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Welcoming Our New Teachers

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Before we welcome in our new teachers we wanted to send a farewell to two of our teachers that departed for other opportunities in education. Mr. Guzzarde is headed to Des Plaines and we wish him all the best as he continues his career in education. Additionally, Mrs. McGowan is moving within CPS and we wish her the best in her new school. We thank you both for your time at Sauganash and the role you played in our school and for our students!

We are excited to welcome some new teachers to #TeamSauganash and know they will be a great fit to our school community!

Carl Zumbahlen

(Physical Education)

Mr Z. or Mr. Zumbahlen comes from St. Joan of Arc in Evanston where he served as Athletic Director & PE Teacher for the last four years. Prior to that he did work in Chicago Public Schools on the south side.

Mr. Zumbahlen has a masters in Sports Management from Robert Morris where he also worked in their athletics department. His bachelor's degree in physical education comes from Eastern Illinois. His experience teaching PE spans more than 13 years and we are very excited to bring him on board as our new physical education teacher.

Additionally, Mr. Zumbahlen has coached high school basketball for the last 10 years.



Gretchen Brinza

(5/6th Science - 224)

Mrs. Brinza comes to #TeamSauganash from Alcott College Prep where she worked since 2015. Prior to Alcott Mrs. Brinza taught at STEM Magnet Academy.

Mrs. Brinza's passion for science is very clear and we cannot wait for her to share her wisdom as the new 5/6th Science Teacher.

Mrs. Brinza received her degrees from Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania and DePaul University. Mrs. Brinza participates nationwide in professional development opportunities with Northwestern & Michigan State where she writes, develops, and designs curriculum aligned to NGSS. We couldn't be happier to have Mrs. Brinza as a part of our 5/6th team sharing her love for Science/Stem with our students.



Mary McKenna
(Kindergarten Teacher - 106)

Mrs. McKenna has been at Sauganash School now for 9 years. Mrs. McKenna has worked in a variety of roles including Mrs. Barrie's maternity leave, long term sub, special education teacher assistant.

Mrs. McKenna has degrees Marquette University and Loyola University. She taught 8 years in kindergarten prior to coming to Sauganash in both public and private schools. She will be a great fit to our kindergarten team!

Mrs. McKenna has been a part of the Sauganash community her entire life. She's been a part of the team for a long time and we are super excited for her to be on our kindergarten teaching team.



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