

Teacher Welcome for 2017-2018



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“WORDS, in my humble opinion, are the most inexhaustible source of MAGIC we have.” –Albus Dumbledore

Hello! This will be my third year teaching at Kimberly High School, and I look forward to teaching Honors English 9, Honors English 10, and Sports Literature this year. I am also an advisor for Life-Force and the Freshman Class Advisor for Student Council. I hope you are excited for this school year, but if you aren't quite yet, know that I am excited enough for the both of us! Many of the books we will read this year are on the very top of my list of my favorite books (*The Great Gatsby*, *The Odyssey*, and *Friday Night Lights* to name a few), and I cannot wait to share that enthusiasm with you.

I graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a major in English Education and a minor in both Social Justice and Women's & Gender Studies. After graduating, I was a long-term sub at KHS for almost a full year and am incredibly lucky to be a part of the community of teachers and students here at KHS. I grew up in Neenah and love living in the Fox Valley. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy reading (I'm probably re-reading the *Harry Potter* series for the 12th time if I'm being honest), going to concerts with friends (One Republic and Ed Sheeran this year), and watching Vampire Diaries with my best friend.

I am so passionate about literature and issues of social justice and am excited to share that with my students each year. I work hard to create an environment in my classroom that is relaxed, open, and full of never-ending optimism. Students should come prepared to develop their critical thinking skills while reading engaging and valuable texts. Feel free to email me if you have any questions at kvoissem@kimberly.k12.wi.us.

Please bring the following supplies for class:

Honors English 9

2 1-subject notebooks
Folder or binder for notes
Pens/pencils
Highlighter
Sticky notes
Chromebook or laptop

Honors English 10

2 1-subject notebooks
Folder or binder for notes
Pens/pencils
Highlighter
Sticky notes
Chromebook or laptop

Sports Literature

Notebook or loose leaf paper
Pens/pencils
Highlighter
Sticky notes
Chromebook or laptop