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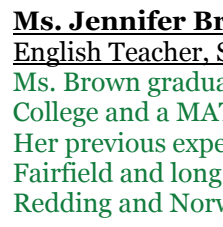
Meet Our New Staff

This year's first issue spotlights the New Milford Public Schools new staff members. In addition to offering a heartfelt welcome to each one, we would like to help you get to know them. Individuals are listed in alphabetical order.



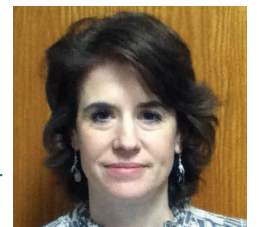
Ms. Lauren Biatowas -
English Teacher, Schaghticoke Middle School

Ms. Biatowas worked as a teaching assistant and writing tutor while attending Eastern Connecticut State University and has served in English long term substitute positions in the Shelton and Amity public schools. She received her BA in English from Eastern Connecticut State University.



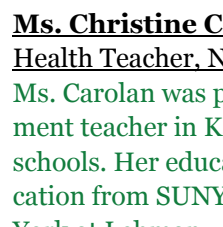
Ms. Jennifer Brown -
English Teacher, Schaghticoke Middle School

Ms. Brown graduated with a BA in Creative Writing from Bard College and a MAT in Education from Sacred Heart University. Her previous experience includes work as a paraprofessional in Fairfield and long term substitute teaching in Greenwich, Easton-Redding and Norwalk public schools.



Ms. Deidre Burke -
Physical Education Teacher, New Milford High School & Health Teacher, Sarah Noble Intermediate School

Ms. Burke received her BA in Physical Education from Central Connecticut State University. She has previously worked as a long term substitute in Physical Education and Health for Region 15.



Ms. Christine Carolan -
Health Teacher, New Milford High School

Ms. Carolan was previously employed as a Health leave replacement teacher in Katonah, Tarrytown and Mount Pleasant New York schools. Her educational background includes a BS in Health Education from SUNY Cortland and an MS from City University of New York at Lehman.



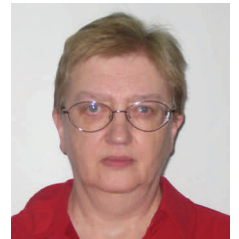


Mr. Enrico Casagrande -
English Teacher, New Milford High School

Mr. Casagrande received a BA in English from the University of Connecticut and an MS in Education/Secondary English certification from the University of Bridgeport. He has previously worked as a freelance writer for the Danbury News-Times, as a substitute teacher in the Danbury and New Milford schools and as an English/Social Studies tutor in the Ridgefield schools.

Ms. Victoria Chaudhuri -
Chemistry Teacher, New Milford High School

Ms. Chaudhuri has previous Chemistry teaching experience in Springfield MA, and in Windsor and Farmington CT. She most recently served as the K-12 supervisor for the district STEM program in New Britain. Ms. Chaudhuri received her BS in Chemistry from the University of Alabama and an MA in Educational Administration from Westfield State College.



Mrs. Jennifer Chmielewski -
Assistant Principal, Northville Elementary School & Schaghticoke Middle School

Mrs. Chmielewski's educational background includes a BA in Communication Science and Disorders from James Madison University, an MA in Special Education from New York University and her Administrative Certification from Sacred Heart University. She has worked previously in an elementary international school in New York City and in the Bethel elementary and middle schools.

Mr. Adam Ciullo -
School Psychologist, New Milford High School & Hill and Plain Elementary School

Mr. Ciullo is a recent graduate of the University of Connecticut Hartford. His educational background includes a BA in Psychology from the University of Connecticut and an MS in School Psychology and 6th Year degree in School Psychology from the University of Hartford.



Ms. Patricia Farquharson -
Nurse, Northville Elementary School

Ms. Farquharson received her BSN from Western Connecticut State University. She has previously worked as a substitute nurse in the New Milford schools, as a nurse at New Milford Hospital and at the New Milford Visiting Nurse Association.

Mrs. Mary Furfaro -
Special Education Teacher, New Milford High School

Mrs. Furfaro received a BA in Government from Hamilton College and recently finished her MPS in Childhood and Special Education from Manhattanville College. She has worked as a substitute teacher and paraprofessional in Ridgefield, as a special education teaching assistant in New Canaan and as a long term Learning Specialist in Pound Ridge New York.





Ms. Victoria Giudice -
Physical Education Teacher, New Milford High School

Ms. Giudice is a recent graduate of Central Connecticut State University where she received her BS in Physical Education. She has worked as a substitute teacher in the Watertown and Hartford schools and as a YMCA youth sports instructor in Brookfield and Danbury.

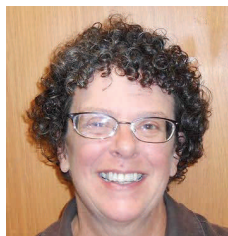
Ms. Michele Imperioli -
Special Education Teacher, Sarah Noble Intermediate School

Ms. Imperioli graduated with a BA in Elementary Education/Psychology from Rider University and an MA in Special Education from Southern Connecticut State University. She has previously worked in Westport as a paraprofessional and a special education teacher, in Newtown as a building teacher substitute and behavioral therapist and as a long term substitute in the New Milford schools.



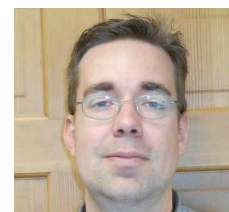
Mrs. Corby Kennison -
Math Coach, District-wide K-6

Mrs. Kennison has a varied background in education having worked as an elementary teacher in South Carolina and Texas, a project manager in the Florida Department of Education, a college instructor in Mississippi, a math specialist in Massachusetts and most recently as the K-5 Math Consultant/Specialist in the Torrington schools. She received a BA in Elementary Education from Transylvania University, an MA in Curriculum Instruction from the University of Kentucky and an EdS in Science Education from State University of Florida.



Mr. Stephen Kern -
Systems Analyst, District-wide

Mr. Kern's previous experience includes work as a computer PC/LAN technician in the Norwich City School District, a technician in private computer businesses and as a computer technician in the New Fairfield School District. He has an AS in Computer Science from Bergen Community College.



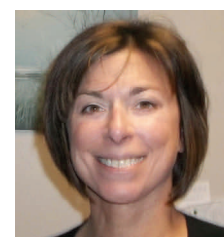
Mrs. Jennifer LaCava -
English Teacher, New Milford High School

Mrs. LaCava previously worked as an English teacher at NMHS from 1998-2002 and most recently served as a long term English substitute in 2012-13. She received her BA in English from Muhlenberg College.



Mrs. Lisa Lee -
Social Studies Teacher, New Milford High School

Mrs. Lee graduated with a BA in History, with teaching certification, from William Paterson College of New Jersey. Her teaching experience includes work as a 7th and 8th grade Social Studies teacher in New Jersey, as a high school Social Studies teacher at Torrington High School and as a STEP Teacher at Schaghticoke Middle School.



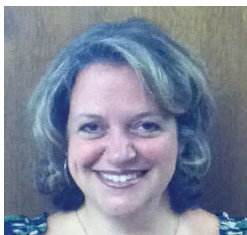


Ms. Kelly Livingstone -
Guidance Counselor, New Milford High School

Ms. Livingstone is a recent graduate of Western Connecticut State University. Her educational background includes a BS in Family Studies from the University of New Hampshire and an MS in School Counseling from Western Connecticut State College.

Mr. James McDonough -
Special Education Teacher, New Milford High School

Mr. McDonough received a BA in Political Science from the University of New Hampshire and an MS in Special Education from Western Connecticut State University. He has worked as an Outward Bound course director in Maine and Massachusetts, as a Regional YMCA Program Director and as a Social Studies teacher at Pomperaug High School.

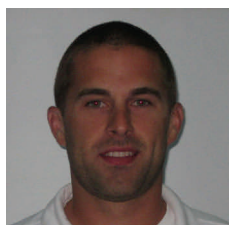


Mrs. Jennifer Meyers -
Assistant Principal, Sarah Noble Intermediate School & John Pettibone Elementary School

Mrs. Meyers' educational background includes a BS in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut State University, and an MS in Special Education as well as a 6th year in Educational Leadership from Southern Connecticut State University. She previously taught in Connecticut and Arizona schools before obtaining her administrative certificate.

Mrs. Beatriz Murphy -
Spanish Teacher, New Milford High School

Mrs. Murphy graduated with a BS in Industrial Engineering from Instituto Tecnológico in Durango, Mexico and is receiving her Spanish certification through the Connecticut Alternate Route to Certification. Her previous work experience involves teaching English as a Second Language, work in industrial engineering and work as a long term Spanish teacher substitute in the Wilton schools.

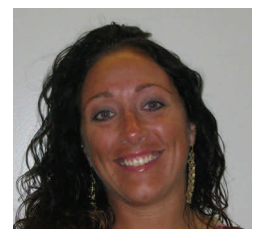


Mr. Sean Murray -
Physical Education Teacher, New Milford High School

Mr. Murray is a recent graduate from Southern Connecticut State University with a BS in Exercise Science. He has previously served as a long term substitute in Physical Education for the West Haven schools and has experience as an assistant coach in basketball and football at high schools in Milford and Stratford.

Ms. Megan Pane -
Special Education Teacher, New Milford High School

Ms. Pane received her BA in Psychology from Western Connecticut State University and her MA in Education from the University of Bridgeport. She has previously worked as a kindergarten teacher in a private school in New Fairfield and as a Special Education teacher with Education Connection.





Ms. Roberta Pratt -
Technology Director, District-wide

Ms. Pratt comes to New Milford from the Seymour public schools where she had been Director of Technology since 2010. She received her BS in Computer Science from Charter Oak State College. She previously worked at the Gilbert School as Director of Network Systems/Network Administrator and in the New Britain School System as a Network Engineer.

Ms. Colleen Sexton -
Grade 3 Teacher, Hill and Plain School

Ms. Sexton graduated with a BA in Liberal Studies from the University of Scranton and an MAT from Sacred Heart University. Her previous experience includes work as a paraprofessional, a teacher in Continuing Education and as a long term teacher substitute in Ridgefield and Newtown public schools.



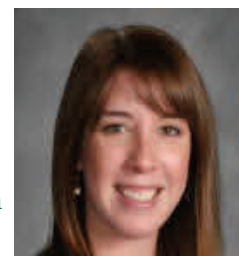
Dr. Anne Stuhlman -
Principal, Hill and Plain Elementary School



Dr. Stuhlman previously worked in Regional School District 12 where she served as Director of Curriculum and Instruction for three years. Prior to that, she served as Director of Assessment and Accountability for the Naugatuck public schools. Dr. Stuhlman also has experience as a principal, at Litchfield Intermediate School for seven years, and at schools in Texas for over five years. She obtained her BS degree in Elementary Education from Lincoln University, her MS degree in Educational Administration from Texas A & M University, and her Doctorate in Educational Administration from Baylor University.

Ms. Ashley Vinhateiro -
Special Education Teacher, Hill and Plain Elementary School

Ms. Vinhateiro has served as a teacher substitute in the New Milford public schools and as a Student Care Worker with Education Connection. She is a graduate of the New Milford public schools and received her BS in Health Management and Policy from the University of New Hampshire and an MS in Special Education from Southern Connecticut State University.



Mrs. Lisa Wagner -
Paraeducator, Sarah Noble Intermediate School

Mrs. Wagner graduated with a BA in Early Childhood Development from Central Michigan University. Her previous experience includes work as a director/preschool teacher at a private day care in Michigan and as a substitute paraeducator in the New Milford schools.



Mrs. Stephanie Zappone -
Math Coach, Grades 4-6

Mrs. Zappone's educational background includes a BS in Psychology from Sacred Heart University and an MA in Mathematics (Elementary Concentration) from Central Connecticut State University. She has previously worked as an elementary teacher in New Haven and as a Mathematics teacher in the Oxford schools.





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There are Lots of Ways to Stay Informed

**One of the best sources for information about
 New Milford Public School events and happenings
 is our website:**

<http://www.newmilfordps.org/>

From the home page, you can visit websites of the individual schools, see a calendar of events, email staff using the staff directory, download district forms etc.

Can't find your answer on the website?

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Visit <http://ciacsports.com/site/> for up to date schedules and to sign up for alerts about changes in schedule.

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Attend Board of Education meetings. Links to the schedule and the minutes of all Sub-Committee and full Board meetings that have taken place are posted on our [home page](#).

Prefer your news from the comfort of your couch?

Watch cable Channel 17. Monthly Board of Education meetings and other special programs can be viewed on cable Channel 17. You can even see episodes of **Wave TV**, New Milford High School's student video production.

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The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.