

# YOUR SCHOOLS

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## Welcome Back!

The Rockville Centre Board of Education would like to welcome all new and returning students to the 2012/2013 school year! We invite you to look through this edition of Your Schools and meet the District's new teachers. We hope everyone is settling in nicely and we wish everyone a wonderful school year.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### September

- 17/18 Rosh Hashanah—Schools closed
- 26 Yom Kippur—Schools closed
- 27 Board of Education Meeting

#### October

- 8 Schools Closed—Columbus Day
- 9 Board of Education—Public Work Session
- 13 Homecoming
- 23 Board of Education Meeting

### To All Rockville Centre School District Residents

If you believe that your school-age or preschool child may have a disability, please contact Mrs. Noreen Leahy, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, at (516)255-8928, or Dr. Orly Gadon, Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Education at (516) 255-8942



# Meet The New Staff 2012-2013



*New High School staff, Back row: (l to r) Russel Hoernig, Michael Blakeslee, Angela Tarquinio, Nicholas Pernot  
front row: (l to r) Melissa Gunzburg, Cristie Favata, Jennifer Gladitsch. (Not pictured: Phillip Onesto)*

## **SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Michael D. Blakeslee – Music**

Mr. Michael D. Blakeslee earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Boston University and his Master of Arts degree at the University of New Hampshire.

From 2011 to the present, Mr. Blakeslee has been working as a Woodwind Instructor at Munro Music, East Northport, NY; from 2011-2012, he was Chair of the Music Department at the Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, Suitland High School, Suitland, Maryland.

### **Jennifer C. Gladitsch – Science**

Ms. Jennifer C. Gladitsch earned her Bachelor of Science degree at Long Island University/CW Post Campus and is currently enrolled at LIU for her Masters program.

Ms. Gladitsch has been working as an Earth Science teacher at Smithtown High School since September 2009 to the present.

### **Melissa A. Gunzburg – Art**

Ms. Melissa Gunzburg earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Houghton College, Houghton, NY and her Master of Arts degree at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Ms. Gunzburg has been working at The Stonybrook School as their Visual Arts Department Chair and Dorm Head from July 2002 to the present.

### **Cristie T. Favata – Science – part-time**

Ms. Cristie T. Favata earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Fordham University and her Master of Arts degree at Teachers College, Columbia University.

From 2007 – 2008, Ms. Favata worked as a full-time Physics teacher at Regis High School; from 2011 to the present, Ms. Favata has been working as an Adjunct Professor at Molloy College.

### **Russell Hoernig – Mathematics**

Mr. Russell Hoernig earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C. and his Master of Science at Long Island University.

During the 2011-2012 school year, Mr. Hoernig fulfilled his Student Teaching requirement at South Side Middle School and South Side High School. Prior to changing careers, Mr. Hoernig worked as a Marketing Manager in Syosset, N.Y.

### **Nicholas C. Pernot – Foreign Language**

Mr. Nicolas C. Pernot earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Stony Brook University and his Master of Science degree at Dowling College.

From 2011 to the present, Mr. Pernot has been working at Maryhaven Center of Hope, Medford, NY as a Direct Care Counselor for individuals with developmental disabilities.

### **Angela Tarquinio – ESL**

Ms. Angela Tarquinio earned her Bachelor of Arts degree and her Master of Science degree at Queens College.

Ms. Tarquinio has been working as an ESL Teacher for the ELAP program at Nassau BOCES since January 2008 to the present.

### **Phillip Onesto – Physical Education – part time**

Mr. Onesto earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Hofstra University and his Master of Arts degree at Adelphi University.

During the 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years, Mr. Onesto worked as a Permanent Substitute at South Side Middle School.

# Meet The New Staff 2012-2013



*New Middle School staff, left to right: Meghan Dolce and Salvatore DiGiacomo*

## **SOUTH SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### **Salvatore Di Giacomo – Physical Education/Health**

Mr. Salvatore Di Giacomo earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Hofstra University and his Master of Science degree at CUNY Brooklyn College.

Mr. Di Giacomo worked as a Permanent Substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

### **Meghan Dolce – Home & Careers**

Ms. Megan Dolce earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Queens College and is presently enrolled in a Master of Science Program at Hofstra University.

Ms. Dolce has been working as a Family & Consumer Sciences/Health teacher at Islip Middle School since September 2011 to the present.

## **COVERT SCHOOL**

### **Mara B. Gursky – 1<sup>ST</sup> Grade**

Ms Gursky earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at SUNY Buffalo and her Master of Science degree at Long Island University/C.W. Post Campus.

From January 2008 to the present, Ms Gursky has been working in District as a Teaching Assistant and then in January 2012 through June 2012, as a Permanent Substitute Elementary teacher.

## **WATSON SCHOOL**

### **Erica Cantor – Elementary – part-time**

Ms. Erica Cantor earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at CUNY Queens College.

Ms. Cantor has been working as a Teaching Assistant since September 2010. Ms Cantor will also be appointed to a part-time (.5) Teaching Assistant position.

### **Jaclyn R. Cerney – Special Education**

Ms. Jaclyn R. Cerney earned her Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Arts degree at Adelphi University.

Ms. Cerney worked as a Teaching Assistant from September 2011 to the present.

### **Amy Weinstein – ESL**

Ms. Amy Weinstein earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at New York University and her Master of Science degree at Molloy College.

Ms. Weinstein has been working at the ELS Language Center at Adelphi as a teacher of ESOL from September 2010 to the present.

## **HEWITT SCHOOL**

### **Carina Morales Hauser – part-time - Foreign Language (FLES)**

Ms. Carina Morales Hauser earned her Bachelor of Science degree at SUNY Old Westbury and is currently enrolled in a Masters Program at SUNY Old Westbury as well.

Ms. Morales Hauser has been working in District since September 1, 2011 to the present.

## **RIVERSIDE SCHOOL**

### **Jenna Alexy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Ms Alexy earned her Bachelor of Science degree at SUNY Cortland and her Master of Science degree at Touro College.

Ms Alexy has been working in the Rockville Centre School District as a Long-Term Substitute Elementary teacher for the past two years.

## **DISTRICTWIDE**

### **Meghan Laux – Music – part-time**

Ms. Meghan Laux earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at SUNY Fredonia College.

From September 2011 to the present, Ms. Laux has been working at Wainscott Common School, Wainscott, NY as a K-3 General Music teacher.



*New District Elementary schools staff from left to right: Carina Morales Hauser, Erica Cantor, Meghan Laux, Jaclyn Cerney, Amy Weinstein. (Not pictured: Jenna Alexy & Mara Gursky)*



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**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

<b>ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Covert</b>	315
<b>Hewitt</b>	445
<b>Riverside</b>	172
<b>Watson</b>	282
<b>Wilson</b>	391
<b>South Side Middle School</b>	816
<b>South Side High School</b>	1140

The District has implemented a new communication process for emergency notifications. School closings and other urgent messages will be sent through ConnectEd, a telephone and email communication system. Contact information on file for students and staff will be utilized for these notifications. Other community members who wish to receive District-wide messages should send an email with their name, phone number and/or email address to [connected@rvcschools.org](mailto:connected@rvcschools.org) or send a letter to the Business Office in the Administration Building at 128 Shepherd Street, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 requesting to be added to this messaging list. Parents who would like to change their contact information should contact the main office of their child's school.

