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"The Wise Book"

Yankton High School Welcomes New Staff For 2014-2015

From First Year Teachers To Veteran Educators, All Express Appreciation For Their Subjects And YHS



BY
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As the school year gets underway, each new staff member at Yankton High School was given the opportunity to introduce themselves by answering a series of questions. Please welcome the following educators:

Mrs. Charlene Arens
Family and
Consumer Sciences



Is this your first teaching position?

I started teaching in 1980, and I previously taught art. This is my fifth school.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

My favorite is Nutrition and Wellness. I think it probably catches the students' interests easily and it's so hands on.

What was your favorite class in high school?

My favorites were art and family and consumer science classes. I guess I felt I had an aptitude for those classes.

What was the biggest adjustment you had to make this year?

It was probably the class sizes. I had very small classes in my last school.

What is your favorite thing about the students at YHS?

Students here are friendly and always greet you.

Mrs. Mallory Schmidt
Pottery and
Sculpture



Is this your first teaching position?

No, this is my fourth year teaching.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

I teach only pottery, so I guess that would be my favorite!

What was your favorite class in high school?

Any art class, but especially drawing.

What was the biggest adjustment you had to make this year?

Before I came to YHS, I taught five different types of art classes, and now I just teach the pottery classes.

What is your favorite thing about the students at YHS?

I find the students here more polite than some of my past teaching jobs. They are, for the most part, pretty polite.

Mrs. Susan Muehlbeier
Physical Science and
Life Math Skills



Is this your first teaching position?

Yes; before teaching, I was a paraprofessional at Stewart Elementary for seven years.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

Probably Physical Science; it's very interactive and the students get to do labs. There is a high level of student involvement.

What was your favorite class in high school?

Algebra.

What was the biggest adjustment you had to make this year?

Preparing lessons and getting to know the students.

What is your favorite thing about the students at YHS?

They all participate in class.

Ms. Jeana Wegner
Grammar, Sophomore
Composition, and
American Literature



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Is this your first teaching position?

Yes; this is my first teaching job. I went straight from college to earn my masters and teaching certificate.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

Although I love Grammar, I love getting into the depth of American Literature.

What was your favorite class in high school?

Weirdly enough, it was science. I like to investigate things and find solutions. I especially liked studying astronomy and anatomy. I got more in depth with my interest in English in college.

What was the biggest adjustment you had to make this year?

Sophomore Composition. I have not taught a composition class before.

What is your favorite thing about the students at YHS?

Their eagerness to learn when you relate material to their lives.

Mrs. Amy Reyes
YHS Counselor
(Junior Class), and
National Honor Society
Sponsor



Is this your first teaching position?

This is my first counseling job. I was a substitute teacher for about two years, and I was a behavioral health technician at Avera.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

I don't have a favorite part to counseling the students. I equally enjoy career, academic, and personal/social counseling.

What was your favorite class in high school?

I liked Spanish, and I actually minored in it in college.

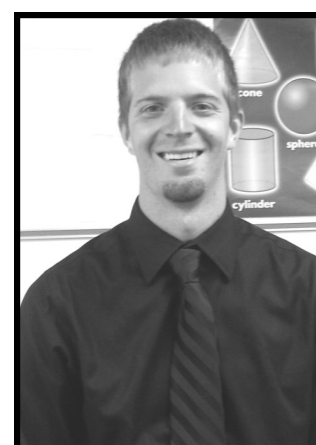
What was the biggest adjustment you had to make this year?

I think the biggest adjustment was being involved in the school in a different capacity than when I was substitute teaching. You get to see lots of things that go into the day to day of school in a different way.

What is your favorite thing about the students at YHS?

They are motivated to stop into my office to make sure they're on track academically.

Mr. Grant Rolfes
Algebra I and
Enriched Geometry



Is this your first teaching position?

Yes; I just graduated from The University of Nebraska at Omaha in May.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

Geometry would be my favorite, because it's so applicable to life.

What was your favorite class in high school?

My favorite class was P.E.; I love sports. It was the "fun class."

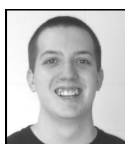
What was the biggest adjustment you had to make this year?

Figuring out how to assign daily work and grading; they don't teach that in college.

What is your favorite thing about the students at YHS?

The friendliness of students; it's been fun to get to know the students.

Yankton High School Bucks Golf Is Maintaining A Successful Season



BY
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The Yankton Boy's Golf Team is looking strong heading into the final stretch before the state tournament Oct. 6 and 7 in Watertown where Coach Brett Sime hopes to medal.

Coach Sime said, "We're hoping to play well enough to medal or get an award at the state tournament. When we've been to meets where we're competing against the teams we'll see at state, we've placed right in that fifth or sixth range, so we'll be fighting to get in the top six at state level."

The team has been lead thus far by the senior trio of Jace Guthmiller, Mitch Schilngman, and Jason Shindler. Guthmiller and Schilngman are both returning from last year's squad that won the ESD Conference Title. That kind of experience is invaluable on a team like this without much big tournament experience.

As a team the Bucks are doing quite well, and on an individual scale, some members of the squad are having excellent seasons.

Guthmiller has taken home the individual title at several tournaments this year. Schilngman has been placing near the top of the field throughout the season. Although he had limited varsity experience prior to this year, senior Jason Shindler has put up some impressive scores throughout the season.

If the Bucks hope to place well at the state tournament and ESD, they are going to need strong performances out of some of the younger members of the team, specifically junior Mason Sundleaf. The Bucks are at their best when Sundleaf is playing well. The team has played very well thus far as individuals, but if they hope to do well at the state tournament, they are going to need a team effort.

A team effort is some-

thing of which this team is fully capable. Assuming everyone plays to the best of their ability, this team will make some serious noise at the state tournament. There is no reason to believe that this won't happen.

As the state tournament draws closer, expect the Bucks to look more and more prepared.

Don't be surprised if strong play at the ESD tournament is exactly what the Bucks need to propel them to a strong finish in the conference and at the state level.

"We're right where I thought we would be this season," Coach Sime said, "We're fighting for second place in the conference. If Brandon Valley slips a little bit, we'll fight for a conference championship."

Mr. Roy Erickson
Intro to Cabinetry,
Building Trades, and
Cabinetry



Is this your first teaching position?

No, before this I taught Cabinetry at Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City. And many years ago, I taught junior high woodshop in Sturgis for four years.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

I think I'm most fond of Cabinetry.

What was your favorite class in high school?

Woodworking was my favorite. Shop is where I had the most fun.

What was the biggest adjustment you had to make this year?

The biggest adjustment was coming back to a public high school. It's totally different than working with high school students from adults. The scheduling is different, and there are so many bells!

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