



## MEET THE TEAM

# ALLI BAUCK

## 4TH GRADE TEACHER

### Education & Experience

Alli graduated from Valley City State University with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education. After graduation, she spent three years teaching second grade at West Fargo Public Schools.

### Looking forward to...

Alli is looking forward to being part of a smaller community and building relationships with the students, staff, and people in the area. She is excited for a new challenge teaching 4th grade for the first time.

### Little Tidbits:

- Alli has an Australian Shepherd dog named Paisley.
- Alli's favorite thing to do is spend quality time with my family.
- Alli played collegiate basketball at Valley City State University for four years and experienced the NAIA National tournament twice.



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# MIKE BAUCK

## BUSINESS EDUCATION TEACHER



### Education & Experience:

Mike earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Education from Concordia College Moorhead. He comes to NY Mills High School with 23 years of teaching experience at Bertha-Hewitt High School

### Looking forward to...

I'm excited to get to know all of the students and staff and start building positive relationships. I am looking forward to making new friendships, relationships, and memories here in the New York Mills school district.

### Little Tidbits:

- Mike has been happily married to Teri Bauck for an incredible 29 years. "Throughout our journey, we have been truly blessed with three remarkable children: Zach, who is now 26 years old, Brady, who is 22, and Isabella, who is 18," said Mike.
- Last June, we embarked on a memorable adventure together by taking a magnificent Mediterranean cruise. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that allowed us to explore destinations such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Colosseum, and the picturesque Amalfi Coast. The trip created lasting memories for all of us.
- Mike enjoys spending quality time with loved ones at the lake during the warm summer months whether it's swimming, boating, or simply being out in the sun. As an avid basketball fan, Mike finds great excitement in following the games and cheering for his favorite teams. He also enjoys deer hunting because it allows me to appreciate the beauty of the outdoors while also satisfying my passion for hunting.





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# MATTHEW BROWN

ELEMENTARY  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
TEACHER

### Education & Experience:

Mathew got his undergrad in mass communication from Bemidji State University. Since then he has received his special education teaching license as part of a masters program that he continues to pursue. Mathew brings 14 years of experience from his time in Detroit Lakes and Little Falls.

### Looking foward to...

"I am looking forward to collaborating and working with the wonderful staff and, of course, working with the students," said Mathew.

### Little Tidbits:

- Mathew enjoys to be outside.
- He spends his free time on the golf course, on the boat, or outside walking his golden retrievers.
- Something unique about Mathew is the sound of his laugh. "You certainly know when I'm around," said Mathew.





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# TODD FORMAN

TECHNOLOGY  
SUPERVISOR

## Education

Todd has a BS in Geography and a BS in Civil Engineering both from the University of Wisconsin. Go Badgers!!!

## Looking forward to...

Todd is looking forward to getting to know the students, staff and families and becoming an active resident in the School District and surrounding communities.

## Little Tidbits:

- Until now, Todd has lived in the Madison area of Wisconsin his entire life. Specifically in Waterloo, which is the home of Trek Bikes & Van Holten pickles.
- Todd has 4 adult children, two boys and two girls. His oldest daughter is married and has 2 children. They live in Ottertail and the reason he moved to Northern Minnesota. His oldest son is also married and the other two are engaged.
- Todd enjoys hunting & fishing, and tries to keep in shape by running & biking.







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# JAMIE GEORGE

SPECIAL EDUCATION  
TEACHER ELEMENTARY  
ASD/DCD

### Education

Jamie earned a bachelor's degree from SMSU fall of 2022, and currently going for my Masters in ASD. Jamie has worked as a paraprofessional and substitute teacher in area schools. She was a long-term sub for a NY Mills first grade class last spring.

### Looking forward to...

Jamie is looking forward to working with all the wonderful staff in NYM and getting to know each one of her students and their families. "It has become a goal of mine to have my own classroom where students feel accepted and where I will be able to make a difference in their lives," said Jamie.

### Little Tidbits:

- Jamie lives with her husband and two children on a little hobby farm outside of Perham.
- Jamie loves to travel. In the past few years the George family has visited Alaska, Hawaii, Florida, and Arizona!
- Jamie's kids are involved in many different activities that she enjoys watching. She loves going to baseball games, binging on new Netflix series, and baking.





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# ZACH HOCKING

## K-6 PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

### Education & Experience:

Minnesota State University Moorhead graduated with a Physical and Health Education Degree. Zach student taught in NY Mills during the fall of 2022 and finished the school year employed as a paraprofessional and a substitute teacher.

### Looking forward to...

Zach is looking forward to starting his teaching career in a place where he feels valued and trusted. "I got to student teach under Jeff Rimpila and Bryan Dunrud, which was amazing. I learned so much from those guys," said Zach. "I am just ready to have it be my own and build off of what is already set in place."

### Little Tidbits:

- Zach loves playing town ball in the Summers in Park Rapids, where he grew up.
- Zach likes to hunt, fish and play golf, although he pretty much likes anything sports related.
- Zach also helped coach football, wrestling, and softball last year in NY Mills.



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# LINDSAY KENNEDY

HIGH SCHOOL  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
TEACHER



### Education & Experience:

Lindsay has a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education and Special Education from MSUM. This is her first teaching position.

### Looking forward to...

My goal is to create a safe place for students that encourage them to reach their highest potential and goals.

### Little Tidbits:

- Lindsay enjoys hiking with her husband and dogs. They spend a lot of time at the lake and like to be outdoors as much as possible.
- Lindsay also loves painting and printmaking and bringing art into the community.
- Lindsay likes to travel as much as possible. The farthest she has travelled was Thailand. Lindsay and her husband hope to continue their international travels!





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# SHELBY MIDTHUN

## HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER

### Education & Experience:

Shelby has her Bachelors Degree in Zoology from NDSU, as well as a Masters Degree in science education. She taught in Montana her first year and taught the past two years at Frazee High School.

### Looking forward to...

"I'm so looking forward to getting to know my students and share my passion for science," said Shelby.

### Little Tidbits:

- Shelby has a horse (Ditto) and two dogs (Meeko and Panda).
- Shelby lived in Australia for a while working on a cattle station.
- Shelby is originally from Cody, Wyoming.







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# LEAH ROBERTS-VEAZIE (MS. RV)

HIGH SCHOOL  
ENGLISH TEACHER

### Education & Experience:

Graduated from New York Mills HS in 2017.  
Graduated from Concordia, Moorhead in 2021 with major in English Education and Communication Arts Literature endorsement. Current graduate student at Mankato State University Minnesota's Communication and Composition Program.

### Looking forward to...

I'm looking forward to being an Eagle again!

### Little Tidbits:

- Leah and her husband live with their cat, Stella, and their new puppy, Wrigley.
- Leah competed in Speech throughout High School and College.
- Leah's mom and grandma owned Place in the Country, Gathering Grounds in Perham for 22 years.



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# AMY SOBIESKI

## MUSIC TEACHER

### Education & Experience:

Amy has a BS from Bemidji State University with a major in Mass Communications and a minor in Political Science. She lived and worked in St. Paul until moving here after her boys were born. Amy and her husband were self-employed in the marine manufacturing business until we sold to a marine company.

Amy has played the piano since she was 7 years old. She is also an alumni of the NYM band having played the trumpet and French horn. She was also in the high school choir and had a semester of choir in college. Now I mostly sing in the car as well as play the organ for my church.

### Looking foward to...

"I am excited by a new opportunity to sharing my love of music with the students," said Amy.



### Little Tidbits:

- Amy has two boys in college, John studies business at the University of Minnesota twin cities campus. He will graduate next spring! He specifically studies the supply chain management. Henry is a sophomore at the University of North Dakota studying commercial aviation.
- Amy's last name is the same as a very famous Polish king. They traveled to Poland a long time ago and her son John traveled there last spring.
- Amy has a super smart and beautiful German Shepard dog. Her name is Mabel and she is still a very energetic puppy. "I look forward to her being a bit more laid back," said Amy.





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# JENNA STODGELL

## THIRD GRADE TEACHER

### Education & Experience:

After graduating from Bemidji High School, Jenna received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Bemidji State University. She also earned her Master's Degree in Elementary Reading and Mathematics. Jenna's first teaching job was at a private school in fifth grade in Ireland. Back in the U.S., Jenna taught first grade for two years in Mahanomen and third grade for seven years in Cass Lake.

### Looking forward to...

"There is so much to look forward to this next school year. I am most looking forward to getting to know the NYM community, my students, their families, and all school personnel," said Jenna.

### Little Tidbits:

- Jenna grew up on Lake of the Woods and am a huge lake person. She loves fishing, swimming, boating, floating, or just lounging and listening to the waves!
- You can usually find Jenna spending time with her family including three siblings, ten nieces and nephews, two children, and our Goldendoodle, Millie. We could be camping, at the lake, four wheeling, golfing, or hitting up one of the many sporting events the kids are involved in.
- Jenna loves to laugh, have fun, be creative, and explore. She's traveled to places such as Ireland, Germany, Italy, and Thailand. Not long ago, Jenna was on the beaches in Hawaii. "I definitely need to get back there some day," she said.





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# ADAM ZACHMAN

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS SUPERVISOR

### Education & Experience:

Adam graduated from Rogers High School before completing the welding technology program at Hennepin Technical College. His building maintenance education began when he started as a custodian for the St. Michael-Albertville School District. Over 9 years, Adam worked his way up to become the head custodian of the 430,000--square-foot high school. (As a reference, NY Mills School is 184,000 square feet.)

### Looking forward to...

Most recently, Adam served as the Building Maintenance Supervisor for Big Lake Schools. During his 4 years in Big Lake, Adam searched for a building maintenance position closer to his family's cabin on Long Lake near Longville, MN. It's still a bit of a drive, but Adam said he's super excited to be in NY Mills.

### Little Tidbits:

- Adam enjoys spending time with his brother and parents at the lake, as well as hunting, fishing, camping, jet skiing, golfing, and four-wheeling.
- His favorite hobby is ice fishing. He's been known to push the limits and head out on the ice as soon as he can. Last year he spent Thanksgiving weekend on Upper Red Lake, which had about four inches of ice at the time.

