

# Who's Who in the LHS Faculty

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## **Walt Adams**

Mr. Adams, Academic Dean, also heads the LHS English department. He advises the National Honor Society and coordinates the Advanced Placement courses. Mr. Adams has a BS degree in Education with an emphasis in English from Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska, and a Master's degree in English Literature with emphasis in modern literature and linguistics from Purdue University.

## **Todd Bentz**

Mr. Bentz teaches math and coaches football and basketball. He received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska. His first call was to Lutheran High School of Hawaii (in Honolulu), and he later taught for six years at Metro-East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, Illinois. Todd and his wife Terri (a teacher at Trinity First in Minneapolis) live in Savage.

## **Minako Erlewine**

Mrs. Erlewine teaches Japanese at LHS. She has five years experience teaching in public high schools and also taught for 12 years in Japanese Saturday School. She received her BA from Seisen University in Tokyo, Japan. Minako and her husband Ron live in St. Paul with their children, Michael and Naomi.

## **Eric Forseth**

Mr. Forseth comes to LHS after having taught at Mt. Hope-Redemption and in St. Michael-Albertville Public Schools. He has a BA in Political Science from University of Minnesota and Masters Degrees in Theological Studies, Chinese History, and Education. At LHS, he teaches in the social studies department, advises student council, and serves as Dean of Students. He lives in Bloomington with his wife Sandy and their daughters, Bethany, Mackenzie, and Whitney.

## **Paul Grustans**

Mr. Grustans has over 15 years experience teaching music in both public and parochial schools, at levels ranging from kindergarten to college. He taught for over 10 years at North Central University in Minneapolis.

Since 1997, he has conducted orchestras with Minnesota Youth Symphonies. He received his BS in Music Education and BA in Geography from University of Minnesota and his Masters in Geography from University of Wisconsin in Madison. Paul directs the LHS band and choir, monitors study halls, and teaches in several other areas. Paul and his wife, Zona, live in Bloomington.

## **Mitch Jensen**

Mr. Jensen teaches physical education and health classes at LHS, and is also the Lancer football and wrestling coach. He has been at LHS since 1984. Mr. Jensen has a BA degree in Education from Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, and a Master's degree from the University of Minnesota. A member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edina, Mitch has served on their school board and other committees. Mitch and his wife Ruth have two sons, Matthew (LHS '01) and Christopher (LHS '05).

## **Grace Kelzer**

Mrs. Kelzer, the LHS registrar, earned a BS in Education with a history major from University of Wisconsin, River Falls. She also received her MS in education/counseling from UW River Falls. Grace has served as school board chairperson at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Edina and has taught in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Grace lives in Edina with her husband James, sons Karl (LHS '01) and Simon (LHS '05), and daughters Esther, Claire, and Martha.

## **Beth Luby**

Mrs. Luby is in her second year as a member of the science department. She came to LHS after ten years of teaching at North Hennepin Community College and Metropolitan State University. She earned her BA from Concordia College in Moorhead and her MS from University of Minnesota. She lives in Stillwater with her husband, Mark, and their children, Roberta, Cal, and Claire.

## **Kerry Meier**

Señora Meier teaches Spanish at LHS. Mrs. Meier has a BA from Lawrence University and a Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She also

attended the University of Valencia, Spain, and Ibero-American University in Mexico City. Married to Gerhardt, they have two daughters, Kristen and Sonja, a son-in-law, and three grandchildren.

### **Brian Melendez**

A 1986 LHS alum, Mr. Melendez went on to graduate from Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois, with a BA in physical science and a math minor. From 1991 until 1993, Brian was a faculty member at Lutheran High West in Detroit. He then taught at the Singapore American School from 1994 until 1997. In addition to teaching science at LHS, he is the cross country coach. Brian, his wife Kristin, and his sons, Eric and James, live in Richfield.

### **Phyllis Mueller**

Mrs. Mueller, the LHS Media Specialist, received her BA from Concordia College in St. Paul. Besides her work in the Library Media Center, Phyl coordinates the Labels for Education program and the Fall Craft Boutique. Phyl and her husband Bruce have two children, Ben (LHS '95) and Amy (LHS '01).

### **Susan Nadasdy**

Mrs. Nadasdy teaches several English classes at LHS. Until the mid-1990s, Susan was a junior high teacher at St. Peter's Lutheran School in Edina. After teaching for several years in St. Louis, she and her husband Dean moved back to the Twin Cities in 2000. Susan and Dean have three children, all graduates of LHS: Kristen ('91), Molly ('95), and Philip ('01).

### **Jason "Doogie" Neel**

Mr. Neel teaches theology classes and is the director in the theatre department. A graduate of Concordia University in St. Paul, Doogie is finishing graduate work at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He has been involved with directing eight plays and musicals at LHS. He also works with the youth program at Cross View Lutheran Church in Edina. Doogie and his wife, Sara, live in Eagan.

### **Susan Ohnstad**

Mrs. Ohnstad teaches social studies at LHS. She received her BEd from the University of Minnesota and has also lived in Florida. Susan previously taught social studies for 10 years in Shakopee. Her family includes husband Mark and daughter Lisa.

### **Diane Ott-Hager**

Ms. Ott-Hager teaches theology classes and oversees the ministry team at LHS. Diane has certification as a Lutheran Lay Minister. Her BA degree in Theology is from Concordia College in Milwaukee, and she completed Master's work at Sacred Heart School of Theology and Luther Seminary. Diane and her husband Dan live in Minneapolis.

### **Chris Roth**

Mr. Roth serves as Director of Recruitment and Public Relations for LHS and also teaches art and journalism classes. He is the yearbook advisor and has directed 12 LHS plays and musicals. He also serves as Fine Arts chairman. Chris is a graduate of Concordia College in St. Paul where he received his BA in art and English and previously taught at Metro-East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, Illinois.

### **Sandy Sevig**

Mrs. Sevig serves as a guidance counselor at LHS, coming to us through the Bloomington School District. Sandy holds masters degrees in secondary school counseling (from Mankato State) and secondary school administration (from Northern State University in South Dakota). She also holds a certificate in gifted education. Sandy has been a counselor for eight years, and taught for thirteen years prior to that. Sandy and her husband, Gerald, live in Shakopee.

### **Jon Sprengel**

Mr. Sprengel, a 2002 graduate of Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, is the athletic director at LHS. He also teaches math. His BS degree in secondary education includes subject endorsements in math and physics. Jon is also a girls basketball coach. He and his wife, Samantha, live in Eagan.

