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MELISSA ALAMPRESE-PLATT has been teaching Physical Education in Croton since 2002. She teaches both at the middle school and high school. She has a B.S. from Springfield College in Movement and Sports Studies/Physical Education and has a M.S. in Recreation Administration from Lehman College. Before coming to Croton, she taught physical education in Yorktown for one year. She has been the varsity field hockey coach since 2003.

BRETT BOWDEN teaches Social Studies. He has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law/Yeshiva University, and an M.A.T. in Secondary Social Studies from Manhattanville College. A member of the New York State bar, Mr. Bowden previously taught in Mount Vernon, New York.

GREGORY BRADLEY teaches Mathematics and is the curriculum coordinator. He has a B.A. in Mathematics and a minor in Theatre from the College of St. Rose and a Masters Degree in Math Education from the City College of New York. Prior to coming to CHHS, he taught in Harlem, NY at Rice High School and Frederick Douglass Academy. He is also a graduate of the National Shakespeare Conservatory.

SUSAN BREE teaches French. She has a B.A. and an M.A. in French from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, and a Ph.D. in seventeenth century French literature from Stanford University. Dr. Bree taught French for five years at Stanford University, and was a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at the College of William and Mary from 1996 to 1998 where she was the Acting Language Coordinator of French in 1997-98.

JODI BURGER teaches Art. She received her B.A. from Duke University in History and Art Design, and has an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University in Art and Art Education. Prior to coming to CHHS, Ms. Burger taught in Nassau County, Long Island, and at La Guardia High School of Music and Art in New York City. She is also a graphic designer and has worked in the fashion and magazine industries for over nine years.

LAUREL CARDELLICHIO teaches Biology and Chemistry. She has a B.A. in Biology from Western Connecticut State University and a M.A.T. in Secondary Education with Specialization in Biology from Fordham University. Mrs. Cardellichio has 13 years teaching experience in Biology, Chemistry, Forensics, AP Psychology, and prior to coming to CHHS, has taught at Yorktown High School, Horace Greeley High School, and Putnam Valley High School.

IVELAW CARRINGTON has been teaching in the Croton-Harmon School District since 1979. He has an M.S. in Administration from the College of New Rochelle, an M.M. in Music Performance from the Manhattan School of Music, and a B.S. in Music Education from Hunter College that he obtained after graduating from the High School of Music and Art. He is a member of NYSSMA (NYS School Music Association) and MENC (Music Educators National Conference). He has served as coordinator and adjudicator for the All-County Intermediate Festivals and has performed with the White Plains Pop Band, Yorktown Theater, and abroad.

GEORGE CASTELLI has been teaching Physical Education in the Croton-Harmon School District since 1981. He teaches at the high school and coaches at both the high school and middle school. He has a B.S. degree from Central Connecticut State College, attended Westchester Community College, and has an M.S. in Physical Education and Elementary Education from Western Connecticut State University. He also received a Certificate of Advanced Study from SUNY, New Paltz and is certified as a personal fitness trainer for the National Fitness Trainer Association.

ERICA CHANOWSKY, a National Board Certified Teacher, teaches English and is the curriculum coordinator. She holds a B.A. degree in English with a minor in Medieval/Renaissance Studies from the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. She attended SUNY New Paltz, where she earned an M.S. degree in Secondary Education in English. Mrs. Chanowsky is also a Teacher Consultant for the Hudson Valley Writing Project and co-advisor to the Yearbook Club at CHHS.

MARY CHESSER teaches English. She has a B.A. in English and French from SUNY, Albany and an M.A. in English from Western Connecticut State University. Additional credits have been earned in youth counseling and adolescent community activity. Ms. Chesser came to CHHS from Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains where she taught English for ten years. She is a member of the Westchester Council of English Educators. Ms. Chesser is the advisor of the literary magazine, *The 4th Floor*, and coordinates the school-wide creative writing contest.

MICHAEL CHIMILESKI teaches Social Studies. He has a B.A. in History and an M.A. in Education from St. Lawrence University. He served as Educational Administrative Internship/ Experiential Middle School Coordinator in the Geneva City School District and as Social Studies Coordinator at Finger Lakes Alternative High School.

PHYLLIS COBB is the Nurse at CHHS. She has an A.A.S. in Nursing from Westchester Community College, and a B.A. in Sociology from SUNY College at New Paltz. Mrs. Cobb worked for 15 years at Northern Westchester Hospital in the Emergency Dept., and in Endoscopy/ Minor Surgery as that department's Pediatric specialist. She is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support.

JONNA DEAK is a Resource Room teacher. Previously, she taught Biology and Chemistry at the high school. She has a B.A. in Biology from Plattsburgh State University and an M.S. in Secondary/Special Education from Mercy College.

ALICIA DESANTI is the ESL teacher at the high school and PVC. She has a B.S. from New York University and an M.S. from Queens College.

RALPH DE FINO teaches Mathematics. He has a professional diploma in administration from the College of New Rochelle, his Master's in Education from Iona College, math certification from Pace University and William Patterson Teachers College, as well as a B.A. in History from Villanova University. Mr. De Fino began teaching at CHHS in 1980. He has taught both Social Studies and Mathematics, grades 6-12 and is currently teaching in the Learning Center. Prior to his tenure here, Mr. De Fino taught for five years at Iona Prep.

DANIEL DELANEY is a Resource Room teacher. Mr. Delaney is also the coordinator of the CHOOSE Program. He has a B.A. from Seton Hall University and an M.A. from Jersey City State College. His prior teaching experience was at Bergen County Special Services in Paramus, New Jersey. Mr. Delaney began teaching at CHHS in 1984. He was selected as a Citibank Fellow for the Coalition of Essential Schools and has facilitated teacher training sessions through his affiliation. Mr. Delaney is the Senior Class Advisor, and co-advisor for the Student Faculty Congress and National Honor Society.

SUSAN DUDMAN teaches Mathematics. She holds a B.S. degree in Mathematics with Applied Physics and a B.S. in Secondary Education from SUNY, Oswego. She also has an M.A. in Secondary Mathematics from CCNY. Susan previously taught at Dover High School and John S. Burke Catholic High School. She is a current member of AMTNYS and NCTM.

RAYMOND FERRARA teaches Earth Science and Environmental Science. He has a B.A. in Environmental Science from SUNY, Purchase and his M.S. from Pace University. Mr. Ferrara has previously worked at Teatown Lake Reservation, Green Chimneys and the County Parks Department.

MEG FLOOD teaches Social Studies and English. She has a B.F.A. in Theatre Arts and an M.A. in Education from Mount Saint Mary College. She comes to Croton-Harmon from the Kaplan School where she taught Global History.

ROCHELLE FRISCH teaches Social Studies and serves as co-advisor for the Student Faculty Congress and National Honor Society. She holds a B.A. degree from City University and an M.A. in History from Manhattan College. Ms. Frisch has prior teaching experience in the Bronx High School of Science and Hunter College High School.

MARCIE FRISHMAN is teaching ESL at PVC and CHHS while Mrs. DeSanti is on leave. Ms. Frishman has an M.A. in music and is a Ph.D. candidate in ethnomusicology. She has a post-master's certificate in ESOL and has taught ESL in elementary school and at Manhattanville College.

KIM GAYNOR is the 10th grade Resource Room teacher. She earned a B.A. in English/Journalism from SUNY Plattsburgh and a M.S. in Secondary Education from Mercy College. Prior to her arrival at Croton-Harmon High School, Ms. Gaynor taught English at Lehman High School and at Harrison High School. She also taught English/Special Education at the Clark Academy in Dobbs Ferry. She is a member of The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and Phi Delta Kappa, Professional Association for Educators.

ZHANNA GLAZENBURG teaches Physics and AP Physics. Born in Minsk, Belorus, she studied applied mathematics at Belorussian Polytechnic Academy. After coming to the United States, she received a B.S. from New York University in Secondary Science Education (summa cum laude), and an M.A. from Columbia University, Teachers College. Mrs. Glazenburg has previously taught at Brooklyn Technical High School and Fiorello La Guardia High School for the Performing Arts in New York City, and at Mildred E. Strang Middle School in Yorktown.

HELEN HARRIS is a Guidance Counselor. She has a B.S. in Mathematics from New York University, and an M.S. in Counseling from Long Island University. She taught Mathematics at DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx, and was a Guidance Counselor at Eastchester High School. Helen also serves on the Executive Board of the Westchester Putnam Rockland Counseling Association.

KELLY INGRAHAM-FRIEDMAN is the 9th Grade Resource Room teacher. She has a B.A. in Psychology and an Art Studio minor from SUNY New Paltz, and has a M.S. in Applied Educational Psychology from Northeastern University. Kelly has previously worked in the Boston area as a counselor and in the San Francisco Bay Area as a Special Education Teacher.

BRIENNE JOHANNES teaches Art. She earned her B.F.A. and M.A.T. collectively through the five year dual degree honors program at Manhattanville College. She advises the Photography Club. She has previously taught at PVC and at the Young Artists Summer Program at SUNY Purchase, as well as other various summer programs. She also teaches at the Katonah Museum of Art twice a month.

NORA JORDAN teaches Spanish. She graduated from Mount St. Mary College with a B.A. in Hispanic Studies as well as an M.S. in Secondary Education. Ms. Jordan's experience includes teaching at both the middle and high school levels.

SUZANNE LEWIS is the Transitional Alternative Program (TAP) teacher for all grades. She is a 1987 graduate of Croton-Harmon High School, and holds a B.S. in Communications from SUNY, Cortland and an M.S. in Special Education from The College of New Rochelle.

DONNA LIGHT-DONOVAN directs the Science Research Program and teaches AP Biology and AP Environmental Science. She has a B.A. from Bennington College and an M.S. in Science Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Donna was an electron microscopist at Yale Medical School for eleven years and has been part of the Rockefeller University Science Outreach Program since 1992. She has received a number of local, state, and national science education grant awards. In 2007, Donna completed a certificate in Landscape Design at the Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, New York.

SOYOUNG LIM teaches Mathematics. She has a B.S in Computer Science from Chonbuk National University in Korea, an M.A in Computer Science from Queens College, and certification as a JAVA programmer from Sun Microsystems, Inc. Before she came to the United States she taught computer science and mathematics in high school and middle school for four years. Upon finishing graduate school here in the U.S. she realized how much she missed teaching and enrolled in Nyack College where she completed a teacher education program. While studying secondary education, she taught math courses at Nyack College Manhattan Campus for six semesters.

KURT LINDNER teaches Mathematics. He has a B.S. in Mathematics from Pennsylvania State University, along with an M.A.T. in Mathematics from SUNY, Cortland and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Administration from SUNY, New Paltz. Mr. Linder has coached a variety of soccer and ski teams in the Croton-Harmon School District and previously taught 8th grade Mathematics.

ANGELA MARCIANO is the Student Assistance Counselor at the high school and the middle school. She has a Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology and another Masters in Social Work and has done post-graduate work in family therapy and substance abuse. She is a New York State certified alcohol and substance abuse counselor. Angela is advisor to the SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) Club and HUGS (Help Us Girls Succeed) Program, and is also a field instructor for NYU and Fordham University.

JOSEPH MERRIAM teaches English. He has a B.A. in English from Fordham University and an M.A. in English from Duke University. He is the advisor for Legitimate Edgar (the Shakespeare Club) and the director for the Winter Shakespeare Production.

JENNIFER MOORE teaches Art and is the curriculum coordinator for Art, district-wide. She received her B.A. in Studio Art from Potsdam College and her M.S. Ed. in Art Education from the College of Saint Rose. She is the co-advisor for the Yearbook Club. In 2004, Ms. Moore was named Regional Art Educator of the Year for New York State. Prior to coming to Croton, she taught Art at Dryden High School in Central New York.

PAMELA MORRISON is the Library Information Specialist. She is also the Junior Class advisor, AFS (American Field Service) advisor and Book Club Advisor. Ms. Morrison holds a B.A. degree in English and Education from Marist College and an M.S. in Library and Information Science from the Palmer School at Long Island University. She is a member of the American Library Association's SLMS and NPW BOCES Secondary Librarians' Network.

THOMAS NAUGHTON teaches Social Studies. He has a B.A. in Anthropology from the Catholic University of America and an M.S. in Teaching from Iona College. Mr. Naughton has completed additional graduate work in Archaeology at Hunter College, City University of New York. He has six years prior teaching experience and is an archaeologist.

GEORGINE NIGRO teaches Health. She holds a B.S. degree in Health Education from Springfield College and an M.S. degree in Health Education from Lehman College. Assists in coordinating Wellness days for both students and faculty. Has advised the Alliance for Equality Club and continues to advise the Community Service Club.

SAM OCCHIPINTI is a Special Education teacher working in the Transitional Alternative Program (TAP) for 9th through 12th grades. He holds a B.A. degree in Physical Education and an M.A. in Special Education from the CUNY at Lehman College. He has been the Varsity Wrestling Coach since 1987.

LOIRA ORTIZ-SHAPIO teaches Spanish. She graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a Bachelor's degree in Speech Communication and from CCNY with an M.A. in Spanish Literature. She also completed courses at the University of Alcalá de Henares in Spain. Loira previously taught Spanish at DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx.

THOMAS RHINDRESS teaches Earth Science and Biology. He has a B.A. in biology from Carleton College in Northfield, MN and a M.A.T. in science education from the SUNY - Cortland. Prior to coming to CHHS, he taught Earth Science and Biology for nine years at Hoosick Falls High School in upstate New York. He began his teaching career working as an environmental educator for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's summer camps program and as a marine biology instructor in the Florida Keys.

ALISON RHOADES teaches French, levels 1, 2, and 3. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in French at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. She completed the coursework required for a Masters of Arts in Teaching at The School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. This year she will share in the coordination of the Croton-La Rochelle Exchange as well as co-adviser of the French Club.

ERIC ROSEN is the School Psychologist. He holds a B.A. in Psychology and Interpersonal/Intercultural Communications from SUNY, New Paltz. He has received is M.S. in School Psychology from Mercy College. Eric comes from the Yorktown School District where he spent the last two years providing comprehensive psychological services to students in grades K-5 and 9-12. Eric is also a member of the National Association of School Psychologists.

NOEL SCHOENLEBER teaches English. She has a B.A. in English from the College of William and Mary and a graduate teaching certificate from Mills College where she was awarded an Alumnae Fellowship. She also earned an M.A. in Secondary Education from Mercy College. She has recently participated in an institute by the New York State Council for the Humanities on Shakespeare, history, and film, as well as seminars at SUNY Purchase on Melville's *Moby-Dick* and the poetry of Emily Dickinson.

LISA SEDITA teaches Mathematics. She has a B.S. in Mathematics from SUNY Albany and an M.S. from Mercy College. She previously taught in a private school in New Rochelle, where she also coached JV girls softball and was the assistant coordinator for Student Government.

MICHAEL SPALDING teaches Chemistry. He has a B.S. degree in Chemistry from SUNY, Cortland and an M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He previously taught at Walter Panas High School.

WILLIAM THOM teaches Physical Education. He holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration and an M.S in Special Education from the College of St. Rose. Mr. Thom has previous teaching experience at St. Helena's Commercial High School in New York City, as well as teaching in the Smith College/Northampton Mass. High School summer enrichment teaching program. He has served as Vice-President of Section One, Conference III. Coach Thom is also certified by the National Fitness Association as a personal fitness trainer.

LESLIE TROISE is a Guidance counselor. She holds a B.A. degree in Social Sciences from the University of Bridgeport and an M.S. in Counseling and Development from Long Island University. She has completed additional graduate work at L.I.U. and Fairfield University. Ms. Troise is a member of the Building Planning Committee, the Building Safety Team, and the advisor for the Regional Youth Leadership Organization.

JEANNIE VAN ASSELT teaches Spanish and is the curriculum coordinator. She has an M.A. in English and an M.A. in Comparative Literature and has taught both English and Spanish.

TANYA VIOLA is the Guidance Director. She has a B.S. in Psychology from St. Thomas Aquinas College and her M.S.Ed. from Long Island University in School Counseling and Development. Ms. Viola was the former Assistant Director of Academic Advisement at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Prior to her work at Fairleigh Dickinson, she worked in college admissions for five years at her alma mater St. Thomas Aquinas College. Ms. Viola is a member of NACAC (National Association for College Admission Counseling) and NSCA (National School Counselors Association).

RICHARD VOGEL teaches English. He has a B.A. in English from St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn, an M.A. in English from Long Island University, a D.A. from St. John's University, and certification as a school administrator. He has been awarded National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships for research on William Faulkner at Southeast Missouri State University; for the study of Shakespeare at Queens College; for the study of Modern Theater at N.C. State and Breadloaf; for research on Willa Cather and Edith Wharton at the University of Kansas; for the study of Elizabethan women writers at Virginia Commonwealth University; and for the study of Joseph Conrad at Union College. He has been awarded a Council for Basic Education Fellowship to study the literature of small-town America. He is the co-author of two books on the AP examinations in English Literature and English Language, a Regional Consultant for the College Board, and a Table Leader at the AP English Literature Reading in June. He serves as an AP English mentor to teachers in schools throughout the tri-state region.

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN teaches Video Production and Choral Music. He has a B.F.A. in Music Education from Long Island University and an M.A. in Music Composition. Prior to coming to CHHS, he was a record producer in the music industry for 12 years.

SARA WORDEN teaches Music/Strings. She graduated from the Hartt School with a B.M. in Violin Performance. In 2002 she received her M.M. in viola performance from the Conservatory of Music at Purchase College, SUNY. She is a co-founder, artistic board member, and an active performer with the Artemis Chamber Ensemble.

DOUGLAS YOUNG teaches 12th grade Participation in Government, Economics, Advanced Placement Economics, and U.S. History. He holds a B.S. degree in Social Studies from Kutztown University and a Master's of Education with a minor in Political Science from East Stroudsburg University. He is a member in the National, New York State, and Westchester Social Studies Councils. He has served as a consultant for New York Federal Reserve Bank, a reviewer for State Education on "Economics" and the "Participation in Government" courses. Recently, he was a consultant for McDougal Littell for the publication of their new economics textbook entitled "Economics: Concepts and Choices" which was released this past spring. Mr. Young was named Outstanding High School Social Studies Teacher for New York State in 1994.