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Unique experiences
connect new teachers

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How does a lunch date with Paul McCartney, a junior clogging troupe, a ballroom dancer and three guys named Jonathan relate to WLHS? Nine new teachers join the staff with a wide range of education and experience.

Name: Tina LaFerriere

Age: 33

Teaching: Advanced Algebra, AP Calculus and Integrated Math.

Graduated from: Bachelor of Arts from Providence College, Master's from the University of Rhode Island.

In high school, you were known for: Playing soccer, basketball, tennis and studying.

Hobbies: Watching football, hiking, playing Texas Hold'em

One random fact that most people don't know about you: I drove 4484.4 miles to get here (from Providence, RI to Portland, OR.) and this is my ninth year teaching.

TINA LAFERRIERE
MATHEILEEN OPPELT
SCIENCE

Name: Eileen Oppelt

Age: 28

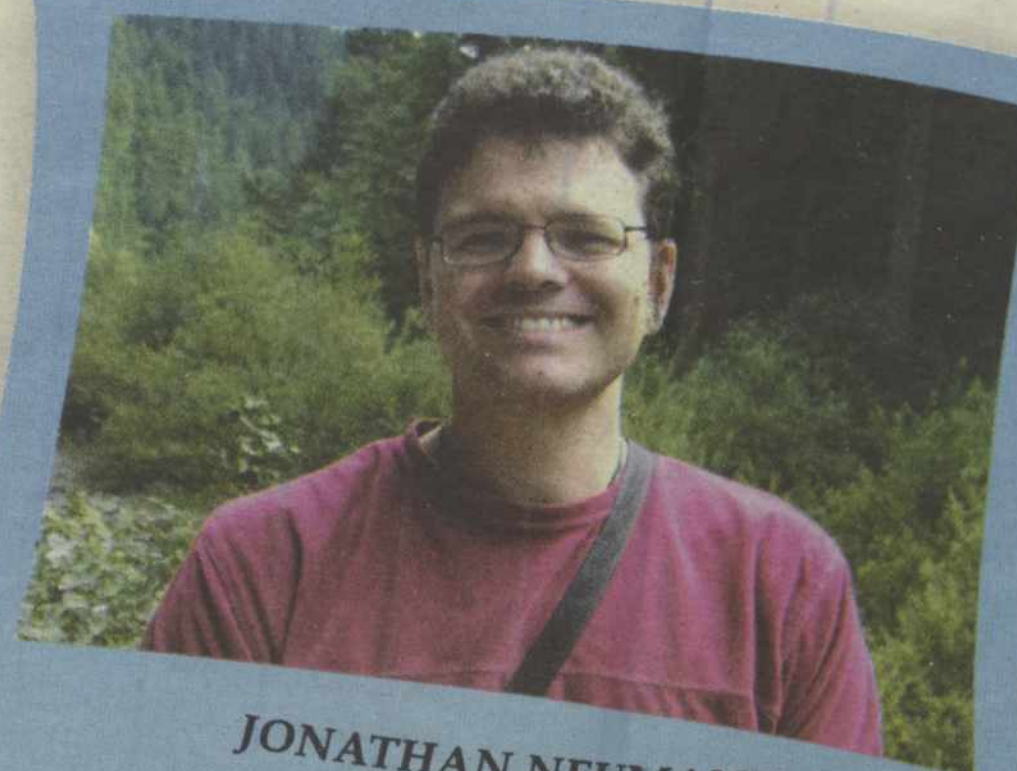
Teaching: Biology and Global Biology

Graduated from: Purdue University, Northern Michigan University, Oregon State University.

In high school, you were known for: My two older brothers... I was known as Little Oppelt or Micropelt

Hobbies: Backpacking, traveling, bird watching

One random fact that most people don't know about you: I have had many frightening run-ins with black bears while I was conducting research: 1) one charged at me, 2) one "barked" at me, 3) one pushed trees down around me.

JONATHAN NEUMANN
SCIENCE

Name: Jonathan Neumann

Teaching: AP Environmental Science (APES) and Biology

Graduated from: Charles Jordan High School in Durham, North Carolina. I received my Bachelor in Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (biology, geology, and anthropology) from University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill in 1990. I received my Medical Degree from Portland State University this past June.

In high school you were known for: Having a large afro, wearing pajamas to school, driving a silver car, having three jobs, being a contrarian, and generally being a goof.

Hobbies: None - I am a new teacher! Who has time for hobbies? But really, I like to attempt to be handy around the house (because if you can't be handsome, you might as well be handy), brew Kombucha, read, garden, hike and generally be outside.

One random fact that most people don't know about you: There is a silent and invisible 'g' in my last name. Also, I was in a professional clogging troupe when I was 10 & 11 years old (The Apple Chill Cloggers) - Shuck that Oyster and Dosey-Do!

Name: Lael Shea

Age: 24

Teaching: Geometry and Trigonometry

Graduated from: Oregon State University — GO BEAVS!

In high school, you were known for: The person who helped everyone else study for tests.

Hobbies: Running, ballroom dancing and reading.

One random fact that most people don't know about you: I like to crochet. I make blankets and geometric shapes (hyperbolic plane, torus or donut, psuedosphere).

LAEL SHEA
MATHJONATHAN DAVIES
SCIENCE

Name: Jonathan Davies

Age: 37

Teaching: Yes, I teach daily. What particularly is it that you are looking for with this one word prompt? Seriously.

Graduated from: Trumbull High School, Trumbull, Connecticut. And twice from Humboldt State University (both Bachelor in Science in biology and my teaching credential).

In high school, you were known for: Being a vegetarian and one of the best hacky sack players on campus.

Hobbies: Reading, bike riding, backpacking, hiking, frisbee golf.

One random fact that most people don't know about you: I'm right handed but left eyed.

Name: Nancy Monson

Age: "mid-30s"

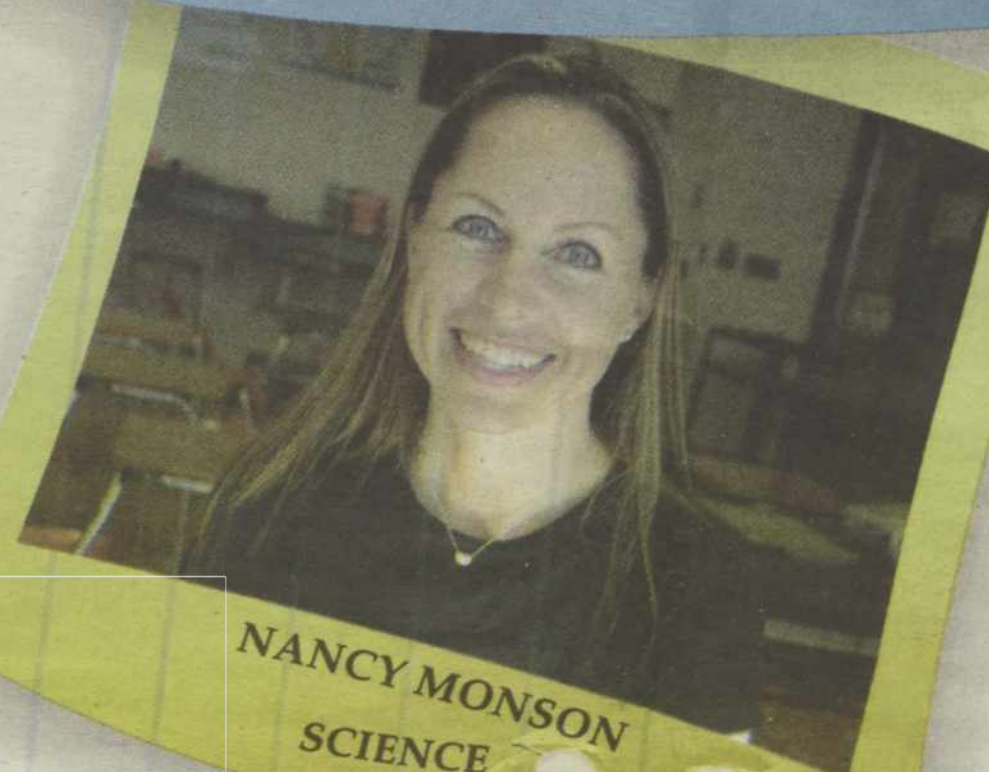
Teaching: Biology and Chemistry in the Community

Graduated from: Bachelor's Degree in Biology from UC Santa Barbara and Master's Degree from Stanford University

In high school, you were known for: Driving a plain white Ford Sedan that looked like an FBI agent's car, aka: "Agent Monson"

Hobbies: Playing piano, attending and/or doing theatre, playing with my dogs, Bubba and Austin.

One random fact that most people don't know about you: I teach kick boxing on the weekends.

NANCY MONSON
SCIENCE

Name: Jos

Age: 28

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