

2024-2025 CBMS Staff Directory

Office & Administration

Bernadette Bloom - Admin Assistant
Mandy Couturier - Director of MTSS
Anissa Davis - Secretary/Receptionist
Jen Durren - Co-Principal
Rachel Goff - Home School Coordinator
Jennifer Hempey - School Counselor
Daniel Hunter - Dean of Students
Lisa Larrabee - On Staff Substitute
Mary Newton - Nurse
Duane Pierson - Co-Principal
Emily Scharff - School Counselor
Hillary Wheeler - Student Support

Applied Academics

Molly Dubois - General/Choral Music
Sophie Hade - French
Kayla Henry- Sustainability
Jen Hill - Librarian
Drew Lucier - PE/Health
Nora McDonough - Art
Samantha Mishkin - Instrumental Music
Emily Morris - PE/Health
Kelsey Mousin - Spanish

Technology Services

Brian Granger - Technology Specialist
Allison Schlageter - Integrationist

Tier 2 and Tier 3 Supports

Karen Abel - Literacy Interventionist
Cristie Arguin - Special Educator
Kathryn Delay - Math Interventionist
Kathy Haskell - Special Educator
Skye Hill - Speech-Language Pathologist
David Spaulding - Literacy Interventionist
Kristine Caldwell - Special Educator
Jeff Ogden - Special Educator
Michael Woods - Special Educator
Melanie Zima - Special Educator

Food Service

Erika Dolan - Director
Tammi Lonergan
Gina Nelson

Dream Team- 5th Grade

Colleen Barrett - Core Teacher
Erin Dente - Core Teacher

Wizards Team- 5th Grade

Melinda Anderman - Core Teacher
Tiffany Michael - Core Teacher

Phoenix Team- 6th Grade

Melissa Greenwood- Core Teacher
Kaylie Viens - Core Teacher

Quest Team- 6th Grade

Curtis Taylor- Core Teacher
Melissa Williams - Core Teacher

Prodiqy Team- 7th/8th

Hunter Hague - Language Arts
Jordan Lea - Social Studies
Angela Selvaggio - Science
Jen Wheaton - Math

Titan Team 7th/8th

Ethan Cody - Language Arts
Amy DeBenedictis - Social Studies
Brian Dumais - Science
Eric Eley - Math

Pareducators

Brian Franz
Diane LaRock
Mariah Lavanway
Geo Legeros
Katie Stafford
Tammy Thompson
Serena Wilcox

Maintenance

Ty Delphia
Todd Keller - Director



Crossett Brook Middle School

Student Support Team - our front line in handling student issues or conflicts.

2024-2025

Listed below are members of the CBMS Student Support Team. We are committed to providing support and interventions to create a safe learning environment for everyone.



Dan Hunter, Dean of Students

Years experience working in an educational setting: 19

- Crossett Brook Middle School
- Program Manager and Course Director for Urban Expeditions at NYC Outward Bound School
- Health Director and Lead Instructor for Wilderness Expeditions at NYC Outward Bound Schools

Why do I work in a middle school?

"Middle School is a time of incredible growth, academically and personally, for students; this happens through success, failure, and, most importantly, effort. The key is to focus on students' effort, which will lead to increased learning and growth from successes and failures; the highs and lows of success and failure are fleeting, but the effort we put in is never-ending."



Hillary Wheeler, Student Support Specialist

Years experience in an educational setting: 16

- JV and Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach Burlington/Essex/Harwood
- 1 v 1 Elementary paraeducator Burlington/Crested Butte, CO
- High school Health educator, Essex
- Student Support Specialist(Middle High School) Harwood
- Dean of Students CBMS
- Camp for Me Teen Counselor- Summers
- Executive function coach Essex
- SEL Coordinator

Why do I work in a middle school?

I appreciate middle schoolers' unique and energetic nature. I like having the opportunity to support them through this period of their lives and recognize their dynamic needs. I also like to celebrate them along the way.



Jennie Hempy, School Counselor

Years experience in an educational setting: 25

- Dorm parent, Rock Point School,
- Main Street Middle School,
- 28 years of Basketball and Softball Coaching with students ages 3-18.
- Camp Counselor and Program Administrator

Why do I work in a middle school?

I enjoy working with kids, getting to know them, supporting their growth, and helping them manage the challenging moments of growing up.



Emily Scharff, School Counselor

Years experience in an educational setting: 13

- Fayston Elementary School Counselor
- Two Roads Academy Restorative Practices Coordinator
- Wilderness Therapy Field Guide in Utah
- Outdoor educator and backcountry trip leader at a residential program and at a nonprofit called City Kids Wilderness Project in Wyoming

Why do I work in a middle school?

I love getting kids outside, hiking, skiing, mountain biking, coaching ice hockey and soccer too. I do this work because I am passionate about social emotional learning and connecting middle school kids with resources to support their long-term physical and mental health.



Rachel Goff, Home School Coordinator

Years experience in an educational setting: 4

- elementary school
- alternative middle/high school.
- In her previous social work roles, she has helped reunite parents with kids in state custody, supported youth and adults at an emergency shelter, and helped individuals with intellectual disabilities to find and maintain employment.

Why do I work in a middle school?

Rachel loves connecting with kids and families and helping them identify and unlock their inner strengths.



Jen Durren, Co- Principal

Years experience in an educational setting: 17

- Middle School math and science teacher
- Assistant Director of private Vermont School
- Winooski School System - teaching math and coaching other educators

Why do I work in a middle school?

I have always enjoyed middle school and working with young adolescents, because at this age, there is a vast amount of growth in a student's understanding of the world around them and their role in it, which includes their impact on themselves and others. As an administrator, so far, I have enjoyed building relationships with staff and students and developing routines and structures that allow for the success and safety of all.



Duane Pierson, Co- Principal

Years experience in an educational setting: 33

- Remote Teacher in Fairbanks and Sitka Alaska
- School teacher, Substance Abuse counselor, Ropes Course Manager/Outdoor guide as part of a wilderness therapeutic program located in Sitka, Alaska
- Crisis Counselor in the Bath School District, Maine
- Student Coordinator for the Centre for Students with disabilities in Victoria, British Columbia
- Special Education Director - Harwood Union
- Principal of Harwood Union, Moretown Elementary, Harwood Middle School and CBMS

Why do I work in a middle school?

Middle School students are the best teachers. I continue to be challenged and learn from each interaction that I am lucky enough to have with them. They act as a mirror that constantly challenges my approach, beliefs and curiosity about the world around us. I feel lucky to come to work each day!