



OHS STAFF RUNDOWN

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

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Renee Hargrove



Ms. Hargrove is a stringent and veracious teacher. Although Ms. Hargrove doesn't take kindly to shenanigans or dilly dallying, she truly has a soft spot for her students. Sometimes tough love is the best love, and by setting clear and consistent expectations, her students learn to take responsibility for their own actions and understand that there are consequences. It's a challenge but with the right perspective, it can be a good challenge.

OHS is truly a community school: that is what makes it so special. Entire generations of families pass through our doors and remain invested in our successes. - **Renee Hargrove**

Hannah Cockerell



Ms. Cockerell, is one of our most genuine teachers at OHS. Ms. Cockerell provides this sense of comfort and trust within her classroom welcoming all kinds of different personalities to emerge. This is the teacher students know they can go to with any problems or concerns or even to share a funny story. With warmth and compassion, Ms. Cockerell looks beyond the walls of her classroom to assess and meet her students' needs, she listens to concerns voiced by students and she understands that each day presents its challenges and that her main goal is to help her students realize the potential within themselves.

OHS is a family in the way that you cannot walk down the hallway without someone knowing your name. Every classroom is an open door to a teacher that will show you care and consideration on the days you need it most. To find safety and community in the way that you can at OHS is such a blessing. - **Hannah Cockerell**

Madeline Williams



Mrs. Williams, has a lot of grit and is a very convivial teacher. Mrs. Williams is continuously growing, learning, and reflecting on her practice everyday making continuous changes and improvements. She will do anything to be the best teacher she can be and will not let anything get in the way of educating her students. She creates lessons that are engaging, and incorporate strategies to individualize lessons for every student. Mrs. Williams recognizes that some students live a difficult life outside of school and she will always serve as an advocate for students when necessary.

I love being able to nurture the individual growth and critical thinking skills of my students. The staff here at OHS does a great job preparing students academically, building self-confidence, and helping ease their transition into the real world. - **Madeline Williams**

Daniel Brown



Dr. Brown is a prestigious and very adored teacher. Dr. Brown maintains the dignity of his students at all times and creates an atmosphere of trust and respect in his classroom. He elicits his students' best efforts and engages their minds, so that they leave his class still alive with ideas and comments. Students absolutely adore Dr. Brown because he's easy to talk to and can figure out a way to relate to and carry on a conversation with just about any personality type.

OHS welcomed my wife and I with open arms when we moved from Lexington in 2018. We had never experienced a school so full of pride and tradition, and we came to appreciate how much this place means to our community very quickly. - **Daniel Brown**

Jennifer Bufkin



Ms. Bufkin, is a very open-minded and accepting teacher. Ms. Bufkin understands that each student is different, and she wants them to embrace those differences. She teaches her students that it's those differences that often make them exceptional. Ms. Bufkin is always one to stand up for what she believes. She offers advice and mentoring when necessary but does not embarrass or berate the students. Ms. Bufkin is considerable and thoughtful to everyone and she's been a huge advocate and inspiration for the students.

To me OHS means acceptance. We hear so often in our country of schools forcing students to conform or banning different forms of self-expression, but that doesn't happen at OHS. All students no matter race, religion, ability, or class are accepted in these halls. The compassion and support our students and teachers have for each other is not something you find everywhere. Everyone at OHS is welcome to be just who they are. - Jennifer Bufkin

Carol Ripley



Ms. Ripley is a rigorous teacher and has been teaching at OHS for a long time. Ms. Ripley can come up with solutions to potential problems on her own and make general classroom decisions without consultation. She's very strict and has high expectations at all times, but she definitely has a sweet spot for her students. This is Ms. Ripley's last year as a teacher and we're sad to see her go but we're so incredibly blessed and appreciative of the work and love she's put into OHS all these years.

"This is the best school I have ever taught in. I feel very lucky to be ending my career at Owensboro High School!" - Carol Ripley

Julie Allen



Ms. Allen is a very passionate teacher. This is her first year teaching at OHS but the love she has for English is very apparent and it shows in her teaching. Ms. Allen is a huge book worm and will go into conversations about all kinds of books if you ask her. However, Ms. Allen is more on the introverted side so at first she may seem quiet but she's very easy to connect with. Ms. Allen is very understanding and open minded as long as you communicate. She's not one to hold a grudge if you make a mistake.

"As a new staff member, I have felt welcome since I got here and became a Red Devil. OHS is full of very loyal faculty, staff, and students who are dedicated to working together for the betterment of the study body and Owensboro community. I'm glad to be a part of it". - Julie Allen

Mary Beth Alexander



Ms. Alexander is a beloved teacher here at OHS. Students find her to be one of the more comforting teachers at the school, she's the kind of teacher you can talk to about anything. Ms. Alexander's class is a fun class to be a part of and it's difficult not to participate during class discussions because she grabs her students' attention. She teaches in a way that all students learn from, by making arrangements for those who learn different, and ensuring that everyone grasps the information and understands what is being taught.

The way the OHS students and staff care for and show up for one another makes our school different from other schools. Many of those I once called students I also now call friends. It is my honor to get to see them now as members of our community. -Mary Beth Alexander

