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➤ Directory of new staff (and old staff in new positions)

This guide recognizes those new staff members hired as of August 2010, as well as those who have moved to new positions within the district. (Please note that more faculty positions had yet to be filled as this directory went to print).



➤ Katie Bartone

Katie Bartone is a long-term substitute for high school science this year.

She has a bachelor's degree in biology from Siena College and a master's in adolescent education from The College of St. Rose.

Prior to coming to Mohonasen, Katie taught 10th grade biology at Shenendehowa. She was also a student teacher at Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland and Mohonasen High School.

Katie enjoys the outdoors and playing sports. She says she has the most fun being active and exploring outside.

"I'm so excited to be joining the Mohonasen team," she said. "I am looking forward to getting to know the students and faculty and getting started."



➤ Rachel Empie

Rachel Empie is a long-term substitute for high school art this year. She will come on board in October.

Rachel has a bachelor's degree in art education from the College of St. Rose. She is an artist who works both "abstractly and realistically."

For the last three years, Rachel worked as a middle and high school art teacher in the Berne-Knox-Westerlo school district.

She says she has a passion for interior design and enjoys cooking, gardening and sunny days.

"Both my mother and grandmother were teachers for more than 30 years," Rachel said. "Being a teacher is what I was meant to be and I am excited to be here at Mohonasen."



➤ Daniel Jones

Daniel Jones will be teaching music and directing the marching band at Mohonasen High School this year.

He has a bachelor's degree in music education and performance, and a master's degree in music education, both from Ithaca College.

For the last 17 years he taught music in the Greater Johnstown School District.

Dan enjoys gardening, biking, running, traveling, singing and playing the saxophone. In 2007 he was named the Wal-mart NYS Teacher of the Year.

"I am looking forward to continuing the tradition of excellence in the band program at Mohonasen," he said.



➤ Jamie Hanlon

Jamie Hanlon is teaching science at the high school this year.

He has a bachelor's degree in geology and environmental science from SUNY Binghamton and a master's in geology from Northern Arizona University. Jamie has taught science at Johnstown, Averill Park and Ravena high schools. He also taught at Mohonasen from 2003 to 2008.

He enjoys a variety of activities, including wrestling, hiking, golf, camping, skiing and hang gliding.

"I am looking forward to returning to Mohonasen to work with the excellent staff and administration," Jamie said. "Everyone at Mohonasen is dedicated, fun and always looking out for the best interests of students."



➤ Maria A. Malone

Maria Malone is the new health office assistant at Bradt.

She graduated from the Ellis Hospital School of Nursing in 2002. She is also a matriculated student at Excelsior College.

Maria currently also works in the neurosciences unit at Ellis Hospital. She loves to garden, bake and play the clarinet.

"Children remind us what is important in life," Maria said.



➤ Kathryn Meyers

Kathryn Meyers is the new health office assistant at the high school.

She has a bachelor's degree from SUNY Plattsburgh in mathematics. She also has an associate's degree in registered nursing from Adirondack Community College.

Kathryn has served as an RN at Northeast Urogynecology, Albany Pediatrics and Community Care Physicians.

She enjoys acrylic painting, walking, photography, arts and crafts with her children and singing.

"I love working with children," Kathryn said, adding that both of her children are at Mohonasen so she's glad to be close to them.

Old faces in new places...

- ★ Melissa Antonini, Bradt LTS
- ★ Paul Browne, sixth grade
- ★ Kevin Clough, HS social studies LTS
- ★ Andrea Conover, Pinewood special education/CSE chair
- ★ Kevin Cummings, Pinewood AIS math/Draper computer literacy
- ★ Andrew Cuthbertson, HS physical education/health
- ★ Emery Dergosits, Bradt LTS
- ★ Patricia Dergosits, HS secretary
- ★ Brianna DiBiase, Pinewood LTS
- ★ Faith Giordano, Draper AIS math
- ★ Kasey Hazard, Draper special education
- ★ Elaine Lounsbury, third grade
- ★ Mike Norton, building maintenance mechanic
- ★ Christine Patterson, Pinewood special education
- ★ Roopnarine Persaud, Draper second shift cleaner
- ★ Josh Sawicki, HS social studies & Draper teaching assistant
- ★ Michelle Schipps, Draper teaching assistant
- ★ Brian Shaffer, HS social studies
- ★ Marvin Veeder, Draper English LTS
- ★ Dolores Weaver, Bradt LTS
- ★ Ashley Yonos, Pinewood teaching assistant
- ★ Krista Zajesky, Bradt special education