

MEET THE TEACHERS

7TH GRADE

ARIANA ARMENTA MATH



Welcome DogPack! My name is Ariana Armenta, and I am starting my 2nd year of teaching! When I'm not at school, I enjoy making arts & crafts and watching Disney movies. I look forward to this school year!

HANNAH BAKER TAPP PARAPRO



My name is Hannah Baker and this is my 2nd year at RMS as a paraprofessional. I'm originally from Missouri and have lived in Georgia for just over a year. In my spare time I like spending time baking, crafting and spoiling my dog.

ROXI CARROLL ELA/SOCIAL STUDIES



Hi RMS Family! This is my twentieth year in education and my second year at RMS. I attended NGCSU (now UNG), where I earned a B.A. in Secondary English Education and a Master's Degree in Middle Grades Language Arts as well as my leadership certification through the Rising Stars Leadership Program. My husband, Steven Carroll, and I live in Athens along with our furry baby, Ash Carroll (named after Bruce Campbell's character, Ash from The Evil Dead). Steven and I enjoy our theatrical artistic endeavors as part of the Town & Gown Players, and our favorite holiday, by far, is Halloween. My hobbies include painting, baking/cooking, dancing, and doing yoga. I am looking forward to a great 20-21 school year, DogPack!

JAMES CLEARY SOCIAL STUDIES



Welcome Dogpack. My name is James Cleary. We have a unique school year ahead of us, but together, we will accomplish many great things. My wife and I have been married seven years. We have two cats (Roo and Oliver) and one dog (Yogi). We enjoy hiking and watching movies. I look forward to meeting each one of you next week.

ELLA DANIEL SOCIAL STUDIES



Hey there! My name is Ella Daniel and this will be my 4th year teaching at RMS. I graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in Social Studies Education and History as well as a minor in German. Go Dawgs! My husband and I live in Duluth, GA. We enjoy spending time with our family, being outdoors and working with middle schoolers at our church. Welcome to the DogPack Family!

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KARA DEARDORFF SCIENCE/SS



This is my first year teaching science but my twentieth year teaching overall. It never hurts to try something new! I grew up in north GA, went to college in NC, and have since earned 3 post-graduate degrees in education. I love to travel, spend time with my family, swim, play tennis, and hike. However we get to know each other this coming year, I hope you will share some of your interests with me as well.

MARY ALICE GASTON-POOLE TAPP



I am super excited to be here with you in Barrow County at RMS! This will be my 13th year teaching but FIRST year at RMS. I have a loooong name so call me Mrs. GP. I am married to Chris and we have 3 kids - Tyler 21, Emmi 20, and James 18. When I am not teaching, I love all things wellness - fitness, nutrition, and lots of self care. Can't wait to get started helping you have a successful year!

SHIRLEY GUNTER 7TH GRADE PARAPRO



Welcome to RMS!! My name is Shirley Gunter. I graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Accounting. Go Dawgs!! I have been married to my wonderful husband, Chuck, for 32 years. We have 2 beautiful daughters, Kelsey and Whitney. We are very active at our church. I sing in the choir and on the praise team. I have taught for 16 years in the Barrow County School System. I love being a part of the Russell Dogpack and am very excited to be back in person!! I can't wait to meet all of you and I am looking forward to another great year!! Go Dogpack!!

LISA HAGLEY MI PARAPRO



Hi! I'm Lisa Hagley! I have been at RMS FOR 14 years! I have one daughter and two amazing grandsons! I love my school and my students very much! I love being "Grandma" to my students! I'm looking forward to a great year! Go DogPack!

BOBI HOFFMAN ASD BASE-G PARAPRO



Hi everyone! My name is Bobi Hoffmann and this is my first year at RMS. It's also my first year in the education field but I am passionate about this career change and so eager to learn and help in any way possible. My spare time is spent with my husband, 14 year old son and 2 dogs. We do a lot of camping in our RV, riding our jet ski and cheering on the Braves and GA Bulldogs. I can't wait to meet you!

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CHANDLER HUDDLESTON

SCIENCE



Hey! My name is Chandler Huddleston, and I am a 7th grade science teacher. This year will be my 6th year teaching and my 4th year at Russell Middle School. I graduated from UGA in 2015 with a Bachelors in Middle Grades Education, holding certifications in both Math and Science. This summer, I completed my Masters from Columbus State University in Curriculum and Development. I have lived in Athens for 10 years, and enjoy being surrounded by my family and friends. I am so excited to start a new school year with all of you!

LAURA LIU

MATH



Hello! Welcome to Russell! I am Laura Liu and this is my 19th year of teaching! I have taught 4th - 7th Grade, mainly math and science! I have been married to my husband, Michael (who is also a teacher) for 14 years. We have one daughter, Lexi, who will be in 4th grade and one doggie, a shih tzu named Abby. In my spare time, I enjoy going to UGA sporting events, hiking, traveling, and going to Disney World:) I feel very blessed and thankful to be here and look forward to a great school year! Go Dawgs and Go Dogpack!

DEBRASHA LYLE

ASD BASE-G PARAPRO



Welcome, Everyone! I am Ms. Bray. This year will be my 3rd year as a Paraprofessional, but my 1st year at Russell. I am a graduate of RMS and Barrow County School System, so this year is extremely special to me because I am "home": so to speak! I currently attend Georgia Gwinnett College to pursue a Bachelor's in Special Education. In my spare time, I love spending time with godson and siblings. We love going to the park, Chic Fil A, or just riding around in the car. I can't wait to meet you all!

SARA MCGLADE

ASD BASE-G



Hey Everyone! My name is Sara McGlade and this is my second year teaching and my first year teaching at RMS! I graduated from Georgia Gwinnett College with a bachelors in Special Education. Last year, I taught Kindergarten and 1st grade. I am excited for the chance to teach middle school. My husband Chance and I have just moved out to Monroe. We enjoy spending our free time with our labrador. I am very excited to have joined the RMS family. This is going to be a great year!

BUBBA MOON

MO PARAPRO



Welcome Dogpack family, I am Coach Moon. I am the Head Coach of our Football team. This is my 4 year as a para here at RMS. I am currently attending Touro University to get my Master's in Psychology. I also help with our High School and our Rec department with our football programs. I love to mentor and coach kids. My spare time I love to be with my family and friends enjoying life. If you ever need me come get me! GO DOGPACK!

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LOGAN MORRIS LANGUAGE ARTS



Welcome! My name is Logan Morris, and this will be my 4th year teaching here at Russell Middle School. I have my Bachelor's in Literature, and my Master's in Teaching from Columbus State University. I grew up a little bit everywhere because my family was military, but 4 years ago my husband and I decided to put our roots down in Winder, which was the best choice ever because it meant I was able to be a part of this amazing Dogpack family! When I'm not at school I love to read and create memories with my husband, friends, and family. I can't wait to start this new school year with you!

LISA OLAKER LANGUAGE ARTS



Welcome! This is my sixth year teaching my favorite subject at this wonderful school! I graduated with my MAT from the University of Georgia. I have a great, big, amazing family, and my favorite thing to do is to spend time with them. A former florist, I love everything to do with plants and flowers. I also strive to read a book a week. It will be so great to meet you all!

LAURA OTTING MI



Welcome Back Dogpack! I'm Mrs. Otting and this is my 9th year here at Russell, teaching and coaching. My husband and I have been married for 11 years and we have 2 amazing little ones who are 9 and 6 years old. We also have 2 fur babies Doc (11) and Roxie (3). I love being outdoors, especially when we are able to go hunting and fishing. I am so excited for a brand new year and working with everyone!

SHANE PETERSON ELA/SOCIAL STUDIES



Welcome to RMS! I have had the pleasure of teaching special education for 16 years. I have a son named Stone and a dog named Lilly. I really enjoy golf and coaching RMS Football. Go Dogpack!

JENNIFER ROBERTS SCIENCE



Mrs. Roberts is a 7th Grade science teacher certified in science as well as gifted and special education instruction. She looks forward to meeting all of her new students this year! Mrs. Roberts is known for having exotic animals including a bearded dragon lizard in the classroom. She loves to bring new and exciting things from the real world into the classroom to encourage and expand student knowledge and enthusiasm for science.

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WES ROBERTSON MO



Welcome to RMS! My name is Wes Robertson and I teach the moderate intellectual disabilities class. This is my third year at RMS and could not be happier! When I am not teaching, I help coach the RMS football team. I live in Hoschton with my wife, Lindsey, and three crazy dogs. I am also a die-hard South Carolina Gamecocks fan. GO GAMECOCKS!

MICHELLE SCHRAMM MATH/SCIENCE



Hi everyone! My name is Michelle Schramm and I have had the privilege of working at RMS for 12 years! I teach Math and Science but when I am not teaching I love to spend time with my family (especially my sweet grandkids). I also love to spend time near and around water whether hiking, kayaking, boating/skiing, or just sitting on the beach reading my favorite book. I look forward to working with all of my awesome students in Math and Science throughout 2020-2021! Together we can make this an amazing year!

MAVIS SHREVE MO PARAPRO



Hi, I'm so happy you're part of our RMS family. My name is Mavis Shreve. This is my 21st year serving in the Special Education Department either as a Paraprofessional or Certified teacher. I have 2 grown children and 2 granddaughters. I am currently a Special Education Paraprofessional in the self-contained MO classroom. I am active in my church and love to go camping and work in my flower gardens. I also love doing all kinds of crafts. I am excited to get this year started!

JOSHUA SULLIVAN ELA/SOCIAL STUDIES



Welcome! My name is Joshua Sullivan and this will be my 9th year teaching, but my first at RMS! I live in Winder with my lovely wife and my son and daughter and we spend as much time as possible outdoors!

MELISSA THEBEAU SCIENCE



Hi! My name is Melissa Thebeau and believe it or not, this will be my 29th year teaching at Russell Middle School! I've taught a variety of subjects (French, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science) in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. My husband (Tom) and I just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary this summer. We have two sons (Jack and Max) and a dog (Jasper) with a lot of personality. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs! I look forward to another year at RMS and can't wait to spend time with my students!

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MORGAN TRACY MATH



Hello! This is my 5th year teaching middle school math, but my first year at RMS. My husband and I just moved to the area and we are excited to be a part of Barrow County Schools. He teaches at WBHS. When I am not at school, I enjoy running and spending time with my family. I look forward to a great year at RMS!

AMY WILLIAMS MATH/SOCIAL STUDIES



Welcome! This is my 28th year of teaching science, religion, ELA, ESOL, Spanish, Japanese, kayaking, orienteering, and, oh yeah, MATH and SOCIAL STUDIES. I LOVE working at Russell! My daughter Rachel got married this summer. My son Johnny is a West Point grad and now is a captain in the Army. When I am not in class I enjoy kayaking, canoeing, walking the dog, camping, backpacking, orienteering, traveling, adventuring, and playing trivia. (What is the capital of Djibouti? Almost everyone accidentally gets this one right!)