

# Introducing the New HCS Staff Members!



#### Shana Borst

Hi! My name is Shana Borst. I am married to Matt Borst (the PE and Athletic Director at the middle school) and have three children – Finn, Beau, and Hattie. I will be working in Kids' Corner. I am looking forward to sharing God's glory with the littlest children at HCS!



#### Melissa Bronson

My name is Melissa Bronson, and I will be joining the 5th grade team and teaching ELA, Social Studies, and Bible. Over the past 25 years, I've taught at middle school, college, and high school levels. I have learned and gained new perspectives along the way and am so looking forward to settling into HCS as a teacher after experiencing it as a parent for the past 16 years. Each of our four daughters graduated from HCS, and we personally testify to God's faithfulness along the way! The blessing of this new position gives me a sense of "coming home," and I am humbled by the opportunity to walk alongside students, parents, and the community as we learn to grow in God's grace together.



#### **Brenna Brouwer**

My name is Brenna Brouwer, and I'm the new school counselor at HCS Middle School. I have been studying with Dordt University for the last few years and will be wrapping up my Master's of Social Work degree later this month after internships in various outpatient mental health settings. As I begin this new position, I look forward to working with the families at HCS and offering support to students as they navigate various challenges. I have already been blessed by the community at HCS as I make this transition, and I look forward to being a part of such a great school!



# **Cambrie Brouwer**

My name is Cambrie Brouwer, and I am so excited to join the HCS community as a sixth-grade teacher this fall. I grew up in Byron Center, and I graduated from Calvin University after student teaching with the sixth-grade team here at HCS in December of 2022. I substitute taught for a semester and just completed my first year teaching sixth-grade at Moline Christian School. I can't wait to join in the work that God is doing at HCS!



# **Heather DeLong**

I am a junior at Unity Christian high school. I enjoy playing soccer and hanging out with my friends. I have been babysitting for about four years and that's why I am really excited to work with kids. I will be working after school at kids corner. I am looking forward to creating new relationships and helping kids build a better faith in God.



# **Allie Leerar**

Hello! My name is Allie Leerar and I am thrilled to be teaching 8th grade Bible and Math. I am a HCS and UCHS alumni who graduated from Calvin with a degree in Secondary Math Education. I've spent the last few years in Florida teaching 7th and 8th grade math at Bradenton Christian School. Although I am going to miss the constant Florida sunshine, I am looking forward to being part of the HCS community again!



# Marlie Molker

Hi! My name is Marlie. I love being around kids which makes me very excited to be working in Kids' Corner! I am very excited to learn more about childcare and spend time with kids. I can't wait to bond with everyone!



## Erika Oosterman

Hi! My name is Erika Oosterman. I previously worked at Mercy Health St. Mary's for 12yrs. In 2020 I became a stay at home mom to our 4 kids. (Jackson, Pierce, Taylor & Reagan). I am looking forward to working in Kids' Corner & meeting all the sweet unique personalities that help make HCS so wonderful.



## Shelly Rylaarsdam

Hello, my name is Shelly Rylaarsdam and I'm excited to join the ESS team at HCS Middle School as a paraprofessional supporting students in math and language arts. For the last 5 years I have worked at Unity Christian High School in the Work Skills program. I graduated from Unity and Calvin College. My husband and I have three children and two of them graduated from HCS. I'm thankful to be joining the Christ-centered community here at HCS.



# Amara Thompson

Hello! My name is Amara Thompson and I'll be teaching third grade at HCS this year. For the last three years, I've been a paraprofessional at West Side Christian in Grand Rapids, and I graduated from Western Governors University with my degree in Elementary and Special Education this past June. I am so excited for all the things this year will bring, but what I am most looking forward to is getting to know all the wonderful students, families, and staff. Praising God for the opportunity to join this community!



#### **Erin Vander Meyden**

Hi! My name is Erin Vander Meyden and I'm joining the middle school ESS team at HCS this year. I've worked in food service the past 20 years, most recently in school nutrition. I feel God has called me to make the change from working in school nutrition to a classroom and I'm looking forward to getting to know the HCS community. My husband Ben and I have 3 children; sons Levi, in college, and Sam in high school. Our daughter Ryann is in middle school. I enjoy camping with my family, downhill skiing, baking, and watching almost any kind of sport. I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for me here at HCS!



#### Jessica VandenBerg

Hello! My name is Jessica VandenBerg and I am joining the ESS staff at HCS. I graduated from Trinity Christian College with a double major in Elementary and Special Education. I taught for 4 years as a First and Second grade split teacher after college. I have been a stay at home mom for the last 9 years with my 3 beautiful girls. My girls all attend HCS. I am excited to get back into the classroom as a paraprofessional! Christian Education is extremely important to my family and I am blessed to become part of such a great community!



## Jenelle Vlietstra

Hi! My name is Jenelle Vlietstra. I am married to Jake and we have two sons, Josiah and Joshua. Before having our boys, I was an elementary school teacher for 8 years. I am excited to be the kindergarten librarian this year at HCS. I look forward to joining a community that loves God and his children with all their heart!



## Haley Westveld

Hi! My name is Haley Westveld and I am going into my senior year at Unity Christian! I have previously worked at Chick-fil-A, Servpro, and tutored at JCS. I've been involved with the GEMS program and VBS at my church and I am excited to be joining Hudsonville Christian School as a Kids' Corner Aid! I am most looking forward to building relationships and seeing the kids learn and grow!