

Teachers and staff say goodbye to students, school

Every year students return to school expecting to see the familiar faces of teachers and staff. However, several staff members will not be returning next year including Emily Gaffney, Spanish teacher; Gary Grant, math teacher and Alise Tingen, secretary. Jill Sherman, English teacher, retired at the end of last semester, was profiled in the February issue of the *Amplifier*.

Information compiled by Lauren Levine



Jamie Kelso, science

Reason for leaving: "My wife accepted a job at University of California, San Diego in January."

Where will you be next year: San Diego, Calif.

Favorite memory from WLHS: "A lot of memories...but in general watching students grow and mature intellectually from ninth to 12th grade. Self-discovery is such a cool thing!"

What will you miss the most: "I will miss the students, particularly seeing the Classes of 2008 and 2009 graduate. I hope to return for these events!"



Jason Milham, science

Reason for leaving: "I am leaving WLHS to go over to Wilsonville High School where I will still teach science, but will also be the head wrestling coach. It was a good opportunity to do some new things and reach some of my personal goals as a teacher and a coach."

Where will you be next year: Wilsonville HS

Favorite memory from WLHS: "West Linn has been the only place I have taught since I was

certified. Most of my teaching memories are from here. My favorite memory was the first time that I stood in front of a classroom and looked at a room full of students. It suddenly hit me that this was my class and that these kids were waiting on me to get stuff going. No more student teaching, no more supervising teachers. My show to run. Kind of scary, yet very exciting at the same time. Sometimes I think those first students I had here must have had a way different experience with the rookie teacher than my recent students have had eight years later."

What will you miss the most: "Mostly I will miss the people and the relationships I have developed over my time here. West Linn is a great place to learn and work and there are a lot of great teachers and students. It will be interesting to meet new people and make new friendships, but I will definitely miss the ones that I have developed here."



Rebecca Farris, science

Reason for leaving: Retirement

Where will you be next year: "Here in West Linn recuperating, gardening, reading, cleaning the house, yardwork, more reading, joining a contra dance group, more reading, and maybe subbing once in a while."

Favorite memory from WLHS: "It is hard to

pick a favorite memory. Dissecting the cats with the ap classes is probably it. We had some really funny times with that."

What will you miss the most: "I will really miss the students and being able to greet and talk with them around town. It will be strange to drive by the building and not be 'going to work' and not seeing former students at graduation and realizing how much they have grown up."



Jerry Rose, math

Reason for leaving: "I am retiring. After 30 years of teaching, it is time to do some volunteering and not be locked into an 8 to 10 hour job."

Where will you be next year: "I will be volunteering at Love Inc. that helps those that can't help themselves. Volunteering in the elementary schools, and teaching boys how to read. (There are) not enough

male teachers to be role models in this area. I may be teaching some calculus and coaching some basketball in India."

Favorite memory from WLHS: "When 80% of my 100 AP Calculus kids passed the College Board Exam."

What will you miss the most: "The openness of the school. Open porches, open library, open commons and cafeteria, and the openness and willingness of the students to learn and really care about the teachers."



Sue Bradley, Athletics Secretary

Reason for leaving: "I am leaving after 25 years to spend more time with my family."

Where will you be next year: "I will be returning to work part time in activities. My replacement for athletics will be Holly Scheid. My husband and I will be fishing, traveling and spending time at our beach house. I will also be spending time with my 12 grandchildren."

Favorite memory from WLHS: "I have too many favorite memories but the most important thing to me is spending time with all of the students and my coaches."

What will you miss the most: "I will miss everything."



Diane Connaghan, Library Secretary

Reason for leaving: Retiring

Where will you be next year: "On a beach in Costa Rica"

Favorite memory from WLHS: "May Day or the days my kids graduated"

What will you miss the most: "(Eating) lunch after lunch; and the wonderful staff."

Summer school programs beneficial for students

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While some students may hang out with friends, relax or get a job this summer, some will attend summer school which can offer a great opportunity to recover credits or gain credit advancement.

West Linn and Wilsonville summer schools offer credit recovery and go ahead opportunities. You can recover credits in U.S. History, English 9-12, biology, Spanish and world history for one semester of credit. Credit advancement classes such as Wellness I, Wellness II and Web Design and Production I are also offered.

Taking electives during the summer opens up spaces in your schedule to take classes that you actually want to take. These classes will take place at various dates throughout the month of July. Each class is \$200 dollars unless the student is out of district, then the cost is \$250. Each class provides the option of a morning or afternoon session. The morning class goes from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon class from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"I am taking summer school classes because I want to take more electives and maybe graduate early," Sarah Holt,

freshman, said.

Work experience is also another option offered where you can earn high school credit through working. It consists of a series of short writing assignments relating to some kind of summer job and working a minimum of 180 hours. This is the least expensive of the classes at \$125 dollars.

Easton School in Oregon City is a community center for students offering only credit recovery.

Brigham Young University offers correspondence classes, credit recovery at times (see your counselor) and elective credit either online or through

the mail. They have a variety of classes that range from guitar to pre-calculus. BYU also provides the option of online tests. To take a final, contact your school counselor or your local librarian. Students have a year to complete each course through this program.

Clackamas Community College, a popular choice, offers credit recovery and electives. Credits count for college and high school credit. They have two locations, one in Wilsonville and another in Oregon City. To take high school credit recovery classes at CCC, contact the Dye Learning Center.

Applications for the summer school programs are due June 8, and can be found on the school website. Payments are due with the application, but a partial refund of 50% is given if the student cancels before July 2. Textbooks are provided at no extra charges, and two absences will disqualify students from earning credit for the class.

If students have any questions they can contact Kattie Riggs at riggsk@wlwv.k12.or.us or call 503-673-7815.

"All these options work well and students are successful with all of them," Dick Ponting, guidance counselor, said.