



Doors Open: 8:15am
Instruction Starts: 8:30am
Dismissal Starts: 3:45pm



Meet the NPA Staff

Mrs. Jarman: Principal

Hello Huskies! I am Principal Jarman and I am excited to begin my 5th year serving in this outstanding community. I have attended YSU and Cleveland State University and I feel fortunate to start my 26th year in education at Niles Prep. I have a loving and supportive husband, two talented and amazing sons and a dog that loves to give kisses. I am looking forward to another year of excellence as we continue to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth at Niles Preparatory Academy.

Ms. Green: Director of Academics

Hello! This is my 4th year as Director of Academics at Niles Prep Academy. I taught in the classroom for 5 years before stepping up into the Director of Academics role. I have been at NPA since we opened in 2021 and I love it here. My teaching license is PK-5 and I have a Masters in Instruction and Curriculum. I have 3 boys who are very active in football and basketball. I am excited to see all our smiling faces in our classrooms and I can't wait to see everyone's growth throughout the school year. It's going to be a great year!

Mrs. Furphy: Office Manager

Hello, my name is Charlotte Furphy. I'm the Office Manager at Niles Prep. I am married with 4 girls. I was born and raised in England, where I finished school and attended college for 2 years before moving to West Virginia. I moved to Ohio in November of 2023 with my family and 2 dogs. I'm excited to start this school year.

Miss Frey: Intervention Specialist

Hello! I'm Miss Frey and will be working as the Intervention Specialist for the 2025-2026 school year. This is my 3rd year as an educator after graduating from Slippery Rock University with dual certifications in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. I am so excited to help your children do amazing things and watch their growth throughout the school year!

Miss Holzapfel: Kindergarten (KA)

Hi everyone! My name is Shannon Holzapfel and I am one of the Kindergarten teachers this year. My last name is hard to pronounce so everyone can call me Ms. H. This is my second year teaching Kinder but altogether I taught 1st grade for 9 years. I live with my fiance and our two daughters. I can't wait to start another great year.

Miss Wood: Kindergarten (KB)

Hello! My name is Skyler Wood and I am one of the Kindergarten teachers. This is my second year in Kinder as well as my second year at NPA. I graduated in 2023 with my Bachelor's in Elementary Education from California University of Pennsylvania. I am so excited to meet everyone.

Mrs. Nicholls: First Grade (1A)

Hello everyone. I have been teaching for 30 years (4 years in North Carolina). I have my Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and Elementary Education (1-8). I have a Master's Degree from Walsh University also. I have 3 children, 2 dogs and 3 cats. I love Disney and Disney cruises. I've been on 5 cruises. My favorite football team is the Steelers (NFL) and Ohio State (college). I'm looking forward to a great year with everyone.

Miss Williams: First Grade (1B)

Hello, I'm Miss Williams and I'm going to be your 1st grade teacher this year. This is my first year teaching and I can't wait for all the memories we will make. I graduated from Youngstown State University in the spring with my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. I'm excited to meet everyone.

Miss Byler: Second Grade

Hello! My name is Laura Byler and I am teaching 2nd grade! I am excited this is my first year teaching after graduating from Youngstown State University. Outside of school, I have 6 pets - one dog, two guinea pigs and three cats. I also love watching animated and comedy movies. My favorite movie is Jurassic Park. I can't wait to have an amazing year.

Mrs. Morales: Third Grade

Hello! I am Mrs. Morales and this is my fourth year teaching Third Grade at Niles Prep. I attended YSU and Akron University for college and I have a Pk-3 and Special Education license. I love spending time with my husband, two children, two cats, and dog. I like to craft and paint. I'm excited to start this school year! It is going to be great.

Miss Horton: 4th & 5th Grade Math & Science

Hello, my name is Abigail Horton and I will be teaching 4th and 5th grade math and science. I'm so excited to meet you all. In my free time I enjoy reading, building Legos, traveling, and watching Disney/Marvel movies. My favorite snacks are Twix and anything with caramel. This will be my third year teaching after graduating from Kent State University.

Miss Johnson: 4th & 5th Grade Reading & Social Studies

Hello, I'm Miss Johnson. My academic background includes an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master's degree in Elementary Education. A fun fact about myself; I celebrate Christmas all year round. One of my hobbies is making Christmas ornaments. My favorite things are my children and the Christmas season. I have four cats, 1 dog and two guinea pigs. I'm looking forward to a great year at Niles Prep.

Mr. Gatta: Gym & STEM Teacher

Salutations! My name is Christina Gatta. I graduated from Youngstown State, Go Guins! Some interesting facts about me - I taught myself to play the guitar, I'm obsessed with History, and I enjoy a good joke. I enjoy traveling and I have traveled all around the world. I'm a huge hockey fan. I love playing sports and being active. We are going to have a great time this school year.

Mrs. Gibson: Title I Teacher (K-5)

My name is Michele Gibson. I have been in the education field for about 30 years. I have taught PK-5 grades in multiple capacities. This school year I will be the Title I teacher. I am looking forward to working with your children this year.

Miss Tee & Mr. Kevin: Custodians

I'm Miss Tee and I am the head custodian at NPA. I have worked with Niles Prep students and staff since we opened in 2021. When I am not busy cleaning the school or playing with the kiddos, I am coaching soccer, hanging with my 2 kids, riding dirt bikes or somewhere listening to music. Coming from nursing to a school was a big change but I love my NPA family and I am looking forward to a great year.

Hello, I am Mr. Kevin. I am the night custodian at NPA. I am looking forward to seeing all the returning faces and meet all of the new kids. It's going to be a great year.

Ms. Kristy: Cafeteria Manager

I am Kristy Cuevas. I have been working in school systems serving children for 17 years. This is my fifth year at NPA and I absolutely love what I do. I enjoy getting to know all of the students and provide them with nutritious meals everyday. I have two children and three cats. I like spending time with my family, outdoor activities, and sports. This is going to be a great school year!

Upcoming School Events August 2025

Date

13th

Event

First Day of School

September 2025

Date

1st

Event

No School - Labor Day

A few reminders:

- ★ Car Riders - stay in your car and follow the pick-up & drop-off procedures
- ★ We encourage students to independently walk to class to ensure a smooth transition for the school year
- ★ Students will have a colored zip tie on their backpack - please do not remove it. This helps with dismissal and ensuring students are in the correct dismissal areas
- ★ Students must be in a uniform everyday (Shirts: orange, green, black, white, and grey Pants: black and khaki)
- ★ Gym is Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Students must be in tennis shoes
- ★ Any medication needs to be given to Mrs. Furphy in the office. DO NOT send it in with your student
- ★ Connect to DOJO to stay up to date with what's happening at school
- ★ Sign and return all papers in the Take Home Folder by 8/22/25

Huskies are: Responsible, Respectful, Ready, Safe, and Helpful