

Paw PRINTS

August Issue

Welcome back, Jaguars! We are off to a ROARing start! This year, The Paw Print Post is now Paw Prints, a news magazine full of activities, surveys, quizzes, editorials, sports, and exciting informative articles! We hope you enjoy the new format and look forward to reading each new issue!

Indian Ridge Middle's new R.O.A.R. initiative is in full swing, so be on the lookout for incentive tickets. Be sure to exhibit the characteristics of responsibility, ownership, attitude, and respect in order to participate in the reward drawings.

Club meetings have begun here at IRMS, so please listen to the daily announcements for meeting dates, times and locations. Getting involved in these extracurricular activities is a great way to meet new friends and give back to the community.

Yearbooks go on sale, starting September 30! The first 250 yearbooks sold are \$40, but the price increases to \$50 after that! Eighth grade ads also go on sale starting September 30th! Space is limited, so secure yours ASAP! If you buy a full page ad, you'll get your yearbook for only \$25!

Have a ROARsome school year!

Editor-in-Chief,
Ms. Didier

UPCOMING DATES

Interims 9/13

NJHS Tutoring Tuesdays @ 8:45 Room


Girls Basketball meeting 9/16

(media center)

Boys Basketball tryouts 9/16-18

Welcome to the Ridge Dance 9/26

No School 9/30

Yearbooks go on sale
 **September 30th!** 

Administration

Mr. Ian Murray, Principal

Ms. Ortiz, 8th grade Administrator

Mrs. Birke, 7th grade Administrator

Mr. Greenfield, 6th grade Administrator

MAKING MATH MARVELOUS!

By Madden Edwards, Haylee Santantonio, Claire Shannon, Catherine Truong, and Lana Tarr

Ms. Correa, a new 7th grade math teacher at Indian Ridge Middle, has plenty to say. She always had a passion for teaching as early as her kindergarten days. She attended Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and majored in elementary education and child psychology. It's her 21st year teaching and she started at the young age of 19. In her leisure time, she enjoys, "spending time with her family and cooking delicious meals." She chose Indian Ridge Middle School because teachers have a tendency to stay for a long time, which she values very much. Things she enjoys about IRMS is that it's a relaxed environment and the kids are well-behaved. If she could sponsor any extracurricular activity, she would choose Children Helping Other Children (C.H.O.C.) Mrs. Correa is looking forward to this promising school year and can't wait for many exciting adventures that may come up along the way!



MRS. CORREA IS IMPRESSED BY CHOC, AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS HERE AT IRMS.

Guiding the Jags to Success!

By Sophia Cadavid, Anna Volpe, Mia Parra, and Nhu Le



Ms. Cabrera's donates her time, even during her lunch shift, to do the interview! So generous!

Ms. Cabrera is the new eighth grade guidance counselor at Indian Ridge. Ms. Cabrera enjoys working with kids, and would not trade her job for anything else. She loves to help children, it's her passion. It's always better to help before it gets worse and as a therapist you can only help a few people but working at a school you can help a lot of kids. Ms. Cabrera is a caring person who cares about the welfare of her students. She is a professional she's been doing her job for years and knows how to handle situations in the best way possible. She's helped countless kids through hard times and drama with their friends. Ms. Cabrera has received an abundance of encouragement since she has been here. She really likes the support she has received so far. She cares about being with the people she loves because they are always there to love and support her.

By Danielle Glen, Maya Halciug,
Giuliana Brosz, and Daniella Valdivieso



Ms. Mortensen loves football. Her favorite team is the New England Patriots.



WELCOME MS. MORTENSEN

Ms. Lori Mortensen is a new eighth grade science teacher at Indian Ridge. She has been teaching for ten years and just transferred from New River Middle School.

She chose IRMS because she says it is a great school and an amazing environment to teach in. Ms. Mortensen went to Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and majored in sociology. In the future, Ms. Mortensen would eventually like to teach high school technology. Some things she likes to do outside of school are watch football and baseball with her family. Ms. Mortensen loves the Ridge because she likes that the students are so eager to learn. We all welcome Ms. Mortensen with open arms and hopes she will have a fantastic year at Indian Ridge Middle School with us.

EDUCATING THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE!

By Dylan Deprimo, Abigail Nicolas, Owen Melville, and Eligjah Forst

Walter J. Pullom, a teacher starting his first year at Indian Ridge Middle School. Pullom specializes in both Life and Physical Science, teaching both seventh and eighth grade. Mr. Pullom decided to go into education, “because it was my first original passion when I was a high schooler; to help be a part in educating future generations.” Although education is new for him, Pullom has been in Broward County his whole life. So far, at IRMS, he was astounded by the generosity of his colleagues helping him settle in. His education was a mixed bag, starting at Broward College where he got his education requirements, before transferring to Florida Atlantic University where he majored in exercise science and health promotion. He does heavy strength training, power lifts, and teaches spinning cycle classes outside school. From what we’ve heard, Mr. Pullom is a fun new addition to the staff at IRMS and we’re happy to have him here.



Mr. Pullom enjoys physical activity and teaching his students.



The Master of Technology

By Jorden Streisfeld, Andrew Hutchins, and Oscar Franco



Mr. Grant working in the computer lab. He works very hard every day.

Mr. Michael Grant, the vocational business teacher, (AKA “technology” at Indian Ridge Middle School) joined our school staff for the first time this year. Previously, Mr. Grant worked as an accountant and then switched to education for more free time. Throughout his 13 years as an educator, Mr. Grant has worked in the Broward County Public Schools system for 7 years. Grant likes Indian Ridge Middle School specifically because it’s a bigger school than where he previously worked as a math teacher. He was hired as the Vocational Business Education teacher.

Making Our School Exceptional!

Let’s welcome our new Exceptional Student Education (ESE) specialist, Ms. Anderson. Ms. Anderson has been an ESE Specialist for 23 years, spending 20 of those years right here in Broward County and 3 years in Minnesota. She went to college at Nova Southeastern University and majored in leadership. After graduating, she decided to go into education because she loves working with kids. What made her choose IRMS? She knows how great our school is and loves the learning environment. She already adores the students and staff. We’re so happy to have Ms. Anderson as a part of our IRMS family this year!

By: Kaylin Hadbafnick, Lexi Arencibia, Isabelle Powell, Ashley Ottey

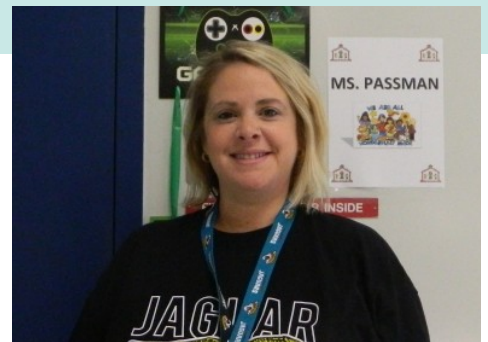


Ms. Anderson is in her office working hard to make sure every student gets what they need to be successful!

Our Newest ESE Teacher!!!

By Ryan Seiden, Charlee Shon,
Emily Greenfield, Isha Patel

Ms. Passman is a new addition to the ESE department at Indian Ridge Middle School. This is her first year at IRMS, even though she has been teaching for 16 years. Ms. Passman started out in Dade County, but has been teaching in Broward for 13 years. “My job as an ESE teacher is to educate students with special needs. I teach students of all grades and a variety of subjects,” says Passman regarding her role here as a Jaguar. Indian Ridge became her top choice because she had heard commendatory recommendations about this school. She also wanted to teach middle school because she previously taught elementary students and wanted to try something new. In the short time she has been here, she has found the staff friendly, helpful, and has learned many new things. Ms. Passman graduated from the University of South Florida in Tampa, majoring in special education. She decided to pursue a teaching degree because she enjoys seeing growth in children academically, emotionally, and socially. Outside of school, she prefers to cook, bake, and spend time with her son. In addition to being an ESE teacher, Ms. Passman said that she would like to sponsor a club that involves dance since she really enjoys the activity. Overall, we would like to welcome Ms. Passman to Indian Ridge Middle and we hope she has a fantastic year ahead of her!



Our New Math Wiz!

By; Hailey Gonzalez, Hannah Wingate, Laura
Ramirez, Giuliana Stanko

Now presenting 7th grade advanced math teacher, Vandana Shanker! Ms. Shanker started out as a cooperate trainer, and a human resource person. Shanker states, “There weren’t enough people in the industry, so we decided the best thing to do would be to train other people.” She also says that she thought if she could train college students how to work in the industry, that would be even better. Shanker has been in Broward County schools for two years, and she loves her coworkers, as well as the students. “I love the community, I love Davie,” she says. She chose Indian Ridge Middle School because her children went here, and she thinks it’s an amazing school. “Always thinking, always learning,” Shanker declares. She went to New York University, and she majored in finance. An extracurricular she would like to sponsor is STEM, because she imagines that it is somewhat related to math, and she is more comfortable with technology and math. Outside of school, “I like to follow the stock market,” because of her passion for technology and math. It’s her first year teaching 7th grade math, and she enjoys it. She says in the future, she’d like to stay as a 7th grade teacher. She will be a great addition to IRMS!

Travel to the Past With Ms. Taveres

By Caroline Walsh, Anjali Nori, Kayla Martin

Ms. Taveres, one of Indian Ridge Middle Schools (IRMS) newest faculty members teaches 6th grade world history and 8th grade U.S history. She went into education because she believes education for young children is very important, particularly all the issues we have with our environment and she feels it's important to educate students. Ms. Taveres said that this was her first-year teaching and she had only ever been in the business industry. She also loves the support of the faculty, staff and students here at IRMS and we do have so much support from faculty members like Ms. Donovan to students like Madison Mceachron. Taveres also said that she heard good things about it, that it's close to her house and that it is a good school. She went to college at Florida International University (FIU) and majored in Psychology, and she majored in Business Administration at Nova. Ms. Taveres also likes basketball and home economics and wouldn't mind teaching them. She loves to read, relax and hang out with her beloved daughters.



Ms. Taveres loves cooking and sewing. She also loves hanging out with her daughters.



ABOUT OUR NEW TEACHER MS. COLE

By Natalie Pascut, Maryn Buchsbaum, Anastasia Spraker, Erica Hoy



In her time outside of school she likes to craft, specifically making custom shirts and personalized tumbler cups. She also spends time with her dog, Charley and with her friends at Disney World.

There are many teachers new to Indian Ridge Middle School (IRMS) this year. One of these teachers is Ms. Jaymie Cole. Ms. Cole teaches 8th grade Intensive Reading and is excited to be at IRMS. Cole has been in Broward County since kindergarten. "I started at the City of Pembroke Pines Charter where I attended K-8 and went to Charles W. Flanagan High School," she states. After high school she went to college at the University of South Florida. Cole majored in Music Studies and Elementary Ed. When she moved back to Florida, she attended Broward College and changed her major to Exceptional Student Education K-12. Ms.

Cole decided to go into education because she loves kids and learning. Both of her parents, her grandparents, aunts, and uncles have all been teachers as well. Ms. Cole came to Indian Ridge because of Mr. Murray. During her job interview he was kind and patient making Cole feel very welcome. She loves how warm and welcoming everyone has been. "I feel like every time I turn a corner, someone is reaching out a hand to help or offer advice that a first year craves," she said. Ms. Cole says, regarding after school clubs, "I would love to host a club that focuses on critical/strategic thinking through board games."