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	<p>Welcome Mrs Mamie Allegretti to the Jr. Sr. High Foreign Language Department. Mrs. Allegretti is our new French Teacher. She has been a French teacher for 25 years. She graduated from Skidmore College and SUNY-Albany with degrees in French. Mrs. Allegretti has taught all levels of French from elementary school to college. Along with spending a year in Strasbourg, France during her Ph.D. program at SUNY-Albany, she has traveled to France well over a dozen times. In her free time she enjoys reading a wide variety of subjects, travel to historic places, scrapbooking, journaling, yoga and tai chi.</p>
	<p>Welcome Christine Baumeister. Ms. Baumeister will be our Elementary Art Teacher. She is excited to start the new school year at Hoosic Valley. Ms. Baumeister recently graduated from SUNY Albany with her Masters in studio art. She loves working with all materials but is looking forward to teaching clay. In her free time she enjoys hiking, playing ultimate frisbee, or reading a good book. We can't wait to see what is in store for our Art Students this year!</p>
	<p>Welcome Gretchyn Bedard to the Jr. Sr. High Social Studies Department. Mrs Bedard will be teaching Social Studies 8 &amp; Global 9. She has been teaching social studies for four years. Although she enjoys world history, she looks forward to teaching United States history this year, too. In her classroom, she tries to make the past relevant while focusing on skills students will use beyond their high school careers. Mrs. Bedard considers herself lucky that she gets to share her love of history with students in this community.</p>
	<p>Welcome Emily Costopoulos (Morizio) to the Jr. Sr. High School Music Department. Mrs. Costopoulos has always known she wanted to be a music teacher and is very excited to be living the dream at Hoosic Valley!</p>
	<p>Welcome Beth Crescenzo the Elementary School, Ms Crescenzo is a recent graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh with a bachelors in childhood education and a masters in special education. When she wasn't in the library or spending time at a local public school, she could usually be found outside fishing in the Saranac River, swimming in Lake Champlain, or hiking anywhere in the Adirondacks. Teaching is the one and only career she has aspired to do and is elated to be able to begin her career here at Hoosic Valley!</p>
	<p>Welcome Georgianna Callaghan to the Jr. Sr. High School Science Department</p>

	<p>Welcome Kayla Curtiss to our third grade team. Miss Curtiss is very excited to be teaching at Hoosic Valley! As a former student, it is amazing to be back and teach at the school that she once attended for my Elementary years. Miss Curtiss went to The College of Saint Rose for both my Undergraduate Degree and Masters Degree. She's off to an amazing school year with her third graders and wonderful colleagues!</p>
	<p>Welcome Christina D'Amico. Ms D'Amico will be providing Speech and Language services to our students. She has been a speech and language pathologist for 6 years. Ms D'Amico received her bachelor's degree from SUNY Cortland and her master's degree from New York University. She was born and raised on Long Island and moved to the capital region when she began teaching. Ms. D'Amico has experience in providing therapy at public schools as well as a private school for children who have autism. She is looking forward to being a part of the Hoosic Valley Central School District community and especially looking forward to joining a team who prioritize individual student needs.</p>
	<p>Welcome Mrs. Diane Hughes to the Jr. Sr. High as the Literacy Specialist. She is very excited to be teaching at Hoosic Valley Junior-Senior High School. I look forward to meeting and working with my new students! She has been a Literacy teacher for many years. She is a mother of three children, a son that is 18 years old and has just started his freshman year of college; a son and a daughter that are 12 years old and will be starting grade 8 this week. Her favorite thing to do is to spend time with her family. Some of her hobbies include gardening and playing the trumpet. She plays the trumpet in a community band and perform in concerts several times per year.</p>
	<p>Welcome Ms Sally Long as our District Librarian. She is looking forward to working with the wonderful students at Hoosic Valley. This is her 15th year working as a school librarian, she currently lives in Queensbury, New York</p>
	<p>Welcome Louise MacCormack to the Jr. Sr. High School Business Department</p>
	<p>Welcome Mrs. Holly Martin to the Jr. Sr. High Special Education Department. Mrs. Martin will be providing the Consultant Teacher services in English and Global History along with providing student support in Resource room.</p>

	<p>Welcome Laura Murray to the Jr. Sr. High School Special Education Department. Mrs. Murray has been working with middle school students for the past 10 years and is excited to continue her career and learning at Hoosic Valley. Mrs. Murray grew up in Berne, NY and graduated with a Bachelors Degree from The College of Saint Rose and a Masters Degree from SUNY Albany. Currently, she lives in the district with her husband and daughter. She enjoys running, camping, reading, snowmobiling, and spending time with her family and friends. She is so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this community and looking forward to a fantastic school year.</p>
	<p>Welcome Kaitlin Rizzo to the First Grade Team</p>
	<p>Welcome Mrs. Meghan Taylor to the fourth grade team. She has been teaching at the elementary level for 17 years. Her pride and joy is her beautiful family, husband Bill and two daughters Morgan (15) and Riley (13). She is thrilled to join the Hoosic Valley School District to share her passion for teaching and love for children with this community!</p>
	<p>Welcome Kevin Walsh to our Jr. Sr. High Math Department. Mr Walsh has a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and a Masters Degree in Adolescence Education. It is his second year teaching mathematics. Mr. Walsh was a collegiate athlete at The College of Saint Rose on the Swimming and Diving team and in his free time he coaches a swim team at a local YMCA.</p>

Meet our new Teaching Assistants and Aides

			
Theresa Ackerley	Christina Dumas	Janelle Johnson	Therese Kautz
			