

# MEET THE TEACHERS

## 8TH GRADE

### 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.

### LESLI BERNAT MATH



Welcome to Math Class! One thing you should know about me is that I believe EVERYONE can be successful in math! This is my 2nd year teaching at RMS. When I am not teaching, I love spending time with my family and our Boston Terrier, Winston. I love all things Disney (especially Mickey Mouse). I love to read: My favorite books are The Chronicles of Narnia and the Harry Potter series. I love to watch movies (favorites include Pirates of the Caribbean, Harry Potter, and Star Wars), hike, and listen to show tunes (Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, and Wicked are some of my all-time favorite shows!) I can't wait to meet you all this year!

### BROOKE BRADBERRY ESOL



Hi! My name is Brooke Bradberry. This will be my 6th year teaching but my first year at RMS! I am so excited to get to know you and for us to have the chance to learn from each other! My husband, Taylor Bradberry, teaches and coaches at Winder-Barrow High School so during a typical school year, you could find me on Friday nights at W. Clair Harris Stadium cheering on the Doggs or on weeknights at the WBHS gym cheering on the Lady Doggs basketball team! I love all things sports and outdoors, so if you catch me running or walking a stroller around the high school, don't be afraid to stop and give me a wave!

### BEN CARNATHAN MATH/SCIENCE



Pleased to meet you I'm Mr. C.  
This year's gonna be number 8 for me.  
I love theatre and comics from DC.  
Went to Piedmont College for my MAT.  
My love is intense for sci-fi and fantasy  
But life makes sense with math so it's fun for me  
Went from Barrow to Atlanta then Savannah and back  
Simon, Xaris and Rowan are the kids in my pack  
My goal is that you're learning and you're lovin' this show  
So roll for initiative. Let's go!

### LYDIA CARR SCIENCE



Hey there! This will be my first year teaching science at Russell Middle School. I graduated from Piedmont College with my Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education with Science and Social Studies concentrations. I grew up in Ila, Georgia, but I just moved to Athens over the summer. In my free time, I love spending time with my family and dogs (Edie & Piper), swimming, listening to music, trying new restaurants, baking sweet treats, and going to museums. I am SO excited to get to know each and every one of you!

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### BECCA CRUNKLETON SOCIAL STUDIES



Hello! :) My name is Becca Crunkleton! This is my first year teaching and I'm so excited to begin my journey here at RMS! I just moved to Winder with my husband, Will, and our 2 year old son, Parker. We are SO happy to be a part of this amazing community! I love spending time outside, thrifting, crafting, and reading good books!

### MATT DOBBS MATH



Hey! My name is Matt Dobbs. This is my 10 year teaching and I have been at Russell since year one! My wife is also a middle school teacher and I have three kids at home with one of them being 3 months old. I look forward to this school year and look forward to meeting my students!

### ASHLEY DRAKE ELA/SCIENCE



Welcome! My name is Ashley Drake and this will be my 4th year teaching at RMS. I enjoy being outdoors, reading, and gardening in my free time. I also love to roller skate so ask me about my progress!

### WHITNEY FRINK LANGUAGE ARTS



Welcome to RMS! My name is Whitney Frink and I teach 8th grade ELA-special education. This is my second year at Russell and teaching overall. I live here in Winder with my husband, Clay, and my two amazing kids, Chris and Ainslie. In my free time I love to read, paint and cook.

### MARISSA FUERST SCIENCE



Hello! This is my fifth year teaching 8th Grade Physical Science at Russell. I grew up in Atlanta and attended Brown University, where I was a member of the varsity equestrian team and studied Environmental Science. I have a master's degree in Science Education from UGA. I enjoy birdwatching, exercising outdoors, and watching football and basketball.

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## 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!

## 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!

## NICOLE HOOPER LANGUAGE ARTS



Hi! My name is Nicole Hooper, and I teach ELA. This is my 2nd year at RMS, but my 18th year teaching overall. I live in Bethlehem with my husband, 3 kids, and our dog. When I'm not teaching, I love to run 5k's, watch my kids play soccer, and hunt for hidden treasures at thrift stores. I look forward to making this the BEST year yet!

## AJ JACKSON LANGUAGE ARTS



Hi! My name is A.J. Jackson and I am an 8th grade ELA teacher here at RMS. This is my 10th year here, and I am excited for another great year! While I am from this area, I moved to Montana for college, where I studied English Literature. My wife, Samantha, is also a teacher and we have two children, Sarah (7) and James (5). We like to spend our free time outside hiking, kayaking, and camping or inside watching movies and having dance parties! I look forward to getting to know you this year!

## ANDREW LORING SCIENCE/SS



Hello, My name is Joseph Loring. This is my 4th year at Russell Middle School. I have a wonderful wife Katharine and a 7 year old daughter Vivian. We also have a miniature pinscher Minnie and a russian tortoise named Jackie Wilson. This is my first year working with 8th grade Social Studies and Science students and I am looking forward to meeting everyone and having a great year!

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### 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!

### APRIL MCGUIRE MATH



Welcome to Russell Middle School. This is my 4th year at Russell out of 24 years of teaching and this is my favorite school. I love the outdoors. I am an avid gardener, but I like anything that takes me outside.

### 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!

### 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!

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### ASHLEY PUGH 8TH GRADE PARAPRO



Welcome to RMS! My name is Ashley Pugh, and I am starting my 2nd year as a paraprofessional! I enjoy my job because it is fun and I get to help others. When I am not at school, I like to spend time with my family. I can't wait to meet you!

### 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!

### TERRI SEELEY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/MATH



My name is Terri Seeley and this is my 31st year at RMS! I am a huge fan of the DogPack and I am excited to be here this year. I have one son, who at 24 is living in Lilburn, working for an actuarial firm. I have two dogs that I travel with and show all over the country. I also love to crochet and would be happy to show you my finished objects!

### 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!

### HEATHER SKELTON ELA/SOCIAL STUDIES



Hey y'all! My name is Heather Skelton. This is my 4th year teaching and my 4th year at RMS. I graduated from the University of Georgia in 2017 with a degree in Middle Grades Education with an emphasis in Social Studies and English. I grew up going through the Barrow County School System, even going to RMS! It's an honor to give back to the community that gave me so much growing up. I've lived in Athens for six years and I enjoy reading, travelling, watching UGA football games, and spending time with my friends and family. This is going to be a great year and I'm looking forward to meeting you!

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## EMILY WATSON

### SOCIAL STUDIES



Welcome to Russell!! We are so happy you are here. My name is Emily Watson and I teach 8th Grade Social Studies. I am a proud graduate of North Georgia College and State University and this year marks my 8th year teaching. As a previous member of the Dogpack family when I was a student I am happy to continue my time here as a member of the staff. I enjoy working here and serving the same community I have been a part of my whole life. I am also one of the cheer coaches here at RMS and I love working with our girls to bring joy to our school and community. I am looking forward to another wonderful year here at RMS!

## KERRY MAYNARD

### SCIENCE/SS



Hello! My name is Kerry Maynard. I teach Social Studies and Science. I am starting my 21st year of teaching and I have been fortunate enough to spend all of that time at RMS. I look forward to seeing you either in person or online!