try to bring enthusiasm and curiosity for all kinds of things to the classroom and lab. I feel that students learn best when they are doing, thinking, and solving problems.

Mr. Ed Hawkins, High School Technology

I'm Ms. Jody Smith, and I am the new RN in the health office here at JFK Middle & High School. I have been a Registered Nurse for 15 years, most of which was spent at Sisters Hospital. I have worked on medical/surgical units, labor and delivery, and in-home care settings before becoming a school nurse. I am a proud mom of a 5-year-old and a 6-year-old who keep me busy every day! We enjoy camping at our RV site in the nice weather, building Legos, and going to the zoo. In my free time, I enjoy reading thriller/mystery books, spending time with my cousins, going to see live music, cheering on the Buffalo Bills, and bowling on the weekends! Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome here this year! Stop in for a band-aid anytime, stay hydrated, and GO BILLS!



Ms. Jody Smith, Middle & High School Nurse



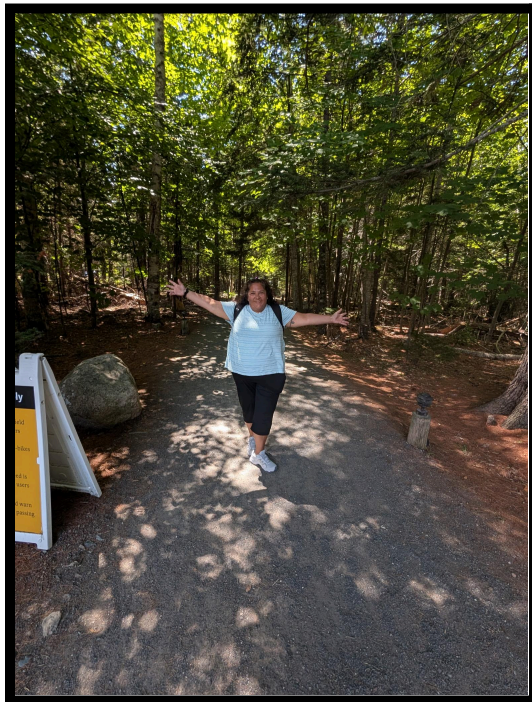
Hello JFK families! My name is Rachel Donner, and I teach Earth and Space Science Lab and Environmental Studies! I am a graduate of UB and SUNY Potsdam, and I have lived in Western New York my entire life! I previously taught summer school at Grand Island High School, but this is my first full-year position. I am very excited to be here and to work with your students. It will be a great year! Go Bears!

Miss Rachel Donner, High School Science

Hi JFK families! I'm excited to be joining the middle and high school as your new school School Psychologist. I attended St. Bonaventure University for my undergraduate degree and Alfred University for graduate school. I grew up a few towns over, but I've spent a lot of time in Cheektowaga visiting family over the years. My grandfather even graduated from JFK, so it's especially exciting to be joining the school community myself! I'm looking forward to getting to know the students and families and being a source of support throughout their middle and high school years.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alison Heilig, School Psychologist



Hello JFK families!

I am proud to be a graduate of JFK High School and even prouder to have been part of the Cheektowaga-Sloan School District for the past 18 years! My journey with the district began in the cafeteria at JFK and then Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, and I later had the wonderful opportunity to work as an aide in the special education classroom in the Middle School. Currently, I am a classroom aide in the JFK High School special education room.

Having growing up in this community, it has been especially rewarding to give back to the same school district that helped shape my own life. I am happily married and we have raised four wonderful sons, all proud JFK graduates. Our family has continued to grow, and we are blessed with three beautiful grandchildren.

Family and community have always been at the heart of my life. I feel fortunate to have spent so many years working alongside dedicated staff and getting to know the amazing students and families of this district. JFK will always hold a special place in my heart, and I look forward to continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of our students. Nya:weh

Mrs. Amanda Belscher, Special Education Classroom Aide