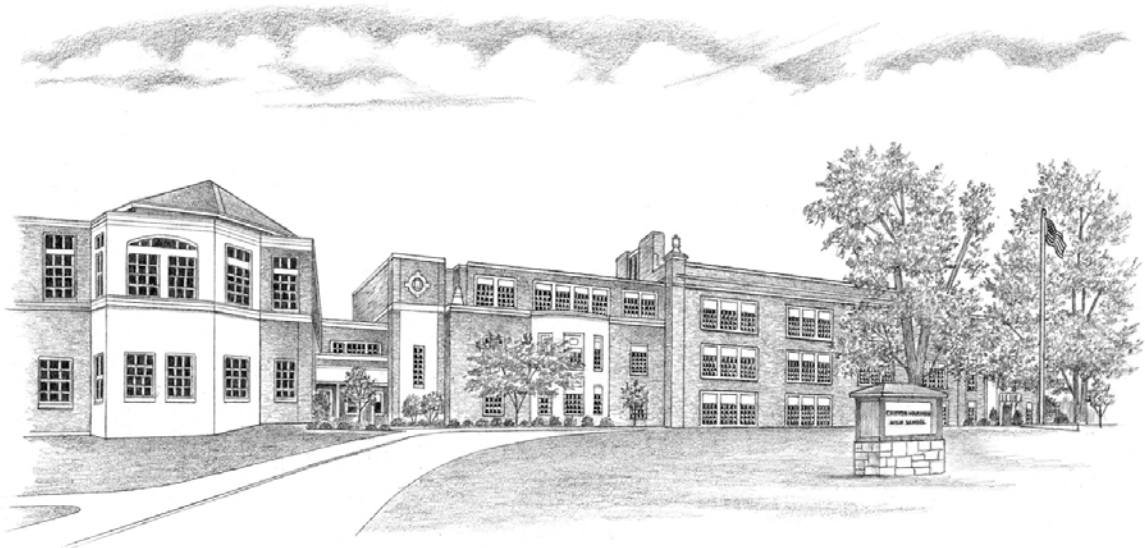


# WHO'S WHO AT CHHS



2018-2019

# **CROTON-HARMON HIGH SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY, 2018-19**

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Assistant Superintendent for Business

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Principal/Director of Guidance

John Buonamano, Director of Health, Physical  
Education, and Athletics

Erica Fiorini, Dean of Students

## High School Faculty

### Art and Music

Jodi Burger(Angela Rogan)  
Michael Katzman  
Jennifer Moore  
Sara O'Brien  
Chase Stevens  
Michael Weinstein  
Jazz Zantay

### English

Susan Ardolino  
Erica Fiorini  
Kelsey Malles  
Joseph Merriam  
Noel Schoenleber  
Jaclyn Szymanski  
Ashley Valentine

### Science

Laurel Cardellichio  
Tatiana Dyakina  
Ray Ferrara  
Zhanna Glazenburg  
Donna Light  
Jamie Rooney  
Mike Spalding

### Foreign Language

Montserrat Ballina-Llosa  
Susan Bree  
Nora Jordan  
Alison Rhoades  
Sophie Wang-Paolicelli

### School Nurse

Phyllis Cobb

### Health

Kerri Tracy

### Library/Media Center

Pam Morrison

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Gregory Bradley  
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Susan Dudman  
Kym Garrett  
Soyoung Lim  
Kurt Lindner  
Marisa Rovertto  
Isabella Zappa

### Physical Education

Melissa Alamprese  
Ben Martucci

### ESL

Sarah Campbell

### Social Studies

John Bohuniek  
Michael Chimileski  
Lauren Maiolo  
Ilana McConville  
Thomas Naughton

### Student Services

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Kayla Morales  
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Sam Occhipinti  
Stephen Palenscar  
Eric Rosen  
Tanya Thibideau  
Leslie Troise  
David Xavier

### **Teacher Aides, Assistants, Other Personnel**

Phyllis Armati  
Vanessa Bobe-Gonzalez  
Cassandra Cartaginense  
Greg Cavalieri  
Toni Rose DeLuca  
Kelly DeOrio  
Kathleen Flynn  
Aurora Gill  
Ralph Jones  
Erlina Laforgia

Leo Leonardi  
Gloria Martinez  
Lisa Matalavage  
Liam O'Keeffe  
Doreen Pettit  
Judi Rizzi

**Athletic Trainer**  
Brittany Chorey

### **Office Personnel**

Marlene Ratliff, Guidance Office  
Lorraine Levins, Office Assistant  
Leslie Valentine, Principal's Secretary

### **Director of Facilities/Custodians**

Paul Gibbons, Director of Facilities  
Greg Cicero, Head Custodian, H.S.  
Mohammad Aggoub  
Scott Gilbert  
Glenn O'Neill  
Ismael Rama

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## Administration

**ALAN CAPASSO** is the principal of Croton-Harmon High School. This is his tenth year in Croton. Mr. Capasso started his career as a high school math teacher in Connecticut. He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees in mathematics from Fairfield University and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Administration and Supervision, also from Fairfield University. Other administrative positions he has held in various districts include: Principal, Assistant Principal, Director of Technology, and Coordinator of Mathematics. Mr. Capasso previously served on the national advisory board of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

**MARK MAXAM** is the assistant principal of Croton-Harmon High School and the Director of Guidance. Mr. Maxam has worked in public education for 23 years, having served as a classroom teacher of Physics, Chemistry, Physical Science, and Earth Science, as well as an assistant principal. A Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, Mr. Maxam spent two years teaching Physics and Math in a rural High School in Kenya. Committed to helping improve conditions in education worldwide, Mr. Maxam served as the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization working in schools in Kenya for ten years, and continues to work and travel in East Africa. Mr. Maxam holds a B.S. in General Science and Chemistry from Michigan State University, a M.A. degree in International Affairs from Ohio University, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Administration and Supervision from SUNY New Paltz.

**JOHN BUONAMANO** is the Director of Health, Wellness, Physical Education and Athletics. This is Mr. Buonamano's second year with the Croton-Harmon School District. He holds two degrees from SUNY New Paltz, a B.S. Visual Arts and a C.A.S. in School District Leadership, and a Master's Degree in Physical Education & Sport Pedagogy from Manhattanville College. Mr. Buonamano's career in education began at EF International Academy, where he was the Director of Athletics and Physical Education Teacher. He was also a founding member of the Westchester Independent Athletic Association, a league developed to foster competitive opportunities for small private schools throughout Westchester. For the past four years, Mr. Buonamano has taught Physical Education and served as the curriculum coordinator for the Highland Central School District in Ulster County.

**ERICA FIORINI** is the Dean of Students and an English teacher. She holds a B.A. in English with a minor in Medieval/Renaissance Studies from The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. She attended SUNY New Paltz, where she earned an M.S. in Secondary Education in English. Mrs. Fiorini began teaching at CHHS in 2000, and she earned her National Board Certification in 2006.

## Faculty

**MELISSA ALAMPRESE** has taught Physical Education in Croton since 2002. She has a B.S. from Springfield College in Physical Education with a minor in Coaching. She also has a M.S. from Lehman College in Recreation Administration. In addition to teaching Physical Education at CHHS, she is the Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Coach.

**SUSAN ARDOLINO** is a National Board Certified teacher. She started teaching English at Croton Harmon High School in 2008. She has a B.A. in English with a minor in Writing and Communications from Siena College. She also has a Masters of Arts in Teaching degree in Secondary English from the Graduate College of Union University. Susan also enjoys her role as one of the coordinators for the CHOOSE program for senior internships. Susan is a co-advisor of the CHHS Book Club and a member of Student-Faculty Congress. In prior years she has been the advisor of the school literary magazine, GSA, the CHAP steering committee, and a member of the building and planning committee.

**MONTSERRAT BALLINA-LLOSA** teaches Spanish. She is a native from Spain. Mrs. Ballina holds a B.A. in Law from Complutense University in Madrid and a M.S.T. in secondary education from Pace University. Mrs. Ballina has taught at a private school and she was Spanish teacher at Clarkstown High School South for 8 years.

**JOHN BOHUNIEK** teaches Global 9 History & Geography, and AP United States History. Mr. Bohuniek is also the faculty advisor for Model UN, and co-advisor for Student Faculty Congress. He has a B.A. in history and a minor in law and politics from SUNY New Paltz, and received his MST in Adolescent Education from Pace University. Prior to teaching at CHHS, he has taught in the Bronx, and at Arlington High School in Dutchess County.

**GREGORY BRADLEY** teaches mathematics. He has a B.A. in mathematics and a minor in theatre from the College of St. Rose and a master's degree in math education from the City College of New York. He is a member of AMTNYS (Association of Math Teachers of New York State) and NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics). Prior to coming to CHHS, he taught in Harlem, NY at Rice High School and Frederick Douglass Academy. He is also a graduate of the National Shakespeare Conservatory of Acting.

**SUSAN BREE** teaches French and Spanish and also serves as the curriculum coordinator for the HS department of World Languages. She has a B.A. and an M.A. in French from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, and a Ph.D. from Stanford University. Before coming to CHHS, Dr. Bree taught French at Stanford and at the College of William and Mary.

**JODI BURGER** teaches Art. She received her B.A. from Duke University in History and Art Design, and has an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University in Art and Art Education. Prior to coming to CHHS, Ms. Burger taught in Nassau County, Long Island, and at La Guardia High School of Music and Art in New York City. She is also a graphic designer and has worked in the fashion and magazine industries for over nine years.

**RYAN CALLAHAN** is currently teaching the R.I.S.E. (Real Individual Student Experience) Program at CHHS and is entering his 11th year in the district. He spent five years at PVC Middle School. He graduated in 2007 from Hartwick College with a B.A. in English and Minor in Education. In 2009, he received his M.S. in Secondary Education and Students with Disabilities. For the past eight years, he has served as the HC of the Modified Boy's Lacrosse team and is entering his third year as Varsity Assistant for Football as well as first as JV Girls Basketball HC.

**SARAH CAMPBELL** joined the Croton community in 2014 as the English as a New Language (ENL) teacher at CHHS and PVC. Sarah studied at Kansas State University earning a B.A. Spanish Language and Literature, B.S. Modern Language Education, M.A. Second Language Acquisition, and M.S. Curriculum & Instruction. Prior to teaching at Croton, Sarah taught Spanish and ESL in Queens, ran an ESL newcomer program in Wichita, Kansas, and taught Spanish at Kansas State University.

**LAUREL CARDELLICHIO** currently teaches AP Environmental Science and The Living Environment. She has a B.A. in biology from Western Connecticut State University and a M.A.T. in secondary education, with specialization in biology, from Fordham University. Ms. Cardellichio has worked at CHHS for 13 years and came to the district with 13 years teaching experience. In 2017, she received a STEM Teaching Fellowship, STEM Leadership certification, and a summer research experience sponsored by NASA Endeavor, Columbia University, and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. In 2018, she received a Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms grant to involve global education coursework, a global symposium, and an international field experience.

**MICHAEL CHIMILESKI** teaches social studies. He has a B.A. in history and an M.A. in education from St. Lawrence University. He served as Educational Administrative Internship/ Experiential Middle School Coordinator in the Geneva City School District and as Social Studies Coordinator at Finger Lakes Alternative High School.

**BRITTANY CHOREY** is the Head Athletic Trainer for the Croton-Harmon School District. She has a bachelors' of science in Athletic Training from Dominican College. Ms. Chorey worked at Monroe College with the NJCAA Division I athletes. This will be her first year working at Croton-Harmon High School.

**PHYLLIS COBB** is the nurse at CHHS. She has an A.A.S. in Nursing from Westchester Community College, and a B.A. in Sociology from SUNY College at New Paltz. Mrs. Cobb worked for 15 years at Northern Westchester Hospital. Mrs. Cobb is a member of both the NYSASN and NASN.

**SAMANTHA CONFALONE** teaches mathematics. She holds a B.A. in mathematics and a B.A. in secondary education from Manhattanville College. She is currently pursuing her M.A.T. in secondary education with a concentration in Special Education from Manhattanville College.

**JONNA DEAK** is a resource room teacher. Previously, she taught biology and chemistry at the high school. She has a B.A. in biology from Plattsburgh State University and an M.S. in secondary/special education from Mercy College.

**SUSAN DUDMAN** is a math teacher and serves as the curriculum coordinator for the high school math department. She holds a B.S. degree in mathematics with applied physics and a B.S. in secondary education from SUNY, Oswego. She also has an M.A. in secondary mathematics from CCNY. Susan previously taught at Dover High School and John S. Burke Catholic High School. She is a current member of AMTNYS and NCTM.

**TATIANA DYAKINA** teaches AP Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Born in Moscow, Russia, she studied science at Moscow State University, graduating with Master of Science degree in Biology. She received her second Master of Science degree in Education from PACE University School of Education.

**RAY FERRARA** has been teaching science in the Croton Harmon school district since 2003. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from SUNY Purchase and a Master's in Education from Pace University.

**KYM GARRETT** has been teaching mathematics in Croton since 1996. She holds a B.S. degree in Education with a specialization in mathematics from SUNY Oneonta. She also has a master's degree in Special Education from Western Connecticut State University.

**ZHANNA GLAZENBURG** teaches Physics and AP Physics. Born in Minsk, Belarus, she studied applied mathematics at Belorussian Polytechnic Academy. After coming to the United States, she received a B.S. from New York University in Secondary Science Education (summa cum laude), and an M.A. from Columbia University, Teachers College. Ms. Glazenburg is a member of the Cohort 1 of NYS Master Teacher program and a trustee of the STEMteachersNYC professional learning community. Mrs. Glazenburg has previously taught at Brooklyn Technical High School and Fiorello La Guardia High School for the Performing Arts in New York City, and at Mildred E. Strang Middle School in Yorktown.



**NANCY HORAN** is the school psychologist for the Flexible Support Program. She has a B.S. in Psychology from Sacred Heart University and M.S. in Education with a specialization in School Psychology from Queens College. Prior to joining the Croton-Harmon community, she completed her school psychology K-12 internship in the North Salem School District.

**KELLY INGRAHAM-FRIEDMAN** has been a special education teacher at Croton-Harmon High School since 2007. She earned her M.S. in Applied Educational Psychology from Northeastern University and holds a B.A. in Psychology, with an Art Studio minor, from SUNY New Paltz. Prior to her years here, Kelly worked in the field of counseling at both the high school and college level, and has spent time in the field art therapy.

**NORA JORDAN** teaches Spanish. She graduated from Mount St. Mary College with a B.A. in Hispanic Studies as well as an M.S. in secondary education. Ms. Jordan's experience includes teaching at both the middle and high school levels.

**MICHAEL KATZMAN** has a B.A. in Music Composition from the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford, a M.Mus from the New England Conservatory of Music in Music Composition, and Certification courses in Music Education from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. He has taught music in the Croton-Harmon Public Schools for the last 17 years, teaching general music and chorus. In addition to his teaching duties, he has been music director for the musicals at Pierre Van Cortland Middle School as well as the co-director for the last five musicals at CHHS.

**DONNA LIGHT-DONOVAN** directs the CHHS Science Research Program and teaches biology based courses. She has a B.A. from Bennington College and an M.S. in science education (1995) and an M.S. in Bioethics (2015) from Columbia University. Donna was an electron microscopist at Yale University School of Medicine (1975-1986), a high school biology and research teacher at Hostos Lincoln Academy of Science, South Bronx/ Mt. Sinai Medical Center, NYC (1990-1995) and a part of the Rockefeller University Science Outreach Program (1992-1996). In 2017, she designed curriculum materials for *Science News* magazine and for the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

**SOYOUNG LIM** is National Board Certified and a member of NYS Master Teacher Program. Ms. Lim teaches Mathematics and Computer Science. She has a B.S. in computer science from Chonbuk National University in Korea and an M.A. in computer science from Queens College. She has a certification as a JAVA programmer from Sun Microsystems, Inc. and CompTIA A+ certification. Before she came to the United States she taught computer science in high school and middle school for four years in Korea. Ms. Lim is an advisor of the high school's Math club and Programming club.

**KURT LINDNER** teaches mathematics. He has a B.S. in mathematics from Pennsylvania State University, along with an M.A.T. in mathematics from SUNY, Cortland and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Administration from SUNY, New Paltz. Mr. Lindner has coached a variety of soccer, tennis and ski teams in the Croton-Harmon School District and previously taught 8<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics. Mr. Lindner supervised the snowboard club for ten years and has been supervising the Explorers Club for the last six years.

**LAUREN MAIOLO** teaches social studies. She has a B.A. in history from SUNY Albany and an M.S. in teaching from Iona College. Ms. Maiolo is the Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator.

**KELSEY MALLES** teaches English. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in English, with a minor in Adolescent education from Adelphi University, where she also received a Master's Degree in Adolescent Education. She has also volunteered for programs such as HerStory, teaching ENL students to write memoirs about their childhood/experiences coming to America.

**BEN MARTUCCI** has been teaching in the Croton-Harmon School District since 2001 as a member of the Physical Education & Health Department. He is a Croton-Harmon alum, with teaching experience in all three buildings in our district (CET elementary school, PVC middle school, C-H high school). He has a B.A. from Syracuse University, an M.S. in Physical Education from Hofstra University, an M.S. in School Building Leadership from Mercy College, and also holds NYS certifications in Health Education and Physical Education. He coaches boys' varsity basketball, and has previously coached girls' varsity basketball, modified boys' basketball, modified boys' soccer, modified co-ed track & field, modified baseball, and junior varsity field hockey. He serves as our public address announcer for both the varsity football and varsity baseball teams, and has also served as the co-advisor of our school spirit club. He served as the Curriculum Coordinator for the Physical Education & Health department from 2013-2016. Mr. Martucci previously taught at Hawthorne Cedar Knolls.

**ILANA MCCONVILLE** teaches Social Studies. She graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies and History from SUNY Cortland and received her Master's Degree in Special Education from CUNY Lehman. Ms. McConville is the faculty advisor for the Sophomore Class as well as a member of Student Faculty Congress. She is also the faculty advisor for Debate Club and C.A.R.E. Club.

**JOSEPH MERRIAM** teaches English and Theater. He has a B.A. in English from Fordham University, an M.A. in English from Duke University, and certification in secondary English education from Pace University. He is the advisor for Legitimate Edgar (the Shakespeare Club) and the director of the winter Shakespeare production.

**JENNIFER MOORE** is in her 17th year teaching Art at CHHS. She is a National Board Certified Teacher; holds a B.A. in Studio Art with a concentration in painting from Potsdam College; an M.S. degree in Art Education from the College of Saint Rose in Albany; and, an M.S. degree in Teacher Leadership from Quinnipiac University. She currently serves as President for the Croton Teachers' Association.

**KAYLA MORALES** is the Student Assistance Counselor, and a licensed social worker. She has her BA in Psychology from Western New England College. She then went on to earn her Masters in Social Work from Fordham University. Prior to joining CHHS, Mrs. Morales was an Olweus Bullying Prevention Counselor at Mildred Strang Middle School in Yorktown Heights. Mrs. Morales works at both CHHS and PVC and is the Advisor for Teen Leadership Council.

**PAMELA MORRISON** is the Library Information Specialist and CHARM (Humanities Elective) teacher. She advises the Junior Class and Book Club and co-advises Student Faculty Congress and National Honor Society. She is also the assistant coach for the CHHS Field Hockey Team. Ms. Morrison holds a B.A. degree in English and Education from Marist College and an M.S. in Library and Information Science from the Palmer School at Long Island University. She is a member of the American Library Association's SLMS and NPW BOCES Secondary Librarians' Network.

**KIRBY MOSENTHAL** is a school counselor. She holds a B.A. in Spanish with minors in Psychology and Sociology/Anthropology from Denison University, and an M.S.Ed in School Counseling with a Bilingual Extension from Hunter College. Ms. Mosenthal has previous experience working in college admissions at Denison University and in school counseling at Sleepy Hollow High School. She is also co-advisor of the Big Buddy/Little Buddy program. She is also the Varsity Cross Country coach and the modified spring track coach.

**THOMAS NAUGHTON** teaches social studies. He has a B.A. in anthropology from the Catholic University of America and an M.S. in teaching from Iona College. Mr. Naughton has completed additional graduate work in archaeology at Hunter College, City University of New York. He is also a practicing archeologist.

**SARA O'BRIEN** teaches music/strings. She graduated from the Hartt School with a B.M. in violin performance. In 2002 she received her M.M. in viola performance from the Conservatory of Music at Purchase College, SUNY. She is a co-founder, artistic board member, and an active performer with the Artemis Chamber Ensemble.

**SAM OCCHIPINTI** is a Special Education teacher working in the Transitional Alternative Program (TAP) for 9th-12th grade since 1998. He holds a B.A. degree in Physical Education and a M.A. in Special Education from CUNY at Lehman College. He has been the varsity wrestling coach since 1987 and is a member of the Section One Wrestling Executive Committee on rules, regulations, and policy.

**STEPHEN PALENC SAR** has taught special education for the Croton-Harmon Schools since 2010 and also serves as the department curriculum coordinator. He holds a B.A. in Communication and an M.A. in Organizational Communication from SUNY Albany. He earned a M.P.S. in Secondary Social Studies and Special Education from Manhattanville College. Mr. Palencsar also serves as the Boys Varsity Lacrosse coach for Croton-Harmon High School

**ALISON RHOADES** teaches French, levels 1, 2, 3 and 4. After teaching French in the FLES program for two years at CET, and last year at PVC with 6th grade French students she is back full time at CHHS. She earned a bachelor's degree in French at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. She also studied at The School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. She earned her Master's of Science in Teaching at Pace University. This year she will share in the coordination of the Croton-La Rochelle Exchange as well as co-adviser of the French Club.

**ANGELA ROGAN** is in her 9th year of teaching Art. She holds a B.A. in Fine Art from SUNY New Paltz; and a M.S. in Art Education from Long Island University, C.W. Post. Prior to teaching at CHHS, Ms. Rogan taught elementary and secondary art in Long Island and at a Visual Arts focused high school in Brooklyn, New York. She is also a painter and shows her work in New York and California.

**JAMIE ROONEY** teaches earth science and animal physiology and serves as the science curriculum coordinator. She has a B.S. in environmental conservation and a minor in freshwater resources management from the University of New Hampshire and a MS in education from Pace University. Ms. Rooney has previously taught at Ossining High School and The Windward School in White Plains.

**ERIC ROSEN** is the school psychologist at CHHS. He holds a B.A. in psychology and interpersonal/intercultural communications from SUNY, New Paltz. Mr. Rosen has received his M.S. in school psychology from Mercy College. He also has a M.S. in school building and school district leadership. Mr. Rosen is the Head Varsity Baseball coach at CHHS.

**MARISA ROVERETO** teaches mathematics. This is her first year here at CHHS. She graduated from Marist College in 2015 with a BA in Mathematics and Adolescent Education and has since been working in her hometown school district in Kingston, NY as a substitute math teacher, summer school teacher, and most recently an RTI intervention specialist. This year she is teaching Algebra 1 and Geometry.

**NOEL SCHOENLEBER** teaches English and serves as English department curriculum coordinator at the high school. She has a B.A. in English from the College of William and Mary and a graduate teaching certificate from Mills College. She also earned an M.A. in Secondary Education from Mercy College. She became a National Board certified teacher in 2008.

**MICHAEL SPALDING** teaches chemistry. He has a B.S. degree in chemistry from SUNY, Cortland and an M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**CHASE STEVENS** teaches photography at CHHS and 5th Grade art at PVC. He received his bachelor's degree from SUNY New Paltz in 2006 and his master's degree from UMass Dartmouth in 2015. Both degrees in art education. He is an advisor to the Art Club and the Yearbook. Prior to teaching Chase ran the Children's Program for the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY. Chase also curates exhibitions and shows his own artwork all over New York and New England.

**JACLYN SZYMANSKI** teaches English. She has a B.A. in English and Education from Pace University and an M.A. in English from Mercy College. Jaclyn comes to Croton after teaching at Carmel High School, Mahopac High School and White Plains High School.

**TANYA THIBIDEAU** is a school counselor. She has a B.S. in psychology from St. Thomas Aquinas College and her M.S.Ed. from Long Island University in School Counseling and Development. Prior to joining the faculty at CHHS, Mrs. Thibideau worked at the college/university level, working admissions for five years and academic advising for three years. Mrs. Thibideau is a member of NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling), ASCA (American School Counselors Association), WPRCA (Westchester, Putnam, Rockland Counselors Association), and NYSSCA (New York State School Counselors Association). Mrs. Thibideau is the online site coordinator of the Virtual High School program.

**KERRI TRACY** teaches Health and Physical Education. She has a B.A. in Athletic Training (Sports Medicine) from Messiah College. She also has a M.S. in Health Education from Hofstra University. Kerri comes from Long Island, where she worked for six years as an athletic trainer for Bay Shore High School, Cold Spring Harbor High School and The Stony Brook School.

**LESLIE TROISE** is a school counselor. She holds a M.S. in Counseling and Development from Long Island University. Ms. Troise is a member of the Building Safety Team, Building Planning Committee and the Olweus Committee. She is a member of NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling), WPRCA (Westchester, Putnam, Rockland Counselors Association), and NYSSCA (New York State School Counselors Association).

**ASHLEY VALENTINE** is a ninth-, tenth-, and eleventh-grade English teacher who has worked in the district since 2010. Ms. Valentine earned a B.S. in Adolescent Education: English 7-12 from SUNY Oneonta and her Master of Science in Education degree in Literacy Studies 5-12 through SUNY New Paltz. She is currently pursuing her Special Education certification. Ms. Valentine also serves as co-advisor for the CHHS Spirit Club, the Croton-Harmon Advisory Program (CHAP), and National Honor Society.

**SOPHIE WANG-PAOLICELLI** teaches Chinese. She has a B.A. from China and an M.A. in Education from Japan. She is certified in teaching ESL, Japanese and Chinese and has been teaching these subjects in China, Japan and New York (Clarkstown, Mamaroneck, and Croton) for over 20 years.

**MICHAEL WEINSTEIN** teaches four levels of Music Video Production. He has a B.F.A. in music education from Long Island University and an M.A. in music composition. This will be his 16th year teaching at CHHS.

**DAVID XAVIER** is the Special Education teacher in the Flexible Support Program. He earned his B.A. in History from SUNY at Albany and his M.S. in Adolescent Education from Mercy College. David is also the Interact/Community Service Club Advisor.

**JAZZ ZANTAY** teaches Concert Band/Jazz Band as well as 4th Grade Band and 5th Grade General Music. She graduated summa cum laude from Manhattanville College with her B.A. in Flute Performance with an Art History minor, and Masters in Music Education. Jazz has performed in renowned concert halls such as Carnegie Hall and Symphony Space, as well as venues throughout Austria and France. Currently, Jazz is the principal flutist of the Hudson Valley Wind Ensemble. In addition to performing, Jazz also maintains an active private flute studio. When Jazz is not teaching or performing, she enjoys spending time with her family and visiting Disney World.

**ISABELLA ZAPPA** teaches mathematics. She earned her B.A. in mathematical sciences at Binghamton University where she also earned her M.A.T. in adolescent math education. In addition, she is currently a member of NCTM. Outside of the classroom, Ms. Zappa is heavily involved with several athletic programs here at Croton. She is currently the Varsity Assistant Coach of the Girls Field Hockey, Basketball and Lacrosse teams.