

It is with great pride that I welcome you to Conemaugh Township Middle and Senior High School. I wish to extend a warm welcome to all current and future members of our school family. We are proud of our staff and student body who work together to create an atmosphere of excellence. Here at Conemaugh Township, we strive to create an optimal learning environment for our students. Our students continue to excel in academics, athletics, the arts, band, and many other electives and activities. These accomplishments are evident in the school pride that fills our hallways. The continued success of Conemaugh Township Middle and Senior High School can only be obtained with the continued encouragement and support among our students, staff, parents and community.

Over the past several years we have witnessed many changes to the academic programs at Conemaugh Township and across the state of Pennsylvania. We have risen to the new standards, increased accountability, and have placed greater emphasis on ensuring that our students are college and career ready. We currently offer seventy-three credits of college in the high school through local post-secondary institutions. Our associates program partners with Penn Highlands Community College offering many great classes. We also afford our students eleven career preparatory options that are available through the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center. In further enhancing our curriculum, we have added Accelerated American Government and Economics, Accelerated World Cultures and Business Law to our current list of the seventy- four electives that we afford the students of our school.

Conemaugh Township has always been a very special place to me. I student taught here during the fall of 1994, this is when I discovered that working at Conemaugh Township is not just a job, but a way of life. The pride, energy, enthusiasm, and degree of caring from both the school and community caught my heart. From that day forward, I had aspirations of becoming an Indian! My teaching career led me to stops at Phillipsburg-Osceola and Glendale as a science teacher prior to starting at Conemaugh Township in 1997. While teaching at Conemaugh Township, my schedule was filled with Life Science, Physical Science, Earth Science, Biology and Anatomy and Physiology courses. In 2000, I became the assistant principal and director of athletics at Conemaugh Township. I had an additional administrative stint at Somerset Senior High School, prior to returning to the reservation. Conemaugh Township has afforded me the opportunity to coach many sports, sponsor clubs and activities, while supervising departments and overseeing the development of the building and its inner workings.

I have learned many things during my twenty year career. Perhaps what is most important is the idea that everyone needs to feel connected to someone or something to be a productive member of that group. I have seen our school culture embrace the idea that individuals who are engaged and have relationships with others will become our leaders and success stories. Students are encouraged to find their passion and connect with the person or people who are involved with that activity. With a wonderfully committed faculty and staff, numerous sports teams and club offerings at Conemaugh Township, I know there is something for everyone. Find your niche and make a difference within it! Our mission, in part, is to enrich lives and build futures for all of our students as we prepare them to be college and career ready.

I am looking forward to the coming year at Conemaugh Township Middle and Senior High School. I look forward to each day with enthusiasm and optimism. I have high expectations for our students and staff and am thankful for the dedication and leadership that they show when presented with new challenges. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns throughout the school year.

“Make it a great day or not. The choice is always yours!”