



Teacher Spotlights



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At the beginning of the year, you may have noticed a few new faces in the classrooms around Beecher High School. This year, Beecher welcomed one new teacher and two student teachers.

Beecher High School welcomed to their staff, Physical Education teacher, Ms. Giddings. Ms. Giddings says that she has enjoyed Physical Education since elementary school. She loves Hamilton and stated, "I sing the entire show during driving commutes." Ms. Giddings attended Illinois State University for softball until she got hurt and decided to pursue bowling. If she wasn't a teacher, Ms. Giddings would most likely be an obstetrician or ortho-

pedic doctor for children. On a final note, Ms. Giddings enjoys watching football, gymnastics, and loves sushi!

Ms. Trudeau, a student teacher who is working in cooperation with Ms. Lang in the English department, is scheduled to graduate from Illinois State University in December. While in college, Ms. Trudeau studied abroad in England and visited seven countries. When asked what profession she would want to pursue if she wasn't a teacher, Ms. Trudeau said she would like to be a dietician. Ms. Trudeau went on to explain that her interest in healthy diets began when she was diagnosed with Celiac Disease, a disease that causes her to have to follow a very strict gluten-free diet. Outside the classroom, Ms. Trudeau enjoys spending time with her family, watching "Parks and Recreation" and "The

Office" on Netflix, and exercising. Ms. Trudeau stated, "I am super excited to get to work at Beecher this semester and really appreciate Ms. Lang, the faculty of BHS, and my students for making me feel welcomed!"

Mr. Barajas, another student teacher at the high school, is teaching with Mr. McCord. When Mr. Barajas graduates from Governors State University, he plans on teaching Math. When asked why he enjoys Math, Mr. Barajas said, "I enjoy Math because I do not have to write essays, learn how to memorize periodic tables, and etc." Outside of the classroom, Mr. Barajas enjoys gaming, especially playing competitive Madden, where he placed 4th in a tournament out of 156 people. If Mr. Barajas wasn't pursuing teaching, he would want to be an NFL coach.

Birthdays

- OCTOBER 1- SOLANGE REGALADO
- OCTOBER 2- REGINA GIANOTTI, LUZ SANDOVAL, MAKAYLA PETERSON, JOSE MARTINEZ PALOMINO
- OCTOBER 3- KYLE THOMSEN
- OCTOBER 4- MELISSA STANEVICH
- OCTOBER 5- IZABEL O'LOUGHLIN
- OCTOBER 6- RYAN CARL GRIND, CAMRON THORPE
- OCTOBER 8- KYLIE HODAC
- OCTOBER 10- EMMA SNAW
- OCTOBER 11- BAILEY ELLIOTT
- OCTOBER 13- THOMAS BECK, THOMAS COCCARD
- OCTOBER 14- ADOLFO HERRERA
- OCTOBER 16- NICOLE GAYTON
- OCTOBER 18- JOSEPH TIERI, KAILA COFFMAN
- OCTOBER 19- TAYLOR ALCOTT, MARGARET GOLDRICK, JOSEPH LEDFORD
- OCTOBER 20- HAYDEN BROWN, DIEGO TORRES

Clubs at BHS

Samantha Docter
Reporter

Although small, Beecher High School offers a variety of clubs and programs. Whether you're looking for something fun to do after school or you're looking for something more formal and organized, there's a club for you. Many students at Beecher may not know about these clubs, whether from a lack of communication or if they don't fit into their schedules, but Beecher's clubs are usually open to new members and often don't take up too much extra time in your already busy schedule.

-Fun Twist-

Looking for something to do just for fun? For a more fun twist on the school subjects that may bore you, you may want to take a look at Environmental Club or Spanish Club. Have a knack for something that isn't expressed normally in school? Try Drama Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, or the upcoming Photography Club, lead by Ms. Chappell, which will meet four times a year,

starting on October 1st.

-Leaders-

Maybe you prefer to have more structure in a club or want to be a leader in the school? If this is so, or even if it's not, you may be interested in Student Council*, Bobcat Pride*, Class Officers*, National Honors Society*, or Tri-M*. These clubs have more formality, but are still a great use of time.

Academic skills can also be expressed through clubs at BHS. Math Team, which highlights mathematical abilities in a competitive way, and Scholastic Bowl*, which showcases an all-around academic understanding in the form of trivia.

In addition to overall enjoyment, these clubs also look great on a college application!

*Asterisks denote clubs that are closed to new members at this point in the year or clubs that specially elect members.

^Board Game Club is currently looking for a sponsor and may not be started this year.

Journalism Club

This year, Beecher High School will also be introducing the Journalism Club as an opportunity for people who are not able to take the Journalism class to write for the newspaper. Headed by Ms. Lang, this club kicks off on Monday, October 1st, and meetings will be every Monday after school until 3:30. Members of the club will be taught how to write stories and their stories will be featured in two pages of the BeechBark Newspaper.



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Artist of The Month

Katelyn Berkley
Editor/Reporter

Beecher has many talented athletes, scholars, and artists roaming through its hallways every day. One example of a stellar artist is this month's Artist of the Month, Freshman, Mallory Roper. "My dad has been a very big part of it all," she explains. "He started to teach me to draw when I was younger and I started to love it and now, here I am." says Mallory after being asked who helps and instructs her talent. She also says she likes to draw pictures for and of her friends more than anything else and that she feels proud of her work whenever she gets feedback. Her featured art was inspired by one of her best friends during a sleepover. "Everyone was giving each other prompts to draw and then we went on to drawing each other," says Mallory. "It was just something fun we all decided to do. I personally think it's my best piece yet." she says proudly.



Mallory then went on to say that her friend has always picked her up whenever she was having a bad day so, she felt she should give something back as a thank you. "I do plan on making a career out of this," says Mallory, "I'd want to do something along the lines of being an animator, a cartoonist, or someone who works with stop-motion filming and design. I've always liked the idea of creating my own characters and cartoons." She then said that she believes she will do well in an artistic field or a digital arts field since she is so passionate about what she creates and "gives a full 110%" to whatever she draws or creates. "I love to draw and that's why I do it. It's just a way to express my likes and taste and I absolutely adore it!" Mallory exclaims. Congratulations, Mallory, on being this month's Artist of the Month!



Mallory displays her featured artwork

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