



# YHS BLUEPRINT

School has now started for our  
Badger Family and the  
the community is stoked!  
Although times may be difficult  
considering distance learning,  
our Badger Community is still  
trying to make the best out of  
it.



## Hope for Sports

Maxwell Rice

While this year has been one beating after the other there is some hope on the horizon. It appears that we will get some semblance of a season this year. Fall sports for YHS have already begun limited conditioning as of Monday, September fourteenth. According to The California Department of Public Health, practices are only permitted if there is sufficient distancing between players and cohorting to help limit the spread of COVID-19. The CDPH insists that practices be focused on individual skills, such as running drills and body weight resistance training.

According to the CIF there will be a season this year, Fall sports have been pushed back to December/January, because of this there will only be two seasons: Fall and Spring. Do not worry though because The CIF stated that all sports will get a season, however they will be moved around and may overlap. And for all you scholar athletes you'll be happy to hear that the NCSA is expecting to resume in-person recruiting this year but it is undetermined when that will happen.



## CIF during Coronavirus Pandemic

Turner Williams

What is CIF and what are we going to do as far as sports during Covid 19? There are limited sources which have limited answers as sports are not on the top of the list of the government's concerns. There is a very involved and influential group called CIF or the California Interscholastic federation. CIF believes that "education-based athletics and all co-curricular activities are essential to the physical, mental, and social well-being of students and realizes the impact and challenges that COVID-19 has caused for our member schools and education-based athletics." CIF is in control of the planning of sporting events in California and are working very hard on monitoring the spread and trends of Coronavirus because they had planned to have a set answer on sports by July 20th and after the date passed so did their saying of no highschool sports.

As the year has gone on and the spread of Coronavirus slowed down once they unofficially sent out a rough draft of what they believed would be a schedule that could slam every sport of the normal highschool year into the end of this year. CIF Plans to open sports back up to the schools of California in October and only have two seasons that last about 4-5 weeks each. As of current the Creek Fire is rapidly growing and covering California in smoke which may lead to even more delay on school sports.

Covid has not only impacted high schools, but has also thrown a curveball at professional sports. Stock car racers are doing virtual races from home and basketball players have no fans to cheer them to victory. Although highschool sports are not in play the professional level of these sports are still going on as these sports are these athlete's jobs and this is how they bring in money. Roger Goodell-The NFL commissioner stated that "We will continue to work in a deliberate and thoughtful way to plan for the 2020 season-" This was said the say before the NFL released a schedule with rules that included having players and employees screened daily in the days prior to games. Only time will tell how we will handle the rest of Covid 19, but for now this is what is going on in the world of coronavirus sports.



## Going into the world of Christine Landeros!

Sianna Dugovic and Cassidy Kleinshmith

Do you ever wonder what it's like to be an Intervention Specialist? Meet Christine Landeros. To know the following you should at least know what her job consists of. An Intervention Specialist is a very interesting job that not a lot of people know about. They help make sure kids are getting the help they need if needed. They talk to kids and see what they need to do to help them by requesting counseling or therapy and they help communicate with parents or teachers. They help the parents know what's going on and also keep records and lessons of the things the kids do in class and their performance.

Mrs. Landeros is new to YHS and is very excited for this school year! She's from Fresno CA, and loves to do makeup and self care when she has the time. The rest of the time she's busy being a teacher and a mom to her 5 year old daughter. Christine says "being a mother is a full time job".

Before coming to YHS she had just finished up in college with a masters in intervention. She didn't always want to become an intervention specialist, way before that she had wanted to work in cosmetology, then she started to go into health education but soon after that she had her daughter and that made her realize how much she loved working with kids and wanted to turn that into her career. She explained the hardest part of her job was trying to meet up with the parents about the kids and talking to them about what's best for their child. Her favorite part about her job is getting to meet and learn all about the kids and getting to know them on a personal level.

## Cons to Distance Learning

Breanna Buchanan

Distance learning is a form of education that has been more commonly introduced to schools all around the world, due to the current global pandemic. Distance learning is basically a way of dispersing knowledge, where the educators and students are separated in distance or time or both. Although distance learning is not new, people have been doing it for years. It used to be called correspondence courses where you were sent paper info, you filled it out then received credit for it. Home schoolers have used distance learning for years too. Some students tend to flourish under the circumstances this way of learning brings you. Undoubtedly, distance learning

offers a wide variation of opportunities to students to obtain a higher education, but it's not all about perks and advantages. It is researched and understood that not all students tend to thrive via online learning, as there are multiple factors that could negatively affect one's learning.

One of the main factors that plays into the disadvantages of distance learning is that there is no physical interaction between students and teachers. Teachers are both good examples and information providers for students. When the physical interaction among students and educators is missing, then students will in general lose individual communication with their teachers and accordingly the mental development of students may get slowed down. A vast majority of students prefer to learn when their educators are physically present in the classroom. As some kids like not having to interact with teachers, others struggle with not being able to. Thus, for students like special ed students, extroverts, students who need a lot of visuals, etc. online learning would not be helpful.

A couple other factors that hinders student's education online is it being less motivational for students and the technical difficulties. In distance education, students are not required to be in a classroom in person. They are secluded and consequently they don't get the same collaboration with other fellow students in the class. The teachers are not able to interact with the student directly; hence they can't motivate the students like they can in the classroom. On the contrary, some kids that are more self motivated and don't like interaction tend to thrive at this way of learning. The next challenge students are facing with this mode of education is the requirement of computer knowledge and sound technical skills. Distance learning requires you to log on to each class at a certain time or you get marked absent. This method of marking attendance can be flawed, as some students don't have the best wifi to be able to connect or some students just struggle to find their way through google classroom. As well as some teachers using zoom and some using google meet, it can really get confusing trying to figure out two different platforms for different teachers. To make future distance learning more effective and widespread, it is important to try to minimize and avoid all these previously mentioned factors.

## Meet Mrs. Meyer

Keira Evans

I got the honor of interviewing our new English teacher Alicia Meyer. She teaches English in grades 11 and 12. Some things about Mrs. Meyer is, she has three kids who all go to YHS. She likes water skiing and paddle boarding at Bass Lake. She also has a second job as a children's youth pastor at a church in Oakhurst. Before coming to YHS she taught at Rivergold elementary school. She taught there for 5 years.

Mrs. Meyer has always wanted to be a teacher, she only had one other job while in college before she followed her dreams to become a teacher. She went to 2 different colleges, the first is Westmont. She went there for 4 years and got her English degree. Her next school was Concordia, which she also went to for 4 years and got her master's degree. Both of these schools are in Southern California. I asked her why she wanted to become a teacher and her answer was one I have never heard before. Mrs. Meyer said she wanted to become a teacher because she loves being around teenagers. She believes them to be funny, clever, energetic, and she has never disliked any of her students.

For Mrs. Meyer, the entire Covid school experience was not the best. She hates looking at a screen all day, and also not being able to meet her new students in person. Her thoughts about online school are different from most people. She believes that every generation has something that something they will look back and laugh about. Covid to her is this generation's future laugh. She doesn't like having to sit all by herself but she also knows it will be over soon. Mrs. Meyer has been teaching from her classroom every day. She can get her work done easier, and she also has time to relax while working. Since she is a new teacher, her classroom is still a work in progress, she has a few posters hung up but that is basically it. When school does start back up again, she says she will decorate her room and make it look awesome.

Mrs. Meyer seems to be an amazing teacher, and a perfect fit for this school. I believe that she will be a big hit all around school. I hope when school starts back up she will be welcomed by the students with open arms and will be loved all around!

## Meet Todd Partin

Jane Irion

This year we welcomed a new vice principal, Mr. Todd Partin. He is from Winchester, Indiana and was in the Air Force. He joined right out of highschool and stayed for 23 years. He started as a Hebrew Linguist for 11 years and then moved onto be an Officer in the Air Force as an Acquisitions Program Manager. Our Assistant Principal, Mr. Partin, helped to create the Nuclear Targeting System that the U.S. government uses. While serving he primarily flew on the RC-135 Rivet Joint Aircraft. He loved "the camaraderie of the flight crews and the opportunity to see so much of the world as an aircrew member." He said, "It was definitely exhausting and sometimes very uncomfortable, but overall I enjoyed my experience very much and I would definitely do it all over again."

After he retired from the Air Force he went over to Fresno State to be the Commander of the ROTC Program. After finding his way to the Fresno area, he decided to get into education. In 2015, he took his most recent job and became a teacher at Clovis East High School. Mr. Partin attended secondary education for 11 years. He has received an Associate's Degree in Communications through the Air Force and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. He has also received two Master's Degrees and is currently completing his third. His first was in

Counseling and Human Relations, his second in Christian Ministries, and the third in Communications.

Mr. Partin has been all over the world. His favorite place to live was England in a town called Mildon Hall Village. He loved being able to fly to nearby European countries and take the Eurail throughout Europe. The most interesting place he has traveled to was Afghanistan for a year. He went to see first hand how they live apart from what the media portrays. Although he has traveled all over, he likes living in this area and enjoys the life of being in a small town. In his free time he enjoys going scuba diving with his two daughters, and hiking on our beautiful hiking trails. His favorite local restaurants are El Cid and the Blue Heron.

The job of the Assistant Principal is to enforce policies and the expectations of the principal. He is making sure to work with the teachers and give them all the resources and support that they need. He helps with everything from technical issues to disciplinary issues. His leadership skills he'd acquired from the military translated well to education. Mr. Partin is excited to interact with students and become a mentor for the ones that need a little extra direction. He wanted to come to a smaller school so he could make personal connections with more students. During COVID-19 and distance learning he is having trouble with that, but he is still very excited to be a part of our school!

## Meet Mrs. Wake

Cianna Morgan and Jasmine Hand

Mrs. Wake, one of the new teachers here at Yosemite High School. Mrs. Wake will be teaching the 9th grade English class for this school year. She moved schools from Sierra Junior High to our School just this year. She has just recently started her teaching career. As much as she loved teaching her junior high students, she wanted to try teaching high school students. In Mrs. Wake's younger years, she lived in Merced, California and she attended Fresno State University for college. Mrs. Wake today lives in Fresno, California. She had always wanted to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher throughout her lifetime.

Mrs. Wake has a family of 4, her husband and her two children. Her kids are 4 and 6, and their names are Harvey and Daphne. When asked about her perspective on distance learning she replied by saying that "She would have enjoyed distance learning as a student, but from a teacher's perspective in her position, it is much more difficult". She was not very interested in watching sports or playing them in school or as an extracurricular activity. She was more into Drama and English.

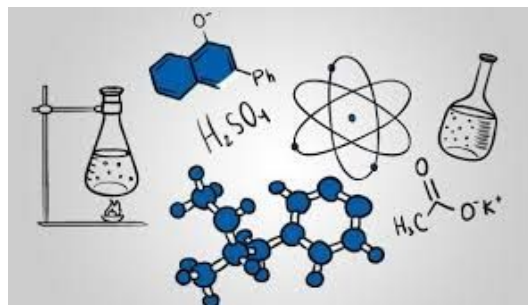
Before Mrs. Wake changed her career to being a teacher, she worked in clinical research testing new drugs and medical devices. On a side note, she enjoys gardening on her own time along with her teaching career. More things Mrs. Wake enjoys is writing short creative stories, and she also likes to read. Our school is very lucky to have a new teacher such as Mrs. Wake on YHS campus this year.

## Mr. Takanishi

Jasmine Preciado and Kaelin Hundley

Mr. Takanishi grew up and attended a high school in Reedley, where he met his wife Katie. His wife is also a teacher, she teaches a kindergarten class at Rivergold Elementary. Takanishi's hobbies include going on hikes with his wife and binge watching shows. He also enjoys playing golf, swimming, basketball, and video games. The teachers quarantine consisted of him and his wife going on many strolls and adventuring L.A.. The couple watched all the Marvel movies in chronological order, and at the end of quarantine they moved to Oakhurst.

Mr. Takanishi, whose first name is Daniel, is the YHS chemistry and integrated science teacher. The first school he ever taught in was a highschool in Los Angeles, he was a psychics and chemistry teacher. Before a day of online teaching, Mr. Takanishi typically will do some grading, check his school emails, record his lectures, and prepare lesson plans. The distance learning has affected his work because he is unable to put his students into groups, and have them participate in hands-on learning activities. He also needed to set up various online platforms to have some amount of structure in his classes.



Mr. Takanishi's love for psychics began in high school, it carried him through college, and on to the present day. He reported that partaking in these study groups, and tutoring made him want to be a teacher. As he said, "I came to love those light bulb moments" and "I want everyone to enjoy it as much as I did". Those two statements project passion, and commitment.

## Floral Design in Class vs. Over Zoom

Chase Coronado

Before distance learning, kids in Floral would learn how to dye flowers and make a Crochet by doing class labs and being hands on with other students to help. When school was in session, Floral was a hands on learning. However, over zoom you just watch videos.

Distance learning at Yhs at the time is watching videos of floral on Youtube and answering questions. But starting after Labor day weekend,

Ms. Tatom is having her kids collect materials from home the store. With the materials they have for floral, they will be doing online labs.



I asked Ms Tatom if she is looking forward to teaching Floral Design over Distance Learning and she said, "Yes I am but I would rather see your guys faces because I miss you guys."

