

# *C* *The Boylan* *Current*

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At the beginning of the year Freshman Class of 2012 Picnic, the new principal, Fr. Paul Lapinski, has a discussion with freshman Joey Kubera in front of the rest of his class. At the picnic, the new students were able to get to know some of their fellow classmates, as well as some faculty, before classes officially started.

# A New Year...



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\*Not pictured: Fr. Fronek

### Michael Keith

Michael Keith is not only here to teach woodshop, but he is a self-declared student of wood-working and art as well. Keith comes to Boylan with a multitude

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### Fr. Fronek

Fr. Randy Fronek, a graduate of North Central College, DePaul University, and Mount St. Mary & North American College, will be teaching morality during the 2008-2009 school year. Fr. Fronek previously taught at St. Edward's High School in Elgin for three years. One of four brothers, he enjoys chess, astronomy, and bowling.

of experiences in his field, including a job as a carver for the Kindel Furniture Co. in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He loves to travel to countries in Eastern Europe and South America, even Iceland! His favorite way to pass the time is spending it with his wife, Susan, and their golden retrievers.

### **Amber Schroeder**

Boylan welcomes Amber Schroeder as a new biology teacher. She attended Guilford High School and then went on to Michigan State University and Macquire University in Sydney, Australia. She has experience substitute teaching and is looking forward to her first full-time position. She is also the new assistant girls' swim coach. This position is a good fit for Schroeder being that she was a Big Ten varsity athlete at Michigan State where she swam as a four year scholarship athlete.

### **Bryant Salamone**

Bryant Salamone returns to Boylan as a World History and U.S. History teacher after graduating in 2003. Fresh out of Bemidji State University this year, Salamone comes with a B.S. in Social Studies Secondary Education. He is currently working on acquiring his masters from Bemidji as well. His previous teaching experience includes a semester at Cass Lake-Bena ALC in Cass Lake, Minnesota. He takes his hobby of fishing to extreme, spending his summers in Bristol Bay, Alaska, where he works and lives on a commercial salmon fishing boat.

### **Emily Workman**

The new band director, music theory teacher, and music history teacher, Emily Workman, comes to Boylan with a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Besides being a private lessons instructor, Workman's experience comes from being a band and jazz band teacher at Decorah High School and Middle School, as well as teaching Kindergarten General Music teacher at Morth Winnesheik Community School

in Decorah. She has many hobbies including singing, the trumpet, tennis, Frisbee, biking, hiking, and golf.

### **Margaret Gracyalny**

Bienvenidos, Senora Gracyalny! Margaret Gracyalny will be joining the foreign language department this school year as a Spanish teacher. A graduate of UW Whitewater and the Universidad Veracruzana in Jalapa, Mexico, she has taught grades 7-12 in Catholic schools in the Beloit and Chicago Heights area. With degrees in English, history, and Spanish, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family. She has spent a lot of time in Latin America both traveling and taking part in mission trips.

### **Barbara Pfluger**

In addition to a degree in Religious Studies from Edgewood Catholic College in Madison, WI, new Comparative Religions/Christian Lifestyles teacher Barb Pfluger returns to Boylan with the kind of life experience you can't just get in a classroom. Though this is her first professional teaching job, Pfluger has had a lot of experience working with teenagers from many different religious backgrounds. As a youth minister for seven years and professional speaker for 15 years, she has had the opportunity to present on various religious subjects, and has been instrumental in developing and implementing the "Mothers at the Well" ministry in Rockford and the Chicago area.

### **Stephen Spierdowis**

A new addition to the religion department this year is Stephen Spierdowis, a 2007 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville. Spierdowis took full advantage of his time at Steubenville, double majoring in Theology and Catechetics. This is his first teaching experience, and he is looking forward to marrying his fiancé Elizabeth in October of this year. He enjoys staying active in his hobbies of swimming, being outside, cribbage. He is an avid Boston Red Sox fan.

### **Melissa Mecadon**

As the new choir and guitar director, Ms. Melissa Mecadon comes to Boylan, and the Rockford area, for the first time with the hope to "...make some good music at this school!" An alumna of Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, Mecadon graduated with a degree in Music Education with an emphasis on voice and clarinet. She directed many church choirs throughout high school and college, and gave private voice, clarinet, saxophone, and guitar lessons at the Millikin University Preparatory Department. She was also an instructor at a summer band program through the Decatur Park District called "Jam in the Park".

### **Andy Rosenbaum**

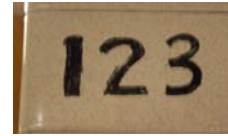
A 2008 substitute teacher has decided to make his stay at Boylan permanent. Andy Rosenbaum is now a part of the Boylan English department staff. He graduated from Boylan in 2001, went on to attend Loras College, and graduated from Liberty University with a B.A. in English and Education. Rosenbaum was married this past June in Florida to wife Joani. He enjoys playing soccer and Frisbee golf, reading, and spending time with his family and Chihuahua, Conan.

### **Tom Lunz**

Tom Lunz, the new World History teacher and assistant freshman baseball coach, was born and raised in the Southside of Chicago. His father is a Chicago fireman and his mother is a nurse. His one younger brother is a police officer in Lockport, IL. He attended Br. Rice High School in Chicago and graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He has experience as a teacher's assistant at Heritage Grove Middle School for students with behavior and/or emotional disorders. He also taught World History at Marian Catholic High School this summer. He is an avid sports player and enjoys baseball, hockey, and golf, as well as music.

# A New Faculty...

# Changes in Lab



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The Newspaper Staff is now able to use the new state-of-the-art computers that were installed in Lab 123. The new equipment is much faster as well as more accessible for staff use.



*“Since technology is new at Boylan, my students enjoy it [a Mimio interactive white-board] and it increases excitement in note-taking. It allows me to present material in a variety of ways and appeal to some different learning styles.”*

Mrs. Walls



The Mimio System does not consist of a lot of equipment, but it is revolutionizing the way that students take notes and learn. Besides Mrs. Walls, Mr. Gaskin, Mrs. May, and Mrs. Meyers will all be using the Mimio System this year.



## Letter from the Editor

Dear Students,

Welcome back to school! I sincerely hope that everyone had a fun, relaxing, and productive summer vacation. As much as a shock it was to wake up last week and realize that summer was over, being back at Boylan, as always, is not too bad. With all of the technological and faculty changes that have occurred over summer, it should be a very interesting and exciting year. I would like to personally welcome the new freshman class of 2012. Boylan is a very special place that I hope you are learning to appreciate. To my fellow seniors, I feel like just yesterday we were the new kids in school. However, I am so excited to begin our senior year together.

I hope that you continue to find enjoyment in reading *The Current*. As always, we are continuing to strive for excellence, and you are the best measure of how we are doing in achieving that goal. Please share your comments with us throughout this year by emailing us at [www.newspaper@boylan.org](mailto:www.newspaper@boylan.org). Good luck with your first month of school.

Sincerely,  
Kaylen B. Ralph  
Executive Editor