

Introducing the New HCS Staff Members!



Lauren Bushouse

Hello Hudsonville Christian families! My name is Lauren Bushouse, and I am thrilled to be joining the 4th grade team here at Hudsonville Christian! This past May, I graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia with a degree in Elementary Education (go Flames!). I grew up in Holland and graduated from Holland Christian in 2021. As a teacher, I'm excited to create moments for each of my students where their eyes light up with a new understanding. They learned something new - and they love it! They become awestruck by the wonder and order of God's creation, and a desire unlocks in them to continue to pursue a new interest, a new passion. It will be different for each student, and I can't wait to be a part of it for each and every one of them.



Ally DeBoer

Hello! My name is Ally DeBoer and I am joining the third grade team this year! I recently worked as a paraprofessional at Heritage Christian, and this past year, I student-taught at HCS both in third grade and in the middle school ESS program. I graduated from Western Governors University in June with my degree in Elementary and Special Education. While I've already spent time at HCS, I am looking forward to building relationships with students and staff this year! Praising God for the amazing opportunity to serve His kingdom in this community!



Kelsey Gift

Hello! My name is Kelsey Gift and I will be joining the ESS team at HCS this year. I graduated from Calvin University and received my master's degree from GVSU. I taught 1st grade and 2nd grade at Legacy Christian School for a combined 6 years, and have been at home taking care of my 4 children for the past 9 years. I am so excited to work with and get to know the students, and am very grateful to be a part of the HCS community.



Michelle Helder

My name is Michelle Helder and I am joining the early childhood staff at HCS as a 3 School aide! For the last 14 years I have been part of the early childhood program at Byron Center Christian School. I started there as a preschool teacher, and then after my daughter was born I switched to aiding. Last year our family became an HCS family as we sent our daughter off to preschool, and we loved everything about her experience--the program, the staff, and the other families! We felt the love of Christ radiating from this special community. I am so excited to join it as a staff member, and to continue loving on God's precious little ones!



Jeremy Holtrop

Hi! My name is Jeremy Holtrop and I will be the new middle school choir teacher at HCMS! Teaching middle school choir is my passion and I am so excited to get started! This is my 18th year of teaching. I have previously taught in Colorado, Cedar Springs, South Korea, Grand Rapids, and Muskegon. My wife and I have been married for 18 years and we have two kids, a son who is a junior in high school and a daughter who is in 7th grade. I grew up in the Hudsonville area and am so excited to be teaching at HCMS where I am close to home and can share my love of Jesus through choral excellence. Can't wait to meet everyone!



Mara Konyndyk

Hi! My name is Mara Konyndyk. I will be teaching nature-based preschool this year. I recently graduated from Calvin University with a degree in early childhood and elementary education. I am very excited to build strong relationships with not only the students, but the staff as well. I feel so blessed that I have the opportunity to work at HCS this year!



Tara Lein

Hello! My name is Tara Lein and I will be teaching the Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Young Fives class this year. I attended Trinity Christian College for undergrad and completed my master's degree at Capella University. For the past 8 years, I have taught Y5s at area schools and I am so excited to be able to integrate faith into my teaching at Hudsonville Christian! My husband and I have three sweeties that all attend HCS. I am looking forward to building relationships with my students and their families!



Kaylee Schrier

Hello! My name is Kaylee Schrier, and I will be aiding in Young Fives this year. I graduated from Calvin College, majoring in Spanish and Elementary K-12 Education. I taught first grade in Honduras for a year and then part-time Spanish for 11 years here in Michigan. I am excited to return to the lower elementary classroom! My husband and I have 3 daughters at HCS. I also attended Hudsonville Christian, so I am very grateful to be back as a staff member!



Anna Shoemaker

Hello! My name is Anna Shoemaker and I am so excited to be teaching 4-day Kindergarten at HCS this year. Christian education has been a huge blessing in my life as I graduated from Jenison Christian, Unity Christian, and most recently Calvin University with my Elementary Education and Math degree this past May. I've loved every opportunity to be involved in childcare, musicals and plays, and substitute teaching in many of these schools over the past 3+ years, and look forward to building relationships with the HCS families now too! I am so thankful for the ability to see these kids learn to know and love their Savior as I have.



Maddie Shoemaker

Hi! My name is Maddie Shoemaker and I will be teaching 4th grade this year at HCS. For the past two years, I've taught 4th and 3rd grades at Chicago Christian School in Tinley Park, Illinois. This past June I got married and moved to Holland. I am so excited to become a part of the HCS community and get to know so many amazing students and families!



Annie Sullivan

Hello! My name is Annie Sullivan and I will be teaching 3 School at HCS. I have a background working with children ranging from infants to 3 years old, as well as working in school administration. For the past 7 years I've been home with our 3 children—all of whom will be at HCS this year. I feel blessed to take this teaching role, as our family absolutely loves this community! I'm looking forward to forming new relationships with students, families, and staff!



Lizzie Vos

Hello! My name is Lizzie Vos and I will be teaching fourth grade at HCS this year. I graduated from Calvin University this past May with a degree in Elementary Education and Social Studies. I am so excited for what this year has in store and I am eager to create new relationships with students, staff, and families. I am so thankful that God has led me to HCS for this new chapter of my life!

**Sadie Wierda**

Hello! My name is Sadie Wierda and this will be my very first year teaching first grade at Hudsonville Christian. I attended Zeeland Christian and Holland Christian and earned my degree at Hope College in Elementary Education and Spanish. I feel incredibly blessed and excited to be joining the HCS staff. I am even more excited to be part of a God-centered community where I can share my faith and help my students grow in their own relationships with Jesus!