



Welcome to Team 8B and your eighth grade year at Evans! We are very excited to meet you. We will be going over our team policies and sharing what will be covered this coming school year with your child the first week of school. Please visit our team website for more information throughout the year. <https://www.unit5.org/domain/723>

**Special Note:**

Due to space and safety concerns, backpacks are not allowed in 8B classrooms. Students may use a laptop sleeve/case for their laptop and charger only.

**Kimberly Barbeau (barbeauk@unit5.org) – Mathematics** - I am very excited to be teaching eighth grade math again at Evans. This will be my 17th year teaching and my thirteenth year of coaching volleyball here at EJHS. When I am not busy chasing around my six-year-old twins, I enjoy watching movies, playing volleyball, or catching a St. Louis Cardinals game. I have always had an interest in math and can't wait to start the school year.

**Matt Sherrill (sherrillmd@unit5.org) – Literature and Composition** - I grew up in the Northern Suburbs of Chicago and graduated from Illinois State University in 2009. This is my 15th year teaching in Unit 5, and I'm really excited to be a part of team 8B again! My wife, Lindsey, and I enjoy spending time at home with our son, our daughter, and our dogs Walter and Payton. Lindsey is also a teacher in the district at Chiddix Jr. High. When I'm not busy teaching, I enjoy playing music, watching movies, cycling, and cheering on all of my Chicago sports teams! GO BEARS!!!!

**Michele Southerd (southernm@unit5.org) – Social Studies** – This will be my 20th year teaching eighth grade and my thirtieth year as an educator! I love to spend time with my family, my husband Gary and our two children, Jacob and Haley. Some of my favorite activities are: reading mystery and historical novels, watching movies, and cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals! My goal this year is to bring history to life so that you may come to understand the value our past has on our present and future lives.

**Beth Stephens (stephensba@unit5.org) – Science** - Welcome back 8<sup>th</sup> graders! I am excited to start another year here at Evans and am looking forward to getting to know each of you. This is my 16th year teaching in Unit 5. My husband and I have two children, Luke and Quinn, that keep us very busy. When I get time I love to read, work in my yard, golf, and watch or attend sporting events. I have always enjoyed science and my hope for this year is to increase your interest and enjoyment in science as well.

**Alyssa Poulos (poulosab@unit5.org) –Language Arts** -I have been in Unit 5 since 2009 in varying capacities. This will be my 9th year at Evans! My husband and I have three children: Liam, Lexi, and Leah. We love the Chicago Cubs and spending time outside. I have a deep

passion for empowering teens to communicate effectively through writing. I am living my dream and wouldn't choose to do it anywhere else!

**Jenna Boudeman ([boudemaj@unit5.org](mailto:boudemaj@unit5.org)) Resource Special Education teacher** - I have been at EJHS since the building opened and have taught at each of the three grades levels. I have a daughter, whom is a senior in high school. I love the outdoors, sports, music, reading, and doing anything adventurous. I can't wait to see each of you this fall and hear about your summer adventures!

**Julie Gawron ([gawronj@unit5.org](mailto:gawronj@unit5.org)) Instructional Special Education teacher** - Ms. Gawron (G-ow-Rhin) has been in Special Education for over 10 years and this will be her 5th year at Evans Junior High School. She strives to give every student the opportunity for success in a safe and comfortable learning environment. Being an instructional LBS1 teacher, she has the pleasure of being able to focus on a smaller group of students and their individual needs to grow into a successful student, member of Eagle Nation, as well as their community as a whole. For the 23-24 school year, Ms. Gawron will be working with students on teams Team 7B and 8B.

**Jessica Hoy (Madame Hoy), ESL Support staff.** Madame Hoy is a highly qualified French teacher who found a love of supporting students in all areas of academics. This is her 3rd year supporting inside the classrooms. She has the joy of helping students bridge gaps in knowledge, and seeing them do better in their classes. Madame Hoy also is a sponsor for the Multicultural Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, and Gay Straight Alliance. She has 2 kids in unit 5. She loves board games, science fiction, reading, and listening to educational podcasts about history, science, psychology, and language learning.