

Dear High School Faculty and Staff:

I hope this letter finds you well, and that your summer break has been restful and exhilarating! As I typically do in this letter, I would like to introduce some new staff who will be joining us this fall. **Lukas Brott** joins our Biology team, as Dan Taylor moves to chemistry to replace Kim Milne. **Tyler Balow** joins the social studies department from Decorah High School and will teach world history and civics. **Ray Coudret** returns to the math department after serving as assistant principal at the middle school. **Anne Campbell** joins our special education department and replaces John Mahal as the level 2/3 EBD classroom teacher, and **Nicole Gill** takes over in our low incidence program for the recently retired Kathy Lean. Also in special education, **Danielle Crase** steps in for Taylor Murray who is moving to Bridgewater Elementary. Additionally we will be hiring a new part-time FACS teacher to replace MaryJo Arndt, part-time social studies replacing Erin Carson, and another special education teacher. We also welcome school psychologist **Marcy Korynta**, who will be here .6 FTE and allow Carrie Duba to move into a .6 FTE MTSS role. Welcome to you all!

There are a number of returning staff in new or expanded roles with us as well. **Liz Pfeiffer** returns in special education, but moves from EBD to resource and will be shared between the high school and ALC. Liz takes over for Elaine Harries. **Katie Casson** returns in the German department this fall, but this time as the entire department, replacing Deborah Winkleman. She will also teach one section at the middle school. **Amanda Tracy** increased her FTE from .2 to .8 in the Spanish Department. **Lisa Battaglia** and **Carrie Duba**, as I mentioned above, will coordinate the MTSS initiative. **Leah Sand** returns to the physical education department after coordinating MTSS at the MS and HS.

A few specific items for your attention:

- Regarding the FIRST day of workshops, look for information from Site Council about the potluck breakfast.
- Students will be receiving their iPads on August 18th from 12-6 and 25th from 12-6, and electronic schedules will go live on August 26th. If you have any interest in helping w/ iPad distribution on either of those days, please let Kim Briske know at kbriske@northfieldschools.org. Your help would certainly be welcome!
- First Day – 9th graders arrive at regular time for LINK activities. All staff needs to be out of rooms from 9:30-11:00. All students run 15 minute class/5 minute passing time schedule starting at 12:30 p.m. 9th graders will have nothing w/ them when they come to your classes. LINK leaders will not be in 7th hour.
- We will do class meetings again this fall. Class meetings will occur on Friday, September 11th. 12th graders: period 3; 11th graders period 2; 10th graders period 5; 9th graders period 7.
- Picture day will happen simultaneously with iPad distribution. Picture makeup day is October 1st from 7:30-12:00 in the auditorium.
- MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT this year is the evening of September 16th (please note this is again a **Wednesday** evening), from 6:30-8:30. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Teachers new to the district will report to the middle school the morning of *Wednesday, August 26th*, and will continue their orientation *Thursday, August 27th*. On *Monday, August 31st*, NHS faculty will report to the high school for breakfast, staff development (1 hour) and work time (4 hours). *Tuesday, September 1st* secondary staff will be in the HS auditorium for a day of training around common formative assessment. *Wednesday, September 2nd* is 4 hours of staff development (technology, Casper, and building staff development) and 3 hours of work time. Finally, *Thursday September 3rd* is slated for 4 hours of Mental Health First Aid training and with the rest of the day given to you for work time. A more detailed schedule of SD activities will be available from MaryGrace Hanson somewhere near where you found this letter!

I wish each of you an enjoyable remainder of the summer break, and we'll see you on the 31th.

Sincerely,
Joel