

## Getting To Know Our FW School Community Members

**Name** Mr. Josh Cohen

**Birthday** July 30

**Position at FW / Years in District** Principal for 15 Years (11 at B-V and 4 at FW)

**Family Information** Married to Wife Lauren for 16 Years (passed away Sept. 2023 due to stage 4 breast cancer), Daughter Avery is 16 (10th Grade), Son Benjamin is 13 (7th Grade) and Son Luke is 9 (4th Grade) - also live with mother-in-law Maureen and her dog Ginger



**Pets?** Rory, Springer Spaniel, Over 6 years old

**Brothers / Sisters?** Younger Sister Deborah is a 1st Grade Teacher in Scarsdale (lives in Mamaroneck) - she has 3 children

**What other jobs have you had before this one?** Waiter at the Milleridge Inn and Ruby Tuesday's, Camp Counselor, Babysitter, Blockbuster Video Employee, Lunch Monitor, 1:1 School Aide, Permanent Substitute, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Teacher in Long Island, Assistant Principal at Gayhead Elementary School in Wappingers

**Can you please tell us more about one of your jobs** Both my wife Lauren and I worked together at Ruby Tuesday's in Oceanside, N.Y. to save up for an apartment in Forest Hills, Queens. As a teacher, I used to run Scrabble, mythology and basketball clubs.

**Hobbies** Love playing all sports and spending time outdoors bike riding, board games, card games, magic tricks, puzzles, video games and spending time with family / friends - I have coached soccer for all of my children

**Interesting Experiences?** My wife Lauren and I were at a Mets game and I caught a foul ball hit by Todd Zeile - was able to see it on TV also. I was on Wheel of Fortune - I made it to the bonus round and got to meet Pat Sajak and Vanna White.

**Where did you go to school?** Solomon Schechter Day School (K-8) and Jericho High School (9-12). I went to Binghamton University (where I met my wife) where my major was Psychology. Then, I went to Queens College for my teaching degree. After that, I got my degree in administration from Touro College.

**Favorite subject(s)?** Math, Spelling and P.E.

**Please describe a teacher that had a lasting impression on you.** Mr. Lloyd, my elementary school science teacher, always helped encourage students to do their best. In addition, he would hold everyone accountable if they submitted work that was not their best. He also had a terrific sense of humor with students and made learning fun!

**Have you ever been on a sports team? If so, please describe.** I was on my high school bowling team and played intramural basketball in several leagues.

**Have you ever broken a bone or had an interesting injury (if yes, please describe)?** I broke my ankle in my driveway growing up after shooting a layup (landed on a brick) - the basket did go in though.

**What do you love about Hen Hud?** I love that we are such a wonderful community that supports one another and can really get to know each other. I look forward to coming to work each day to greet students, staff and families and figuring out how to keep making our schools the best they can be.

**Here are a few of your favorite things!**

<b>Food</b>	Pizza	<b>Dessert</b>	Rainbow Cookies	<b>Ice Cream</b>	Cookies and Cream
<b>Sport</b>	Basketball	<b>Team</b>	N.Y. Mets	<b>Player</b>	Matthew Schaefer
<b>Season</b>	Summer	<b>Animal</b>	Dog	<b>Place</b>	Disney
<b>Color</b>	Blue	<b>Holiday</b>	Hanukah/Christmas	<b>Musician(s)</b>	Josh Groban, Benson Boone
<b>Comedian</b>	Adam Sandler	<b>Food Chain</b>	Chipotle	<b>Candy</b>	Chuckles, Mike and Ikes
<b>TV Show(s)</b>	Sportscenter, Wheel of Fortune			<b>Movie(s)</b>	Home Alone, Toy Story
<b>Book/Series</b>	<u>Harry Potter</u> by J.K. Rowling, <u>Percy Jackson</u> by Rick Riordan, <u>Llama Llama</u> by Anna Dewdney				
<b>Quote</b>	"Make it a great day, or not . . . the choice is yours!"				