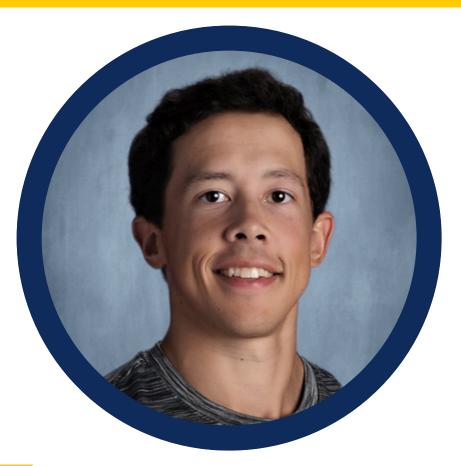


INFORMATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

MR. TRAVIS MUMMA



Quote: Whether it's sports, video games, or anything else, everything you have an interest in has its own history!

Favorite Things: Time with family, Traveling, Working Out, Coaching Football, and Movies

Best Thing About Being a Teacher:

Seeing students connect the past to the present.

HISTORY ROOM 314

- 9 years of teaching experience (4th year at CV)
- Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies from Delaware Valley University
- Master's Degree in Curriculum & Instruction from Eastern University
- Advisor for the new Comic Club with Mr. Catwood!



MS. SUSAN GRAMMER



Quote: "One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world"

—Malala Yousafzai

Favorite Things: Family, Friends, DOGS, COFFEE, Adventures, Traveling, Gardening, Decorating, and DIYs.

Best Thing About Being a Teacher:

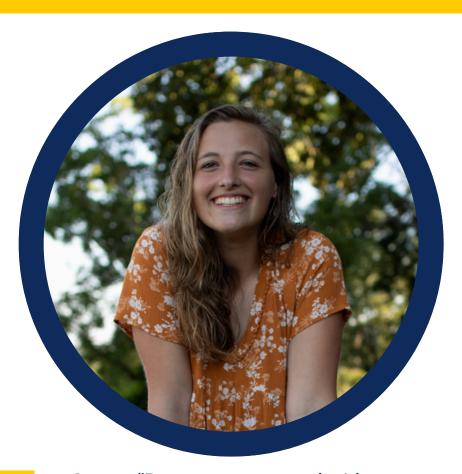
Seeing my students become better readers and writers and thinkers.

ELAROOM 315

- 32 years of teaching and all at CV!
- Bachelor's Degree in English from James Madison University
- Master's in Education and Instruction.
- Master's Degree in Language and Literacy with Reading Certification from Millersville University
- Originally from Virginia.
- Advisor for FCS,
 Fellowship of Christian
 Students



MRS. KELSEY KNOX



Quote: "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, and your reputation is merely what others think you are" —John Wooden

Favorite Things: Being with family, music, coaching and playing sports (especially volleyball), drawing and painting

Best Thing About Being a Teacher: Seeing a student have that 'lightbulb' moment when something clicks!

MATH ROOM 316

- 3rd year at CV, coming from Warwick HS
- Teaches Math 8 and Algebra
- Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics,
 Concentration in Secondary Education from Regent University
- Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction at Western Governors University
- Volleyball Coach at Lancaster County Christian School



MR. CURTIS CATWOOD



Quote: Science is the best! Your student is going to love this year, and I look forward to meeting them!

Favorite Things: Family, Friends, TV shows, Comics (DC & Marvel), Coffee, Pizza, and Labs/Demos!

Best Thing About Being a Teacher:

Being a role model and encouraging students to love science as much as I do!

SCIENCE ROOM 317

- 4th year at CV (5th year, if you count student teaching!)
- Bachelor's Degree in Meteorology & Communications from Millersville University
- Master's in Special Education from Wilkes University
- Secondary Earth
 Science Certification
- From Limerick, PA
- An advisor for the new Comic Club, GSA, and Yearbook!



MRS. RACHEL HOOVER



Quote: I am looking forward to helping our English Learners grow and learn this year. I am so glad you are here.

Favorite Things: Reading, family vacations, learning languages.

Best Thing About Being a Teacher:

Helping students reach their maximum potential in school.

ESL ROOM 319

- 26 Years of Teaching (Starting year 20 at Conestoga Valley!)
- Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Messiah College
- Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Eastern Mennonite University
- English as a Second Language Certification from EMU
- Originally from New York



8 GOLD INFORMATION

STAYING CONNECTED WITH THE TEAM:

| Subject | Extension | Email |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| History | 2314 | travis_mumma@conestogavalley.org |
| ELA | 2315 | susan_grammer@conestogavalley.org |
| Math/Algebra | 2316 | kelsey_knox@conestogavalley.org |
| Science | 2317 | curtis_catwood@conestogavalley.org |
| ESL | 2319 | rachel_hoover@conestogavalley.org |

THIS YEAR'S SUPPLY LIST:

- A sturdy three-ring binder (2" or 3") with dividers or folders for each class.
- Earbuds for independent workstations or activities (can be Bluetooth or with a wire, compatible with iPad) (*please leave expensive earbuds, gaming headphones, and AirPods at home)
- Leak-proof water bottle
- Loose-leaf/notebook paper & graph paper
- Pencil case with pencils, colored pencils, markers, pens, dry-erase markers, highlighters, a ruler, and a personal pencil sharpener

*Required for Algebra: TI-84 Plus - there are several to choose from in this family of graphing calculators. This calculator will also be used throughout high school.

*Suggested for Math 8: TI-30XIIs - the same calculator used last year in 7th grade.

*You may purchase your own calculator or borrow one from the school. Students who borrow calculators must return them in good condition at the end of the school year, or they are responsible to cover the cost.

8 GOLD INFORMATION

INTERESTED IN SETTING UP YOUR BINDER BEFORE THE FIRST DAY? [OPTIONAL!]

Use the following labels to organize your binder tabs. You may want a section for each subject:

- Math (or Algebra)
- Science
- History
- ELA
- 2 Additional sections for specials (Unified Arts)

NEED A HAND WITH GATHERING SCHOOL SUPPLIES? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

Reach out to your student's advisory teacher or our amazing 8th-grade counselor, Mr. Bob Capolupo. His email is bob_capolupo@conestogavalley.org. You may also talk to our school social worker, Ms. Jena Mable, for assistance. Her email is jena_mable@conestogavalley.org.

ANY FAMILIES INTERESTED IN DONATING EXTRA SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR OTHER STUDENTS PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT BRING THEM IN THE 1ST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL.

COMPLETELY OPTIONAL AND GENUINELY APPRECIATED!

SUGGESTED ITEMS: BINDERS, PENCIL POUCHES, NOTEBOOKS, PENCILS, RULERS, CALCULATORS, EARBUDS/HEADPHONES, INDIVIDUAL TISSUE PACKS, & DISINFECTANT WIPES.

8 GOLD INFORMATION

TO DO BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

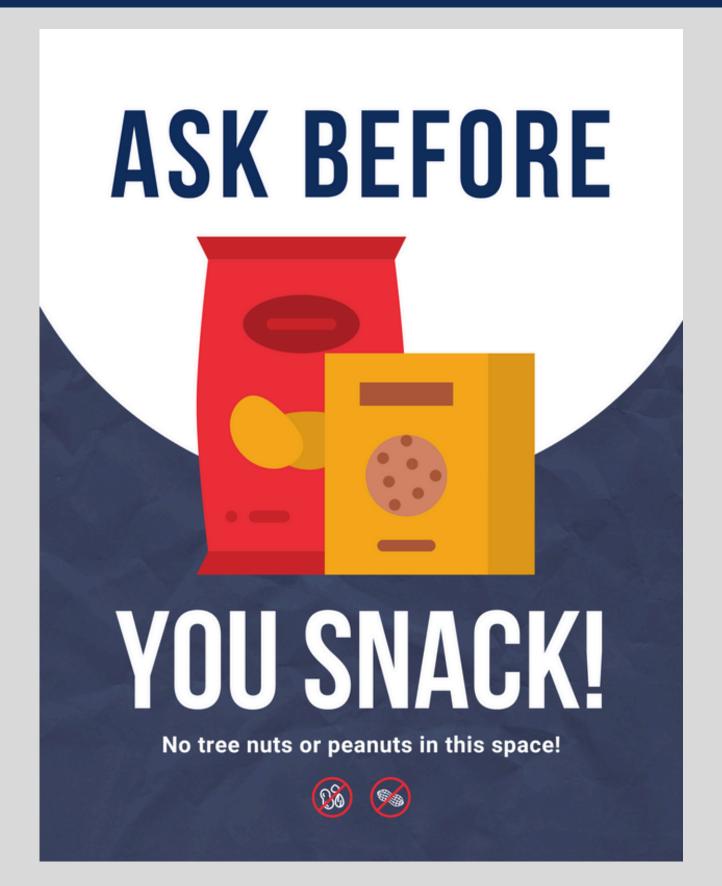
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| Log in to Schoology & join the 8 Gold Page using the course code: X5DW-R758-W3CC7. Go here: https://tinyurl.com/259xsre8, if you need HELP. Preview the 8 Gold in-person Schedule: https://tinyurl.com/mstau8ku Log into PowerSchool & look over your class schedule. Write down your Advisory teacher's name & room number. | Fill out the <u>8 Gold Information Form</u>. Make sure you have a <u>parent</u> <u>Schoology account</u>. Make sure you have access to <u>PowerSchool</u>. (<u>User Guide</u>) (<u>Spanish</u> <u>User Guide</u>) |

ACCESSING COURSEWORK

POWERSCHOOL SIS

Power School will continue to be our gradebook system this year and will house all our student information. This is where you can check grades, submit attendance information, and keep other important documents on file with the district. 8 Gold teachers will faithfully update grades. Please check weekly!

8 Gold has the middle lunch slot at 11:24AM. We encourage students to take advantage of the grab-n-go breakfast in our cafeteria each day before homeroom/advisory. If needed, with teacher permission, students can bring an appropriate snack to school to eat quickly during class. We just ask that you avoid bringing peanuts & tree nuts into the 8 Gold Pod!



SAVE THE DATES!

8/14/25 - Cruise the Halls and Food Truck night! From 5:30-7:30 pm 8/20/25 - First day of School

8/29/25 - Early Dismissal @ 11:40 am

9/1/25 - No School Labor Day

9/5/25 - MS Picture Day/Health Screenings

9/18/25 - Early Dismissal @ 11:40

9/19/25 - No School for Students

9/22/25 - No School for Students

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR:



INTERESTED IN GETTING CONNECTED TO THE CV COMMUNITY? CLICK THE LOGOS BELOW!































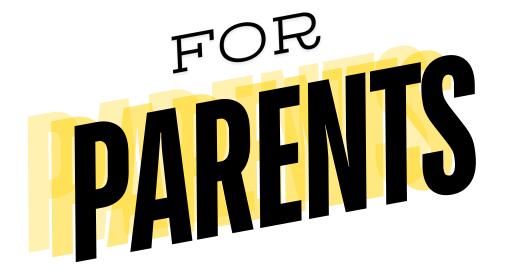




NOTE: Wear the associated color each Wednesday of each month and optional donations can be made to lunch collectors on Wednesdays at school lunches. Pay attention to the morning announcements for important updates.

In December, donations can be made at lunch during the One Day Give on 12/3/2025.







Dr. Metzinger's Monthly Newsletters are a great way to stay connected to upcoming events and need-to-know information.

Click the image above to read her most recent newsletter, and don't forget to look for more newsletters this year!