

**Ladue Middle School****Assistant Principal**

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Dear Seventh Grade LMS Families,

I am so excited to be joining the LMS family as the new 7<sup>th</sup> grade assistant principal! I would love to take a moment to introduce myself and share about some of the exciting things about the upcoming year. This will be the start of my 20<sup>th</sup> year in education. My husband Shane and I have a combined total of 6 children (just like the Brady Bunch!) My children are Alysha-23, Kipp-22, and Emma-17. My bonus kids are Shayna-20, Trey-18, and Alana-16. We live in Foristell with our two Corgis, Rusty and Bazil. Along with starting a new job, my son became engaged this summer to a former student of mine, and she is a teacher, too! I love hockey (Go Blues!), boating, and snow skiing, going to concerts, and calligraphy/hand-lettering in my spare time. I taught in Wentzville for 10 years, St. Louis Public for 1 year, and an Associate Professor with Lindenwood University for 4 ½ years. I recently worked for EducationPlus as a consultant, working with administrators and teachers, providing training and professional development to help improve student achievement.

I am looking forward to meeting you later this summer and planning for the upcoming year! Seventh grade is an eventful year at LMS. My main role is to support the students, families and educators, all working together to make this a successful year. I encourage both families and students to find a way to be involved and use your talents to help support the mission of the school. I firmly believe that building strong, positive relationships is the key to success in school and in life. So, please be ready to build a partnership with the talented 7<sup>th</sup> grade team, counselors and myself to provide the foundation and support for your child that will result in a successful year for everyone.

I would love to meet you before school starts. If you are available, please plan to attend a meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the LMS cafe. The meeting will begin with all grade levels together and then split into grade level specific groups. This is an opportunity for me to introduce myself, share some information about seventh grade, and answer any questions you may have. The meeting is informal, so please don't worry if you cannot attend. Should you have any questions or want to speak to me directly, please feel free to contact me at [vcochran@ladueschools.net](mailto:vcochran@ladueschools.net). I look forward to being of service to you and your family this year!

Have a wonderful and relaxing rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

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