

Staff Spotlight November 24, 2014

Anne Corsale



Human Resources, District Office

My History at BSCSD: I administer employee benefits and have worked in Human Resources for 14 years.

Where I live: Malta

My Pets: Three sweet cats: Lilac (tabby), Marigold (orange) and Sebastian (aka Sir Grey).

Favorite Hobbies: New York Yankees fan, reading, shopping, travel.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: I have fond memories of all of my elementary school teachers! In 2nd grade, the teacher had us sit in a circle for a lesson and everyone was anxious for the teacher to call on them. I waited patiently and the teacher recognized this and rewarded me with candy! The lesson taught that day was that having patience was a virtue.

What I like about working at BSCSD: I enjoy meeting with new employees as well as answering the variety of questions that come my way every day.

Favorite Book: Call of the White (an inspirational account of eight women on a very unique expedition to Antarctica).

Favorite Movie or TV show: Anything news: NBC Nightly News; CBS Evening News; Anderson Cooper 360.

Ways I give back to my community: I volunteered for two years at the Saratoga County Animal Shelter Annex at Clifton Park Center Mall. I coordinated cat adoptions, cleaned cages and got to interact with the cats. I was also a "Big Sister" with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

People might be surprised to know that I: Can't swim, but can play a mean center field. I was a tomboy growing up (Girl Scouts was never an option) and played Miss Softball Saratoga for six years.

If money were no object I would: Buy land and open an animal sanctuary to allow cats and dogs to live in a non-shelter/no kill environment. And of course they would be available for adoption!



I'd also like you to know: I went to college for hotel management. At graduation, I was offered a job at the Grand Floridian Resort at Disney World, but at the last minute turned it down! And I wanted to join the Peace Corps.

Matt Corwin

Teaching Assistant, High School

My history at BSCSD: I worked in the Physical Education

department in the Wood Road Elementary last year and in the High School Social Studies department this year.

Where I live: Gloversville

Family pets: I have two cats Winston and Franklin. They are brothers we adopted a little over two years ago. Their full names are Winston Churchill and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Favorite hobbies/pastimes: I love coaching for the district. I coach football and track and field. I also enjoy going to the gym and spending time with my family doing various outdoor activities.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: A lot of my favorite memories were sports related. My best times were probably spent in shop class; what they called "marine technology" in Ticonderoga. My senior project was building a performance motor for my shop teachers' 1969 Plymouth Satellite. The day I was able to drive it in front of the school was probably my favorite memory.

What I like best about working at BSCSD: What I like most is the great amount of diversity there is in Ballston Spa. We have students from all walks of life on all ends of the spectrum and I believe that it creates a better atmosphere for learning. I also think it prepares students for when they go out in the "real world".

Ways I give back to my community: I believe that being a coach is a great way to give back to the community. You are teaching the student-athletes not only how to become better at their sport, but also teaching them valuable life lessons they will use after high school.

My favorite musician(s): Alice in Chains

My favorite book(s): My Early Life: A Roving Commission - Sir Winston Churchill

Favorite movie or TV show: The Big Bang Theory

People would be surprised to know that I: Was in an all male acapella group when I was in high school called the Night Shadows. I also was in band and chorus. I love singing (not so much in public anymore) and won the director's award for vocal performance my senior year.

If money were no object I would: Most likely spend a lot of time in a tropical place. My wife and I honeymooned at a Sandals Resort and have always wanted to return there. This time I would stay longer.

Megan Haessig



5th grade teacher (math), Milton Terrace North Elementary

My history at BSCSD: This is my 13th year.

Where I live: Schenectady

Favorite Hobbies: I like to watch sports in general; football, college basketball and hockey. I live next door to the NCAA Hockey champions- Union College. I also enjoy repurposing furniture, sewing, reading and baking.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: In third grade we went on a field trip to our teachers family farm. After that I decided I wanted to become a teacher.

What I like most about working at BSCSD: The wonderful students and families I get to work with.

Ways I give back to my community: I have been an active member of the Junior League of Schenectady and Saratoga counties for ten years. I've served on their board of directors in

four different positions. I volunteer with the YWCA, Family Child Service, Project Safe, SCCC and other organizations. I strongly believe in community service.

Dream place to live: I want to retire to Virginia. I can go west for the mountains and east for the ocean. The best of both worlds that I love.

Favorite Book: Anne of Green Gables by Lucy M. Montgomery

Favorite TV show or Movie(s): The English Patient, Game of Thrones

People would be surprised to know that I: Like to sew and make clothes.

If money were no object I would: Open a bakery.

Allyson Iovinella-Ostrander



Special Education teacher/Dean, Middle School

My history with BSCSD: 18 years

Where I live: Ballston Spa

Family Pets: Coconut and Cosmo- Maltese dogs

Favorite hobbies/pastimes: Bootcamp, running, shopping

Favorite memory from when I was in school: Middle School dances

Dream place to live: On an island in the middle of the ocean.

Ways I give back to the community: I volunteer for my children's soccer club, the summer lunch program and Meals on Wheels.

What I like most about working at BSCSD: Students and the staff- every day is fun, exciting and always challenging.

My favorite musician: Jon Bon Jovi

My favorite book: The Giving Tree

My favorite TV show: What not to Wear

People would be surprised to know that I: I won a comedy contest in college. Also that I drive very fast and have been pulled over many times.

If money were no object I would: Love to be a philanthropist and travel around the world and give money to people in need.

Darren Purcell



Cleaner, Malta Avenue Elementary School

My History with BSCSD: This is my 11th year.

Where I live: Ballston Spa

Family Pets: A cat named Jake.

Dream place to live: Ireland (Kilkenny)

Favorite hobbies/pastimes: Baseball and hockey are my favorite sports. I'm also an avid reader of history and suspense/mystery novels.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: Getting a role in

"Godspell" my freshman year in high school.

What I like most about working at BSCSD: The people (teachers) and the kids. It's great to see their faces every day. Also the benefits; we are well taken care of here.

Ways I give back to my community: I donate regularly to the Ronald McDonald House charities and quarterly to the ALS foundation.

My favorite musician: Sinatra and Michael Buble.

My favorite song: More than a Feeling

My favorite book: All things Great and Small James Herriot

My favorite movie: A tie between Braveheart and Ben Hur

My favorite TV show: The Walking Dead

People may be surprised to know that I: Was lead my senior year in the High School play "Oklahoma" and played Curley.

If money were no object I would: buy island property in Belize

I'd also like you to know: I have three great kids! A son, Devin who is a junior at Cazenovia College, a daughter Kassie who is a sophomore at SUNY Cortland, and a daughter Molly who is a junior here at BSHS.

Mary Sherman



Bus Driver, Transportation

My history at BSCSD: I have worked here since November 2009.

Where I live: Broadalbin/Galway Lake

Family Pets: A Doberman, three cats and finches.

Favorite pastimes/hobbies: Fishing, hiking, camping and kayaking.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: Christmas time in elementary school. Pashley Elementary would set up a huge tree in the cafeteria.

How I give back to my community: Community service through massage for Hospice clients and at the Marathon Athletics Clinic. Also through my church.

What I like best about working at BSCSD: My co-workers and the huge effort in professionalism.

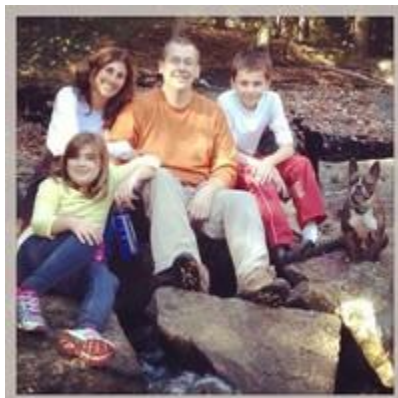
Favorite song or musician: Newsboys- Restart

Favorite movie or TV show: Alaska: The Last Frontier

If money were no object I would: Build community centers to house and feed the homeless, provide a safe place for children to have recreation and a place to study.

I'd also like you to know: I am excited about graduating from Massage School in January. When I pass the NYS boards come see me for a great massage!

Stacey Walz



Kindergarten teacher, Wood Road Elementary

My history at BSCSD: 8 years

Where I live: Ballston Spa

Family pets: Guppy, my French Bulldog.

Dream place to live: Any island in Greece.

Favorite pastimes/hobbies: I like to run, write, read and garden. I also love to travel.

Favorite memory from when I was in school: Playing on my high school's basketball and lacrosse teams.

Ways I give back to my community: I volunteer at the skating rink on Eastern Avenue. Our neighborhood gets together each winter to open up the rink. I volunteer with activities my kids are doing, as well as with school events.

What I like most about working at BSCSD: I LOVE the students and families I meet. I cry every June when we say goodbye.

My favorite musician: Sarah McLachlan

My favorite book: The Time Traveler's Wife

My favorite movie: The Bourne Identity movies.

People may be surprised to know that I: Worked on a cruise ship that went to Bermuda. I was the youth counselor and planned kids activities for the week.

If money were no object I would: Travel around the world and write about my adventures.