

# Titan News

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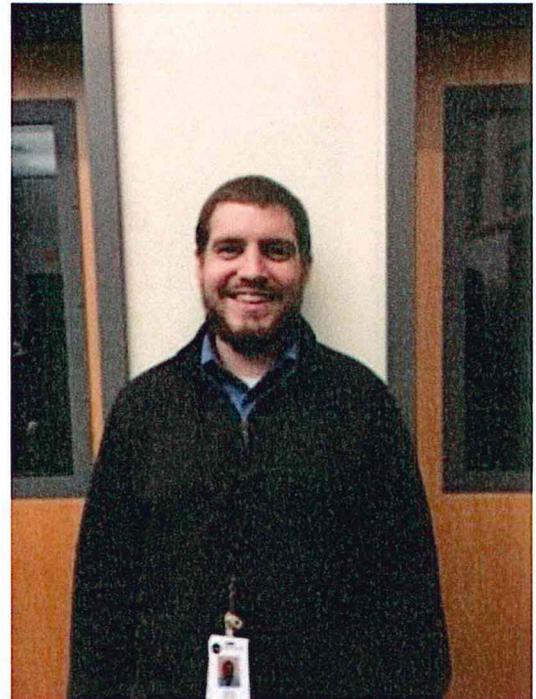
## Welcome Back Titans!

### Welcome Mr. Mitchell

We have a new music teacher this year. Mr. Mitchell grew up in Salem and went to college at Oregon State University. He is the only member of his family (he has one sister and two brothers) to stay involved with music as a career.

In his spare time, he likes to play the trumpet by himself or with a group of other musicians. He enjoys watching *Criminal Minds* because he likes how they solve mysteries and catch the bad guys in the end. He also likes to run everyday if he has the time and if it isn't raining buckets. He would also like to play baseball and basketball on a community team if he had more time. Mr. Mitchell says that he wants to teach students how to make music, love playing an instrument, sing in choir, and have a great time making music for their entire life. He really enjoys watching students improve when they work hard and dedicate themselves to learning everything they can about music. So far he loves teaching at Timber Ridge because the students are exciting and enthusiastic learners.

The first music concert will be **Thursday, October 27 at 6:00 pm** in the large gym. You can expect to see a wide range of abilities from beginner to advanced, and many different types of music such as jazz, march music, and maybe even some spooky songs. Hopefully everyone will come and see our great music program and welcome our new music teacher, Mr. Mitchell.



## New Staff at Timber Ridge

### Ms. Cyrus

At Timber Ridge we have a new teacher. Her name is Ms. Cyrus. She teaches Math 180 and Reading 180. Before she came to Timber Ridge she worked at Liberty Elementary School. She went to college at OSU, where she got her Bachelor's degree in business. She is currently getting her Master's degree at Western Oregon University. She has three kids. She also has two dogs, two cats, and some fish. When she's not in school, she spends her time watching sports with her friends, and her family. This is her first time teaching. We hope that you make her feel welcome and treat her kindly. Let's make sure to make her first year one to remember.

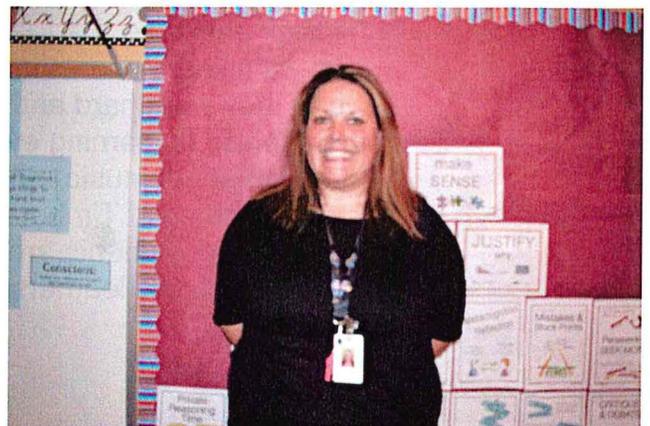
~ Nikilie R., Alex H and Sandra T.



### Mrs. Russell

Mrs. Russell has been teaching for ten years. She was born in Corvallis, Oregon. She graduated from Portland State University with her Bachelor's degree, and George Fox University for her Masters in Arts in Teaching degree. She wanted to be a pediatrician before she ended up wanting to be a teacher. A pediatrician is a doctor that treats children. She has wanted to help kids for awhile. The thing she likes the most about being a teacher is that the kids she works with are funny. When she is not in school teaching, the thing she likes to do most is to be with her kids. They like to go boating. She teaches third grade in Hall A and she wants to teach until it is not entertaining or fun anymore. She likes the grade she is teaching at this time. Mrs. Russell has a husband and four kids. Three of her kids are "bonus" kids, she prefers the term "bonus" to "step" because they are a bonus to her life! Mason is 19, Ashlynn is 17, and Morgun is 13. She and her husband also have a son together. His name is Grayson, and he's 13 months old. Be sure to welcome Mrs. Russell when you see her!

~ Max M. , Hayden S and Mickenzi R-M

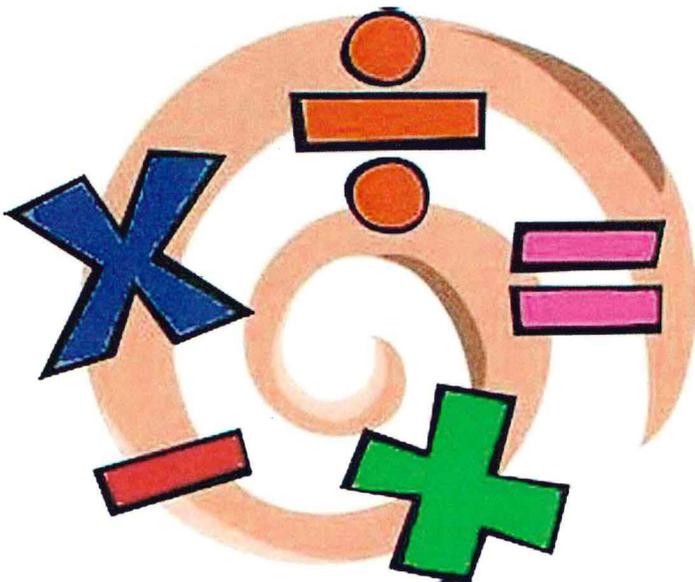
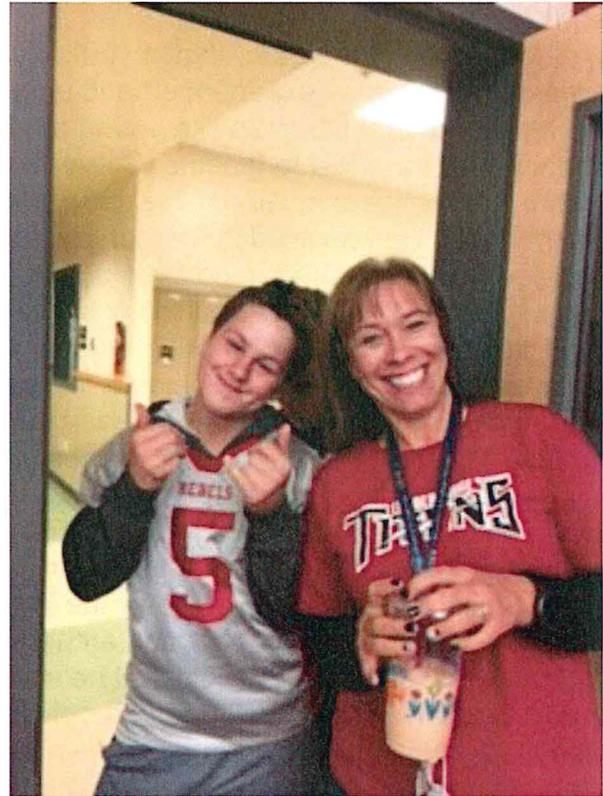


## More New Staff at Timber Ridge

### Mrs. Podrabsky

Mrs. Podrabsky is new to the school. She came from Lebanon. She has three boys who don't go to school here. She lives in North Albany. She has been a teacher for five years; this is her sixth year teaching. She teaches math and a little bit of technology. She went back to school recently at Lewis and Clark College for her administrator's license. She remembers her students' names by saying them over and over again. She decided to be a teacher to make a difference. She plans to be a teacher as long as she still helps students. Mrs. Podrabsky is cool and kind and that's what makes her a good teacher.

~ Peyton W.



# Still More New Staff at Timber Ridge

## Mr. Ingram

There are a lot of things about Mr. Ingram you may not already know. But don't worry I'm here to tell you some of the other things you may not know already. He is an experienced and unique teacher. He tries to treat students like young adults. He is kind. Mr. Ingram used to teach at Streamwood High School in Streamwood, Illinois. He used to live in Chicago, Illinois. He has lived in Oregon for about two years now. He loves Oregon so far. He said " I love Oregon. You couldn't make me move back to Chicago, Illinois." He loves Timber Ridge so far. It has lots of energetic kids and enthusiastic learners. Also, he likes that his students come in ready to learn right away. He is in the beginning stages of getting to know students. He realized he wanted to be a teacher in his junior year of high school. He has been a teacher for four years and proud of it. He teaches Social Studies and Health for the 7th grade students. He likes hiking, shooting archery and watching movies for fun. He said that he's an enthusiastic teacher. He said that he does not want to tell his favorite place in the world because people might go there and ruin it for him. Maybe someday he will tell us his favorite place in the world . But he did say his second favorite in the world. It is McKenzie River Trail in Blue River, Oregon. It is about 83.3 miles from here. It takes about an hour and 33 minutes to get there. Outside of the US, he has been to Mexico, Germany, Austria and Italy. In the US he has not been to Alaska and Hawaii, but he has been to most of the other states in the US.

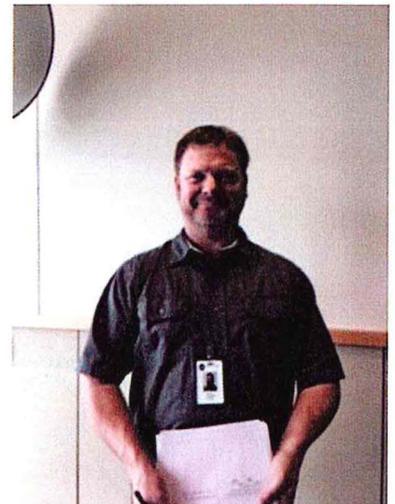
~ Mickenzi R.M



## Mr. Campbell

This year at Timber Ridge, we have a new teacher. His name is Mr. Campbell. He teaches 6th grade math and science. He has been teaching for twelve years. He's excited to work here because he is new to this school. When Mr. Campbell was in college, he studied science and education. In his spare time he relaxes and spends time with his family. Mr. Campbell was inspired to become a science and math teacher by his 5th and 6th grade teachers, and he loves working with kids. He was raised in Albany, Oregon. He loves both math and science. He hopes to be a better teacher than he is now and hopes to have a positive influence on the lives of students. Let's make him feel welcome to Timber Ridge.

~ Sandra T.



# Finally, the Last of the New Staff at Timber Ridge

## Say Aloha to Ms. Hall!

At the end of last year, counselor Cindy Parke retired and left Timber Ridge. Now Ms. Hall has replaced her. I can honestly say that after talking to her, it was clear she was the perfect person to do so. She is an incredibly nice woman, and she seems to truly care about people around her.

Ms. Hall is originally from Newport, Oregon. She moved back to Oregon, coming from the islands of Hawaii on which she had lived, and worked as a school counselor. While she is new to Timber Ridge, she is not new to counseling. In fact, this will be her fifth year as a counselor, so she definitely knows what she's doing.

When she isn't being a counselor here at school, Ms. Hall is a total outdoor enthusiast. She loves everything outdoor related. She goes hiking, does crossfit, and runs. She even goes undersea swimming!



As a child, Ms. Hall was certain that she wanted a job that would benefit children. That being said, she thought about being an architect, but later discovered she was not the best at math. She also thought about nursing, but in the end decided on a helping profession. In her college years, Ms. Hall studied health and human sciences. In fact, that ended up being her major.

As I said before, Ms. Hall was really excited to work at Timber Ridge. To prepare, she moved, obviously, and organized work files. The thing she was most excited about, was that she was going to meet many new kids and also all of the staff. Since she came from Hawaii, she says she hopes to "bring the Aloha to Timber Ridge." Empathy is also a big thing that Ms. Hall would like the kids to know, because it is a fundamental skill we all need to practice.

All in all, our new counselor is a pretty great woman. She described herself as bubbly and friendly, and she hopes that she will be able to relate to kids well. She especially hopes that they will take the time to get to know her as well. So, let's say hello, or as they say in Hawaii, Aloha to Ms. Hall!

~ Nakyah R.

# Staff Changing Jobs at Timber Ridge

## The New and Improved Mz. Vomocil

Many students and parents have the pleasure of knowing Mz. Vomocil. For those who don't, she is one of the teachers in C Hall. She taught seventh grade math last year. However, this year, her job has changed.

Now, when I say her job changed this year, I don't mean drastically. It's not as if she taught seventh grade math last year, and now she teaches 3rd grade language arts. She actually still teaches seventh grade math. The only change that has been made is that she now teaches seventh and eighth grade math, including eighth grade algebra.

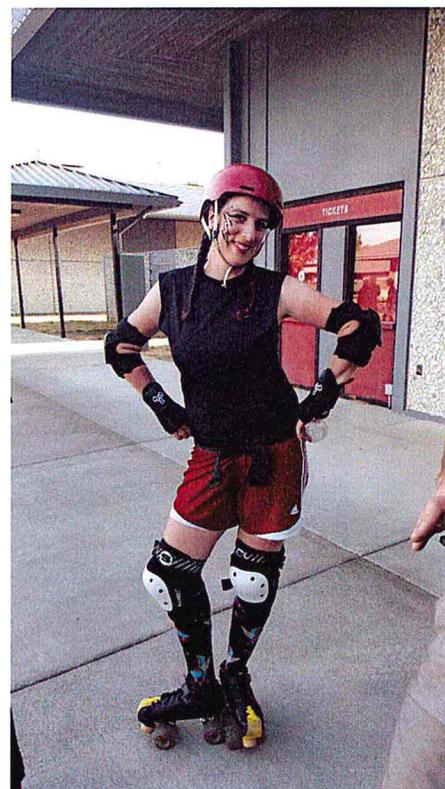
The reason that Mz. Vomocil now teaches seventh and eighth grade math is that she wants to be able to collaborate with the new math teacher, Mrs. Podrabsky, mostly on assignments. While you may think that having so many students to teach would be frustrating, Mz. Vomocil does not mind. She says that since the students she teaches are very close to being high schoolers, she finds it fun to get them ready for the big world that is high school. Although, she does say that she wishes she was able to work with students more, perhaps if she had a smaller class to handle. As for her teaching algebra and regular math in the same classroom, Mz. Vomocil says she enjoys teaching the two curriculums.

Enough about her job changing, let's take a look into the life of Mz. Vomocil herself. Over the summer, she was married and hiked to Machu Picchu with her new husband. Although she is married now, she still prefers to be called Mz. Vomocil instead of Mrs. Vomocil because "Mrs." means property of another person, and Mz. Vomocil would rather continue to be the individual that she is. Anyway, aside from her marriage, other activities that she does outside of school include playing roller derby, ultimate frisbee, gardening, and sewing. She chose to become a teacher because she wanted to help students enjoy math. She has also traveled and volunteered in places such as Europe and certain parts of Africa to help people. Her dream job would be to teach in a place where each and every student did their homework. Also, Mz. Vomocil's favorite subject in school was language arts, because she enjoyed reading stories that taught her about other places.

In the classroom, Mz. Vomocil encourages healthy lifestyles by doing a couple of things. First, as some of you may know, she uses standing tables, because she found that it is healthier to stand instead of sit, because our bodies were not made to sit down. Instead, as I said, they were built to stand. Also, as many of Mz. Vomocil's students know, Mz. Vomocil has begun using stools in her classroom this year, and that is also for health reasons. She says she uses them because the stools make it so your muscles have to work extra hard to keep you from falling, so you exercise your muscles more, thus making them stronger, and you healthier.

So, now that you know a bit more about Mz. Vomocil and her recent job change, we hope you continue to treat her with the same kindness that you would treat her with the same respect that you would to her regularly, or if you haven't meet her, just remember to treat her like you would another teacher. When you do meet her though, you'll have fun, trust me.

~ Nakyah R.



# More Staff Changing Jobs at Timber Ridge

## The Return of Mrs. Mann

Mrs. Mann has been a teacher in our school district for ten years now. Lots of our older students know her, but few younger students do. Mrs. Mann teaches art now, but for the past few years she has been a seventh grade social studies teacher as well. Last year though, Mrs. Mann chose to leave in the middle of the school year to be a temporary teacher at South Albany High School. While she was there she taught Drawing 1, Drawing 2, Painting, and Basic Design to ninth through twelfth graders. In her free time, you can find Mrs. Mann at Renaissance fairs and pirate festivals where she sells her pottery. She also goes to Society for Creative Anachronism events. She went to college at Lane Community College, The University of Oregon, and Pacific University where she then graduated in December of 2005. She moved last December. She hasn't had time to set up her art studio at home yet, but hopes to have it set up soon. The reason she knew teaching was for her was her passion to share her talent and love for art with all who cared to learn. Welcome back Mrs. Mann!

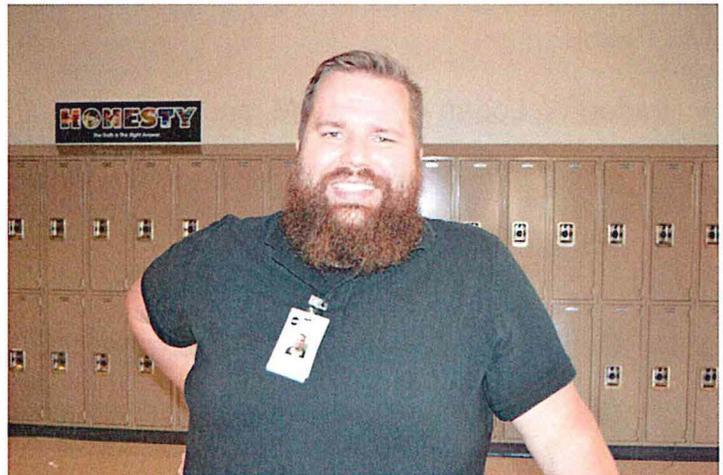
~ Hannah S. and Lillian J-M



## Mr. Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy likes his job change so far this year, as the Dean of Students. Last year he was a resource teacher. He likes that he can be with more kids. His two favorite sports are football and basketball. He likes the Oregon State Beavers. He also enjoys MMA. MMA stands for mixed martial arts. It is a full-contact combat sport that allows striking and grappling, both standing and on the ground. He likes to spend time with his family in his spare time. In school, his favorite subject was social studies. His dream job was to become a chef or engineer.

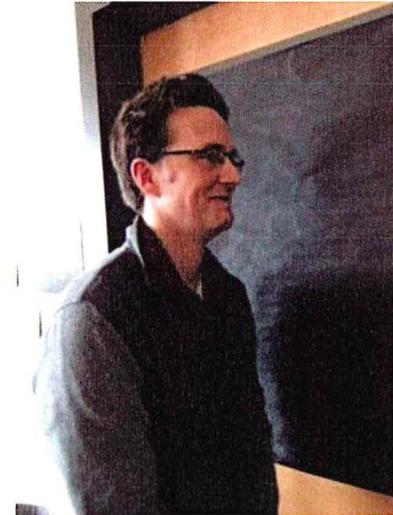
~ Trey W, Nic S, and Mickenzi R-M



# The Last Staff Changing Jobs at Timber Ridge

## Mr. Peters the Science Teacher

Mr. Peters is a seventh grade teacher. He wants to focus on teaching science and he is happy to be working with previous classes. Mr. Peters likes to teach 7th grade more than 6th grade. He likes the upstairs classroom because it has big tables, it has lots of science equipment, and no days are the same. He likes to swim and surf. Over the summer, Mr. Peters redid the water pipes in his house. The reason Mr. Peters wanted to be a teacher was because he wanted to work with young people. Mr. Peter's favorite school as a child was elementary school, he learned how to read, the teachers were supportive, and really nice. His favorite teacher's name was Mrs. Goodwin. Mr. Peters has some hobbies such as wood working, building things, improving where he lives, being with friends, hiking, and running. The school year for Mr. Peters has been going better than expected, he says that he likes AVID and that the kids are more mature. It has been an interesting year so far for our 7th grade science teacher Mr. Peters.



~ Braden W, Logan G, Lilly J-M, and Hannah S.



### Upcoming Important Dates:

Oct. 14- No School– Staff Development

Oct. 24-28 Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 28- No School– Grading Day

11/3- Conferences - 4:30- 7:30 pm after school

11/4– No School– Conferences

Conference times: 8:00- 11:30 am,  
12:30- 4:30 pm, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

### Red Ribbon Week is Coming!

The week of October 24-28 is Red Ribbon Week. The dress up days are:

- Monday - shade out drugs (sunglass day)
- Tuesday - A hall wears **Red**, B hall wears white and C hall wears **Blue**
- Wednesday - Timber Ridge gear day (wear all the Timber Ridge gear you have.)
- Thursday - Scare Away Drugs (dress in costumes - no masks, clowns, or weapons)

Hope to see everyone participating in this fun week!