

There are four new faces at Clark High School and five new faces at Clark Elementary School to start this new school year



Nick Dalton

Today (Wednesday), the 2023-2024 Clark School year kicks off, as the school doors are now open. Superintendent Travis Ahrens and Principal Jennifer Heggelund greeted students this morning as one and all begin a new school term.

Nine new faces will be greeting the students in the Clark school system. New to the Clark School for the 2023-2024 term will be Nick Dalton, Kathleen "Kat" Ballinger, Lindsey Florey, Jennifer Jensen, Nicole Severson, Angela "Annie" Spieker, Lydia Reidburn, Alyssa Popp and Nicole Gronewold.

Nick Dalton

Nick Dalton will be the high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. He is a Clark native, graduating from high school in 2004. He attended Lake Area Technical College for automotive technology.

His previous employment includes: Ritter's Repair in Clark, Westside Implement in Clark and Northeast Technical High School in Watertown from 2017 to 2023 as an auto instructor.

Dalton and his wife Ashley live in Clark with their children Coop and Dane. Coop is in sixth grade,



Kathleen "Kat" Ballinger

and Dane is two years old.

Kat Ballinger

Kat Ballinger will be the middle school math teacher at Clark School. She will also be the technology teacher for wheel classes. Ballinger is from Aberdeen, where she graduated in 2018. She currently lives in Watertown.

She graduated from Dakota State University in May of 2023 with two Bachelor's of Science degrees, one in Secondary Math Education, the other in Math Information Systems.

Lindsey Florey

Lindsey Florey will be a fourth grade teacher at Clark Elementary. She is originally from Mitchell, S.D. She graduated from Hanson High School in 2012.

She received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 2016 from the University of South Dakota

For the last five years, Florey teaching third grade in Willow Lake. She also taught one year of fifth grade in Chamberlain prior to that.

Florey and her husband Gannon live on a farm near Clark with their children Layton, who is three years old, and Pierce, who is 11 months old.

Jennifer Jensen

Jennifer Jensen will be a first grade teacher at Clark Elementary School. She is a Henry native,



Lindsey Florey

where she graduated in 2016. She still resides in Henry.

She attended the University of South Dakota, where she majored in Elementary and Special Education.

Her previous teaching positions include: Silver Lake Colony for two years and Brandon Valley School District for one year.

Nicole Severson

Nicole Severson will be a paraprofessional at Clark Elementary School. She is a Clark native. She graduated from Clark High School in 2010.

She attended Lake Area Technical College for financial services and graduated in 2012.

Severson and her husband Jason live in the Clark area with children Norah and Wyatt. Norah is in fourth grade, and Wyatt is in second grade.

Annie Spieker

Annie Spieker will be a paraprofessional at Clark Elementary School. She is from Yankton, where she graduated in 2004.

She attended Lake Area Technical College for the licensed practical nursing program. Some of her previous employment includes: Sanford Clinic in Clark and Little Explorers Daycare, also in Clark.

Spieker and her husband Craig live north of Clark. They have five children, including Neil, who is 24, Charlie, who is 21, Owen, who



Jennifer Jensen



Lydia Reidburn

is a senior, Ethan, who is 10, and Ellie, who is seven.

Lydia Reidburn

Lydia Reidburn will be a paraprofessional at Clark High School this year. She is a Clark native, graduating from CHS in 2021.

Her parents are Jarvis and Alissa Reidburn. Her younger brother, Lincoln, is a sophomore at Clark High School this year.

Alyssa Popp

Alyssa Popp will be a paraprofessional at Clark Elementary School this year. She is originally from Hoxie, Kansas. She graduated from Clark High School in 2022.

Popp's previous employment



Nicole Severson



Alyssa Popp

includes: two years at Cross Country Veterinarians in Clark and a year-and-a-half at Amazing Grace Daycare in Clark.

Her parents are Kevin and Karie Popp. She has a younger brother, Riley, who is a junior at Clark High School this year.



Angela "Annie" Spieker



Nicole Gronewold

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Nicole Gronewold will be a cook in the Clark High School kitchen this year.

The Clark County Courier did not receive her responses in time for printing.



Six new faces greeted students at Henry School on Tuesday morning



Landon Hammer

Yesterday (Tuesday), the 2023-2024 Henry School year kicked off. Superintendent Todd Obele and new Principal Landon Hammer greeted students as they began their new year.

Six new faces greeted the students at Henry School on Tuesday morning. New to Henry School for the 2023-2024 term will be Landon Hammer, Dakota Nerison, Megan Streier, Laryn Warkenthien, McKenzie LeBlanc and Jordon Weidner.

Landon Hammer

Landon Hammer is the principal at Henry School. He is originally from Wilmot, where he



Dakota Nerison

graduated high school in 2013.

Hammer attended South Dakota State University and received a Bachelor's of Science degree and a Master's degree in Education Administration. Previously, Hammer has worked at Clark and Howard schools.

He and his wife Taylor currently live in Watertown.

Dakota Nerison

Dakota Nerison is the preschool teacher. Her hometown is Hazel. She graduated from Great Plains Lutheran High School in 2008. She attended Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

Nerison's previous teaching positions include: Bonanza Education Center, Director/Teacher for one year in Clinton, Minn.;



Laryn Warkenthien

Waverly-South Shore, paraprofessional, for one year; and Little Blessings Daycare and Preschool, Head Teacher, for seven years in Watertown.

Nerison and her husband Lee, live in Watertown with their two children, Sage, who is in third grade, and Wyatt, who is in kindergarten.

Laryn Warkenthien

Laryn Warkenthien is the third grade teacher. She is from Willow Lake and currently resides there. She graduated from Willow Lake High School in 2017.

Warkenthien attended Northern State University from 2017-2020 before transferring to Mount Marty University from 2020-2022, where she graduated with an El-



McKenzie LeBlanc

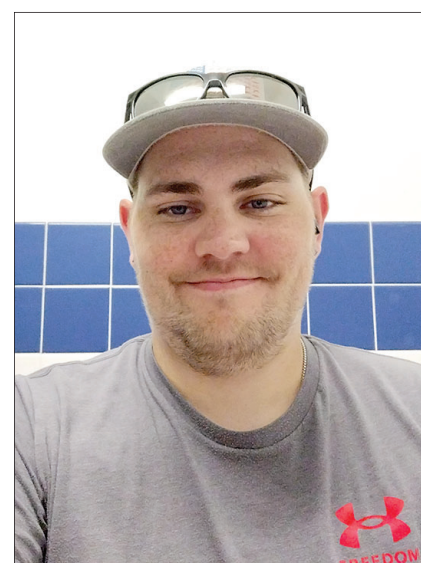
ementary Education degree with a minor in Special Education. During the 2022-23 school year, Warkenthien taught second grade in the Iroquois School District.

McKenzie LeBlanc

McKenzie LeBlanc is the PE teacher at Henry School. She is originally from Watertown, where she graduated.

LeBlanc attended Northern State University and obtained her undergraduate degree, then pursued a graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse.

Her previous teaching positions were in Webster and Duluth, Minn. At Henry School, she will be in charge of physical education, adapted physical education and



Jordon Weidner

health education.

LeBlanc and her husband Bryce live in Watertown with their children Grayson and Nash.

Jordon Weidner

Jordon Weidner is a custodian for Henry School. He also coaches basketball for Florence/Henry. Weidner is originally from Watertown where he graduated high school in 2012. Previously, Weidner worked at the Watertown Intermediate School in the alternative education room.

Weidner and his wife of three years, Brittany, reside in Florence with son, Memphis, who starts preschool this year.

Megan Streier

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ond grade teacher at Henry School this year.

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WEATHER

Robert Cole - Official Weather Observer

	HI	LO	PR
Aug. 8	78	58	0
Aug. 9	78	59	0
Aug. 10	82	59	0.01
Aug. 11	86	61	1.16
Aug. 12	83	60	0
Aug. 13	83	60	0.11
Aug. 14	68	57	1.32
2023 precipitation to date	15.53"		
2022 precipitation to date	15.87"		