

Meet Our Newest BMS Charger Faculty and Staff

Jennifer Germann

Julia Gfell

Rose Guza

Dr. Crystal McGee

My name is Crystal McGee. I will be teaching 8th grade science at Blythewood Middle School. I am originally from a small town in central Georgia, called Helena. Upon graduating from high school, I attended Albany State University in Albany, Georgia. There, I received my bachelor's degree in chemistry. I migrated to Columbia, after conducting a year of research at Wake Forest University, to attend graduate school at the University of South Carolina (USC). At USC, I met my wonderful husband and we now have an 11 month old son. I recently graduated from USC with a PhD in chemistry and this will be my first year of teaching. My family loves this community. We are excited to raise our family here and I am delighted to be a Charger.



Victoria Pasco

Greetings Charger Families. My name is Victoria Pasco and I am honored to be able to share my enthusiasm and knowledge for science with sixth graders at Blythewood Middle School this year. Although this is my first year as a certified teacher through the PACE Program (Program of Alternative Certification for Educators), this will be my 17th year with Richland Two School District. The last eight years I have taught Science Lab at Catawba Trail Elementary as part of the Related Arts Team. My greatest accomplishments during this time was being named the South

Carolina 2012 Conservation Teacher of the Year by the SC Association of Conservation Districts and having my school and students featured on ETV's "Making It Grow" Green Schools segment.

My husband and I have lived in Blythewood since 2001. We have two adult sons. One son lives and works in Asheville, NC and our other son is finishing his doctorate at Johns Hopkins University. I enjoy reading, hiking, gardening and traveling.

I am passionate about connecting my students with science and their environment. I am looking forward to a premier year at BMS.

Rebecca McComish

My name is Becky McComish and I will be teaching 7th Grade ELA this year here at Blythewood Middle School. This will be my 18th year of teaching, but my first in the state of South Carolina after relocating from Arizona in July. I am so excited to begin the year as a BMS Charger!

My husband, Kevin, and I are the parents of three wonderful children. Connor and Kyleigh will attend Blythewood High School and are entering their junior and sophomore years. Caden, our youngest child, is entering 4th grade at Lake Carolina Upper Campus. We are all eager to see what South Carolina has to offer!

One thing you will learn about me right away is that I LOVE books!! I have an extensive classroom library and I make it a personal goal to instill a love of reading within each one of my students. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, traveling, and spending time with my family. This is going to be a great year - I can't wait to meet each of you!

ShirpollePeniston-Blair

My name is Shirpolle Peniston-Blair and I will be teaching 7th grade science at Blythewood Middle School. I am a veteran educator of 21 years. Teaching has always been my passion with purpose. I believe ALL students can learn, but learn differently based on their individual learning modalities. I am married with 3 biological children. When I am not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my children,



husband and family. I am looking forward to the success stories of my students.
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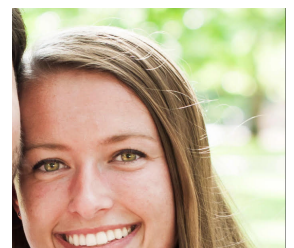
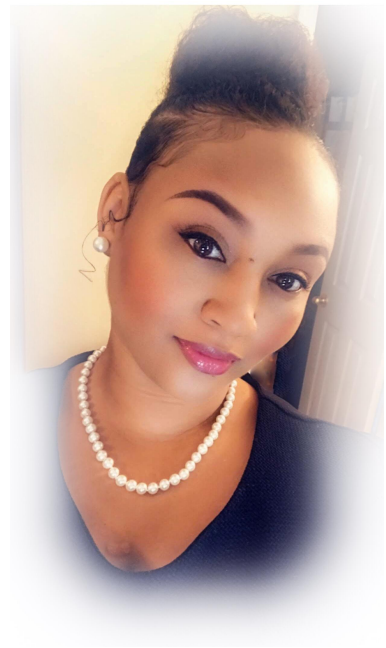
Melissa Pollard

My name is Melissa Pollard and I will be your child's English/language arts teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. I will be teaching two classes of 7th grade and two classes of 6th grade honors. Although this is my first year at Blythewood Middle, I am not new to teaching. Over the past fourteen years, I have had the pleasure of teaching 6th and 7th grade students, which includes honors. I have been chosen as the Reading Teacher of the Year in 2008, Campus Teacher of the Year in 2010 and 2015. Also, I was the WLTX Teacher of the Week in 2017.

I believe that students have so much to offer and their talent is endless. For this reason, I provide creative outlets for them to shine. My students were featured in the local newspaper for the Living Museum exhibit during Black History Month in 2018. In 2019, my ProTeam students were also featured in the newspaper for the music video they created about the effects of bullying and how we can help those who are victims of bullying.

Education is important to me and I make every effort to help students see the value in learning. Because of this, I find ways to continue my education. While in high school, I attended the career center where I became a licensed cosmetologist. Later, I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Professional Counseling. I have also served as department chair for my former ELA department. In that role, I was able to assist my colleagues with tips and tools that would enhance his/her instruction.

I love music...music of all kinds. I create educational videos that give students another way of retaining information. When I'm not "M.C. Dream," I am spending time with my family, attending church or dabbling in photography. One quote that sums up my philosophy of teaching is: "Teachers encourage minds to think, hands to create, and hearts to love."



Maci Rozmus

My name is Maci Rozmus and this will be my first year teaching! I am so excited to join the Blythewood Middle School family! I will be teaching 8th grade Mathematics this year at BMS, and I am excited to share my passion for math with my students every day. I am from Hartsville, South Carolina and I have lived in Columbia for four years now. I graduated from the University of South Carolina in May, so I am a full-blooded Gamecock fan! Go Gamecocks! I also just recently got married a few months ago. This year should be full of learning and growth for both myself and my students. I am looking forward to a great year!

Ellen Scott

Hey, my name is Ellen Scott. I am excited to be a part of Blythewood Middle as the new Media Specialist. I recently graduated from U.S.C. with a Masters in Library Science. Prior to coming to Blythewood, I was the media center assistant at E.L. Wright Middle. I also spent a year in Richland One monitoring students who were taking online classes in addition to assisting the librarian.

I grew up in Columbia and my husband and I have 3 children who are all attending Richland Two schools. I look forward to meeting everyone and assisting you in the media center or in your classroom however I can.

Margaret Scott

I am Tammy Murray, Blythewood Middle School's new receptionist. I am very excited to be part of the Charger family and am looking forward to this school year. I come to the school district with over 17 years experience in corporate office and finance management.

I have lived in the Blythewood community for a little over 5 years now and have 2 children who attend school in the Richland 2 District. I received my undergraduate degree from Marist College and am currently working on my Master's. I am very lucky to be a part of the Charger family and look forward to getting to know all of you!