

CCS FALL NEWSLINE

Helping to Strengthen Our Home-School-Community Connection



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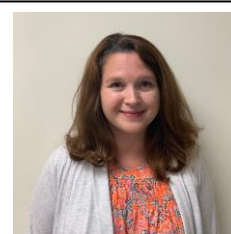
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WELCOME Our Newest Faculty and Staff at Cooperstown CSD

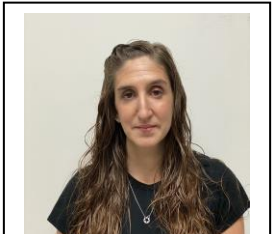
Please welcome our new faculty and staff. Faculty, Staff and Administration have collaborated on interview teams throughout the spring and summer to recommend and select high quality professionals to serve our students and the dynamic needs of the District. In this issue you can read a little about them, as well as their qualifications and assignments this year.



Isabella Anania
Teacher Aide
Elementary School



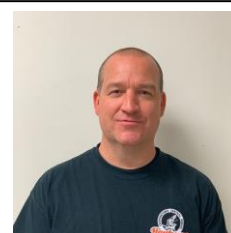
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Special Education Teacher
Elementary School



Veronica Bronson
Teacher Aide
Elementary School



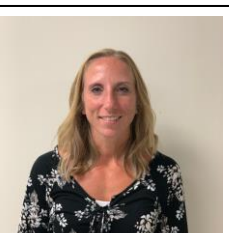
Shelby Condon
Teacher Aide
Elementary School



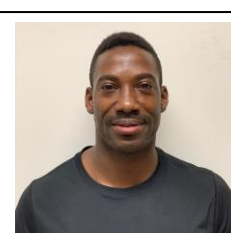
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Teacher Aide
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Sarah Ferguson
Teacher Aide
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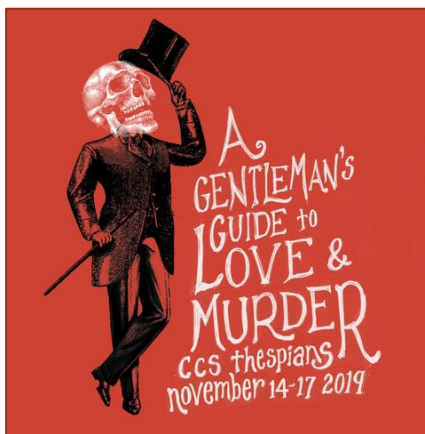
Alison Gridley
Special Education Teacher
Elementary School



Gawayne Headley
Cleaner
Elementary School



Alissa Lundgren
Teacher Aide
Elementary School



CCS Thespians Presents:
A Gentleman's Guide
to Love and Murder

CCS Thespians are in rehearsal, full-tilt, for this year's high school musical, "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder". Over fifty students, grades 9-12 are participating in the show as actors, stage-crew, members of the pit-orchestra, sound and lighting technicians, and ticket-takers. Mr. Timothy Iversen, director, has set performances for Thursday, November 14 (7:00 p.m.), Friday, November 15 (7:00 p.m.), Saturday, November 16 (7:00 p.m.), and Sunday, November 17 (2:00 p.m.), which will be held in the N. J. Sterling Auditorium at Cooperstown Junior-Senior High School. Tickets are available at the door or at the JSHS office beginning November 1, 2019.



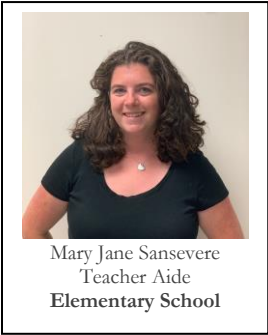
Vicki McCracken
Teacher Aide
Elementary School



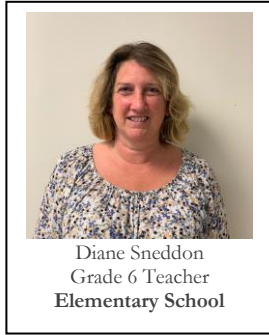
Sara Mileski,
School Counselor
Elementary School



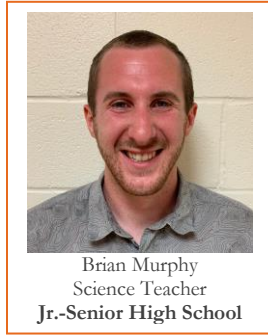
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Cook
Elementary School



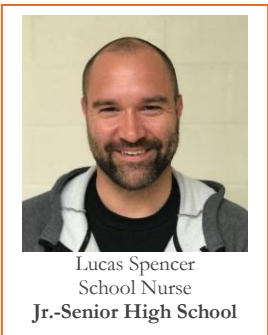
Mary Jane Sansever
Teacher Aide
Elementary School



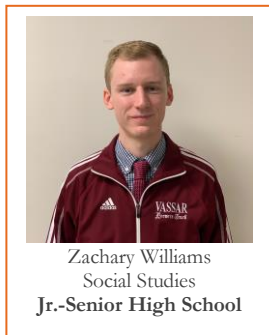
Diane Sneddon
Grade 6 Teacher
Elementary School



Brian Murphy
Science Teacher
Jr.-Senior High School



Lucas Spencer
School Nurse
Jr.-Senior High School



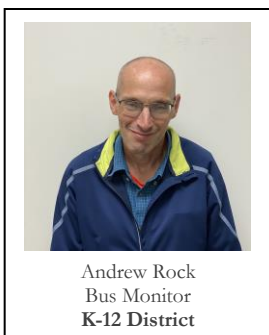
Zachary Williams
Social Studies
Jr.-Senior High School



Jennifer Yanisko
Science Teacher
Jr.-Senior High School



Brandon Lundy
Grounds/Maintenance
K-12 District



Andrew Rock
Bus Monitor
K-12 District



Joann Torres
Bus Monitor
K-12 District

READ A LITTLE ABOUT US (cont.)

Shelby Condon is a Teacher Aide at Cooperstown Elementary School, having attended both LeMoyne College and SUNY Oneonta. She has experience as a caregiver at the ARC of Otsego County and as a private care provider.

John Congdon, Teacher Aide at Cooperstown Elementary School, is a retired Sergeant from the Frankfort Police Department and has worked at Herkimer County Community College, Cooperstown and Otsego County in criminal justice.

Sarah Ferguson is serving students at the Elementary School as a Teacher Aide. She has worked as a newspaper columnist and owns her own business. She holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Alison Gridley is professionally certified as an Elementary Education and Special Education Teacher. She is a graduate of LeMoyne College and holds a master's degree from the University of New England in Curriculum and Instructional Strategies. She is an Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Teacher at Cooperstown Elementary School.

Gawayne Headley is experienced in the field of hospitality, having worked as a head server at the Otesaga Hotel. At CCS, he works in the custodial role of Cleaner at the Cooperstown Elementary School.

Alissa Lundgren has worked at the Otesaga Hotel, the ARC Otsego, and the Brookwood School as a Teacher Assistant. She serves students in the capacity of Teacher Aide at Cooperstown Elementary School.

Sara Mileski has been with CCS since the end of the 2018-2019 school year. She has experience as a former DSS caseworker, child enrichment counselor and school counselor. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child & Family Services from Syracuse University.

Meet our Faculty and Staff READ A LITTLE ABOUT US...

Isabella Anania is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She completed her student teaching in Tuscaloosa, AL in math and science, and serving as a Teacher Aide at Cooperstown Elementary School.

Ms. Burr holds a master's degree in Special Education, and is certified Teacher in the area of K-2 Students With Disabilities. She teaches students in Resource Room, Academic Intervention Services (AIS), and is a Consultant Teacher.

Veronica Bronson is Teacher Aide in Special Education at Cooperstown Elementary School.

READ A LITTLE ABOUT US (cont.)

Vicki MacCracken earned her Master of Science degree as a Medical Secretary from SUNY Delhi and serves the students as a Teacher Aide at Cooperstown Elementary School.

Dylan Rathbun is the Elementary Cook at Cooperstown Elementary School, and formerly served Junior-Senior High School students as a Teacher Aide.

Mary Jane Sansevere a Teacher Aide at Cooperstown Elementary School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. She holds her Level III certification as a Licensed Teacher Assistant.

Diane Sneddon is teaching 6th grade this year at Cooperstown Elementary School and is a certified and experienced teacher in the area of Childhood Education. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with a minor concentration in Sociology.

Brian Murphy teaches Earth Science this year at CCS, and is certified in both Earth Science and General Science, 7-12. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Cortland.

Lucas Spencer earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and, in addition, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Villanova University. He is serving students at the Junior Senior High School as the School Nurse.

Zachary Williams, Social Studies Teacher, grades 7-12, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Greek and Roman Studies from Vassar College and Master of Science in Social Studies from SUNY Albany. He is teaching U.S. History and Global History this year at CCS. He is an experienced Cross Country Running and Track & Field Coach.

Jennifer Yanisko graduated from Marywood University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She is an experienced biology and middle level science Teacher. This year, Mrs. Yanisko teaches Eighth Grade Science and Forensics at Cooperstown Junior-Senior High School.

Cooperstown Central School Transportation Department Boasts 360° Excellence: SAFETY IS JOB #1

“We run eleven bus routes that span ninety-nine square miles. We’ve had no accidents, no tickets, and consistently safe delivery of our students each year,” says Mr. Joe Kukenberger, CCS Transportation Director. Mr. Kukenberger is responsible for scheduling and routing, safety of students, staff and the fleet, as well as observations of drivers.

Here’s something to boast about: our success rate of excellent inspections by the Department of Transportation (DOT) is 97.8% passing. At 90% a school is considered to be beyond reproach, but the CCS rate garners special commendation at the time of evaluation every time.

Our transportation staff, which consists of eleven regular drivers, mechanic and mechanic’s helper attends regularly scheduled annual safety coursework twice each year. Topics on professional development have recently included transporting students with special needs and dangers at the bus stop. Drivers undergo annual drug and alcohol screenings, as well as physical performance tests and written tests.

Mr. Kukenberger is proud of his team and his fleet. He said, “It’s an honor to work with such a dedicated and accomplished team as we have at CCS.” He asks that everyone remember to be cautious around stopped school buses, and to never pass a bus when lights are on while students are either being loaded or unloaded.



Pictured here are some of our wonderful transportation staff who were available at the time of the photo.

Brandon Lundy is a Building & Grounds Maintainer and Substitute Bus Driver for the Cooperstown Central School District.

Andrew Rock serves in the capacity of Bus Monitor for the Cooperstown Central School District.

Joann Torres serves in the capacity of Bus Monitor for the Cooperstown Central School District.

Bradley Smith, CCS Technology Education Teacher, Named New York State Master Teacher

Mr. Bradley Smith recently completed the New York State Master Teacher Program, and earned the prestigious title of Master Teacher. He joins roughly 1,200 teachers from across New York State since 2013 who are lauded as “dedicated professionals who teach science, technology, computer science, robotics, coding, engineering, math, and integrated STEM courses across grades K-12.

In addition to his teaching position at Cooperstown Central School District, Mr. Smith also holds the positions of Department Chairperson, Technology Club Adviser, Outward Bound School Coordinator, and Eighth Grade Team Leader.

We congratulate Mr. Smith for his accomplishments and this prestigious honor. He joins Mrs. Amy Parr, CCS Science Teacher on the faculty of the Junior-Senior High School, who is also a NYS Master Teacher.



Opportunities Outside the Walls of our School...

SARAH FEIK, EQUESTRIAN VAULTER



*Student, Sarah Feik, pictured at a recent national Equestrian Vaulting competition
Photo credit: Alex Thomas Photography*

“It’s like dance and gymnastics on the back of a horse,” said Sarah Feik, who has been training and competing in equestrian vaulting since she was eight years old. She said, “It’s not quite a common sport on the east coast.” To her point, Sarah is an uncommon individual, along with her friend and fellow vaulter Emily Dibble, both students at CCS.

“I practice as much as I can, but I’m also active on the soccer team at CCS and let prior commitments help me prioritize my decisions,” said Sarah. She recently competed in a national competition in Missouri, where she availed herself to the **challenge** of riding in a more challenging and competitive arena.

CCS Partners with BOCES Managed Information Technology Service

Mr. Jeff Smith joins both Mr. Nicholas Antonacci and Mr. Jacob Burke as sub-contracted information technology professionals from the Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and the associated Regional Information Center (RIC). This is part of a District-wide need for “Managed Information Technology”. New York State now requires extensive information technology protection for all school data, testing, and information. More schools are moving toward a managed service to protect student information and data. Additionally, their positions assist faculty and staff in many areas of technology in classrooms and office operations. Mr. Burke is also assisting the District with newsletter layout.

