



We welcome Mr. William Wood as our newly appointed WAJ principal. Prior to his appointment as the Principal of Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School, he was the Career & Technical Education (CTE) Building Principal at Questar III BOCES. He was also the Associate Principal at Hudson Senior High School for several years. Mr. Wood started his career in education as an English and Global Studies teacher in which he realized his passion to help empower students with knowledge.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Mr. Wood also enjoys spending quality time with his family. He can often be found playing his guitar and singing for his two daughters and son. He also enjoys reading fiction, and playing baseball, basketball, ping-pong, and chess. Mr. Wood also speaks Italian fluently! He met his wife, Ashlee, during his undergraduate studies. They have a seven-year-old daughter, Finley, a five-year-old daughter, Violet, and a one-year-old son, William. He looks forward to this new role and meeting the students, families, faculty and staff as he joins our team as a WAJ Warrior!



We are excited to welcome Miss Donna Boyce to the WAJ family as our Transportation Supervisor. She has several years of leadership experience in transportation, overseeing the safe and efficient movement of students as well as effectively training and overseeing staff. Miss Boyce is not only a leader and trainer, but she also served as a school bus driver, obtaining her CDL in 2016 and earning her certificate as a school bus instructor and NYS examiner in 2018 as well as a certified transportation specialist in 2019.

She believes in building strong relationships with teamwork as a foundation. Now residing in Windham, NY, Miss Donna Boyce looks forward to getting to know individual students and families in the community. In her spare time, she enjoys visiting with her adult son and daughter as well as taking long walks with her faithful black Labrador.



It is with great pleasure that we introduce Mrs. Connie Berube who will be joining WAJ as an elementary teacher. Mrs. Berube earned her bachelor's degree in Childhood Education and a master's degree in K-12 Literacy. Prior to WAJ, she taught for eight years as a reading, math, and third grade teacher. Mrs. Berube is also an experienced Cross Country, Indoor, and Outdoor Track & Field Coach.

She is self-motivated, goal oriented, and a natural collaborator who believes in the importance of being an excellent role model for her students. In fact, Mrs. Berube shared that her own children ages 5, 3, and 5 months are her inspiration towards putting her best self forward every day to make a difference in the lives of children. She enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, four wheeling, and snowmobiling. Mrs. Berube is excited to get started at WAJ where she will follow her passion by teaching third grade math and science.



Please welcome Mrs. Chalya Pudlewski who will be joining the WAJ family this fall as an English teacher! She grew up in the area and earned a bachelor's degree in Adolescence Education: English from Elmira College and a master's degree in English from the State University of New York at Albany. Mrs. Pudlewski is no stranger to WAJ, in which she filled a maternity leave and aide position before working for the last ten years as an English teacher at Cooperstown Junior/Senior High School.

Mrs. Pudlewski's enthusiasm for writing, reading, and literature is sure to engage and excite students. She is thrilled to return to WAJ, joining her husband and two daughters. This school year, Mrs. Pudlewski will be teaching 6th, 7th, and 10th grade English. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, playing with her family, hiking, gardening, and baking.



Luke McGeeney returns to WAJ this year in a dual role working as a seventh grade social studies teacher as well as in the library with students! Mr. McGeeney absolutely loved his time last year working with our WAJ students and he is excited to continue getting to know our fabulous students this year, specifically helping to engage student interest in literature, reading, and history!

Mr. McGeeney's worldly experience teaching in and outside the United States with dual certifications in English and Social Studies will serve him well as he begins his new role as a WAJ teacher.



We would like to welcome Miss Olivia Kornbrek to the WAJ team! She is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree with a double major in Child Studies and Equine Studies. As a former graduate of WAJ and one of our current soccer coaches, we are thrilled for Miss Kornbrek to join us as a teacher's aide in the fall!

Her magnetic personality and ability to connect with children will be a major asset for our students. Additionally, Miss Kornbrek is a knowledgeable equestrian and enjoys spending her free time with her family, horses, and three dogs.

Greetings WAJ Families,

As we continue to prepare to welcome our students in September, we wanted to share with you information about six exciting additions to our faculty and staff. We look forward to a wonderful school year and we certainly have an amazing team working together to support the success of every student.

We invite you to attend a Meet and Greet with our newly appointed principal, Mr. William Wood, on Wednesday, August 31, at 5:30-6:30 PM in the WAJ cafetorium.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you.