

GHS welcomes new teachers



Ms. Cassie Hockersmith teaches her third period class. Her day is divided between English and FACS classes. Paige Glynn photo



During her Spanish class, Mrs. Autumn Pasa works with students on their assignment. Mrs. Pasa formerly taught at Noblesville High School. Ava Brawley photo

By Kinsley Clark reporter

With new teachers come new expectations.

Mr. Wes Melonson, math teacher, felt welcome when he walked through the door.

"I moved to Greenwood because I was moving houses with my girlfriend and she is from here so it was easier. I chose to work here because my interview went great, and as I was walking through the halls and talking with everyone, I knew it was going to be a good fit," Mr. Melonson said.

GHS added several staff members, and most of them said the same thing: they loved the school as soon as they arrived.

"I moved to Greenwood because I wanted a smaller school; my last school was too big and there were behavior issues. I thought I just didn't want to teach anymore, but I'm glad I moved because it's closer and I love the kids and the atmosphere here," Mrs. Autumn Pasa, Spanish teacher, said.

Mrs. Pasa formerly taught at Noblesville High School.

Another repeating comment involved the Woodman atmosphere.

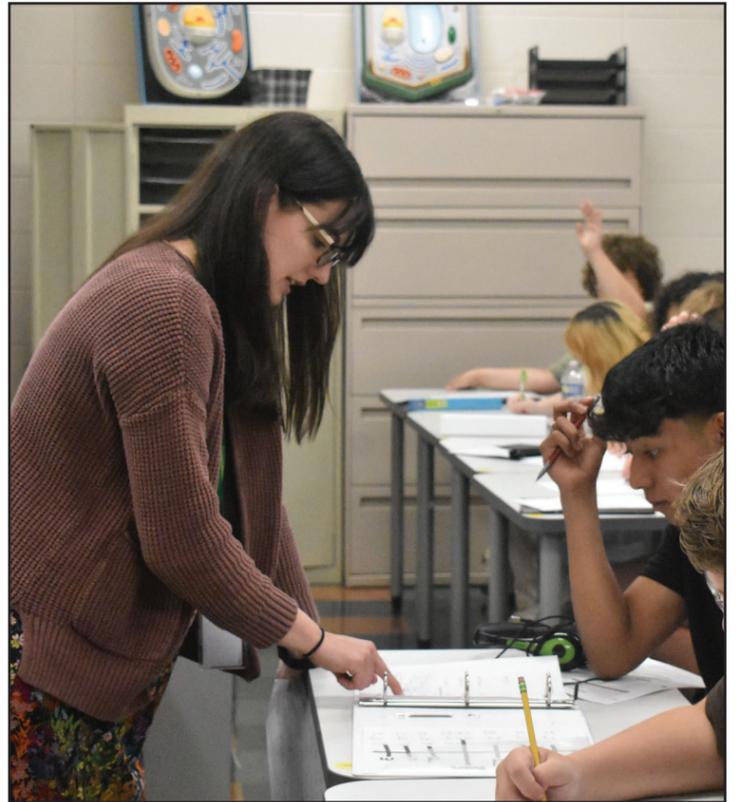
"I used to teach at Mooresville, and I chose to move here because I love the community and have some old friends who worked here. They loved it here," Mrs. Melissa Burger, science teacher, said.

The community seems to be welcoming, too, especially on game days.

"I am excited to get to know and build connections with all the kids. I am also one of the new football coaches so I am super excited for all the Friday nights. I think it's going to be a pretty good season," Mr. Melonson said.

There are high expectations.

"There aren't many differences between the high school and middle school so it wasn't a huge adjustment. It also is better hours for me with my four kids, and this job allows me to be more available for them and their schedules," Ms. Cassandra



Mrs. Melissa Burger helps a student during her biology class. This is Mrs. Burger's first year teaching Biology, AP Environmental Science and AP Bio at Greenwood. Ava Brawley photo

Hockersmith, English teacher, said.

Not all new staff members are completely new to Greenwood.

"I was ready to come back to teaching, and I wanted change so I thought the school would be a good place to start," Ms. Hockersmith said.

Football season calls for SCHOOL SPIRIT

By Brady Cave sports editor

Student section leaders are emphasizing school spirit by making sure everyone is following the themes.

At the end of the last school year, the 2023-24 student section leaders passed down the reins to seniors Nick Pruett, Sam Thompson, Ethan King, and Carter Chatham. Pruett and King dedicated time to planning themes for the football season.

"Last weekend, I went over to Nick's house, and we started typing out themes. We tried to match up the themes with the opponents, like country for the Martinsville game," King said.

While the student section leaders are trying to create new ideas, some want some from the past.

"Jersey is my favorite theme. I get to represent my school and represent the sports I play,"

freshman Damien Foster said.

Everything students need to know about the dates and themes of games are posted on Instagram. Some proposed themes are USA, White-out, Halloween, and Green and Gold.

"We are going to make sure to be pretty active on the account, making sure to relay any changes in theme or dates to the rest of the school," Pruett said.

Sophomore Ava Key is hoping for a specific spirit theme this year.

"College theme is my favorite theme because I can not wait for college. I have a lot of options to wear," Key said.

The other leaders are more focused on encouraging school spirit at the games.

"I let Ethan and Nick handle the themes. I am going to be the guy who is making sure everyone stays on their feet for the

games and are participating in the chants," Chatham said.

Junior Darryl Smith likes to participate when it is his favorite theme.

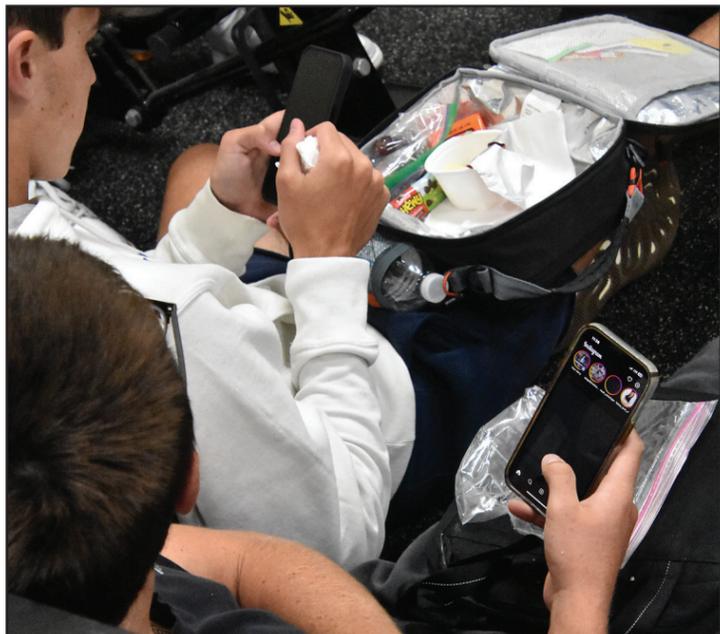
"Pajama theme is the best because it is comfy and it is the best if I am tired," Smith said.

Paying attention to information for the Homecoming game is important.

"In the past, we have done white-out for the Homecoming game, with either colored powder or silly string to throw/spray at halftime. We are unsure of which we will be able to do this year, but the information will be on Instagram," Chatham said.

The leaders expect everyone to be on their feet, cheering at the games. The leaders are motivated to take home the banner this year.

"Nothing is worse than looking up and seeing underclassmen sitting down or on their phones not participating in the chants. This year either you participate or you sit somewhere else. Less is more when everyone has school spirit," King said.



Senior Nick Pruett checks the student section Instagram. Students need to check Instagram for information about theme nights, last minute changes to the student section, etc. Damien Hoagland photo



Junior Zach Penn dresses for the blackout theme



Senior Ryann Marker dresses in the green and gold theme



Junior Jake Galbraith dresses in the frat theme



Sophomore Alex Connor dresses in the jersey theme



Junior Ayden Houseman dresses in the camo theme