

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Dr. Sara Delgado **Principal**

Dr. Sara Delgado, the new principal at Grosse Pointe North, brings 23 years of experience in education, including 12 years as a teacher and 11 years as a principal. Before joining North, Dr. Delgado served as principal at Parcels Middle School and Director of Curriculum in the Fraser School District. Her transition to North came through a unique opportunity presented by Dr. Tuttle. "Dr. Tuttle recognized that the North community needed someone with institutional knowledge and leadership to support this transition," Delgado explained. "Living in the North end community and having two of my three children attend here, I felt strongly that I could bring stability and reassurance to the North community during this change," Delgado added. Her first impression of North was positive and welcoming. "The hallways were calm and quiet, and I was impressed by how many students I was already familiar with," Delgado said. Her familiarity with the community, combined with her commitment to building relationships, has smoothed her transition into the role. Dr. Delgado's goals include fostering a positive school culture by celebrating student successes as much as addressing challenges. "We want students to feel recognized and supported. It's about creating opportunities for celebration and acknowledgment," Delgado stated. When asked what makes North unique, Dr. Delgado highlights its achievements in athletics, performing arts and academics. "The accolades here are incredible and not always the norm in other districts," Delgado said. Lastly Dr. Delgado defines being a Norsemen as embodying kindness, inclusivity, and a sense of belonging. "I have witnessed students really just showing kindness to each other, and I would like to continue to really push that forward and monopolize on that and so for me being a Norsemen, is being accepting, kind, and being able to create that sense of belonging for everyone here," Delgado expressed. With her leadership experience and vision, Dr. Delgado is committed to making a lasting, positive impact at Grosse Pointe North and keeping a strong sense of community.

Meloney Cargill **Assistant Principal for 10/12**

Meloney Cargill, the new Assistant Principal at Grosse Pointe North, brings 29 years of experience in education, most recently serving as principal at Clintondale High School. Cargill joined North with a desire for a new challenge and a fresh perspective. "I wanted something more challenging, and I thought North would offer me that. It's a much larger school district than where I came from. You guys have two high schools, and I'm coming from a district where there was only one," Cargill said. Transitioning from a small district to a large high school has been an adjustment. "It's a huge school," Cargill said, adding that she's still getting familiar with the layout and learning the names of students and staff. However, the warm welcome she's received from the community has made the transition smoother. "But I cannot say enough how much I've been welcomed here. People are always checking on me and making sure I'm okay. And you know, kids always speak. And so now kids are at least saying my name. They used to just say 'Hi,' but now they're saying, 'Hi Mrs. Cargill,' I know that seems like something small, but for me, that's something, that's huge," Cargill expressed. One of Cargill's primary goals this year is to strengthen the sense of community at North, especially after a period of significant change. "I want students and the community to know that it's still North, that we're here to support them and honor the traditions they value," Cargill said. She's also focused on improving school spirit by encouraging students to get involved in extracurricular activities. "There are so many clubs and sports here. I always tell students that high school goes by quickly, so get involved and make those memories," Cargill said. Reflecting on her new role, Cargill speaks on what she believes it means to be a Norseman. "Being a Norseman means fully embracing the values and traditions of this school. This is my North, and you're not just students to me—you're my students," Cargill explained. With her experience and dedication to fostering a strong community, Cargill is committed to making a positive impact at Grosse Pointe North, blending tradition with a forward-looking vision for the school's future.



New administration discuss their blueprint for a successful new year with a fresh start

Jim Ellis *Athletic Director*

With a diverse background in law enforcement, education, and athletics, the new Athletic Director Jim Ellis brings a lot of experience to the school. Before joining North, Mr. Ellis served as the athletic director at Saint Clair High School and the principal of Romeo School District for nine years. His career began as a police officer, and these experiences shape the way he connects with both students and staff. When the position at North opened, Mr. Ellis was eager to return to a school with a strong athletic reputation that was closer to his home. "I've always admired this school, so when I saw this opening, I was excited about joining a whole new administration team and having a fresh start for everybody. I felt like I had a lot of experience and that I could bring a lot to help the table for the new team here," Ellis said. As he settles into his new role, Mr. Ellis is focused on one main goal: giving students the best possible high school experience. "High school is short, and I want to make sure every student has the chance to get involved in something they're passionate about—whether it's sports, clubs, or activities," Ellis stated. Building relationships with students is key for Mr. Ellis. He plans to be visible at games and events, making himself approachable and open to ideas. "I want students to feel they can come to me with anything. If they have an idea for something fun or new, I'm all ears," Ellis expressed. Mr. Ellis is excited about the pride he's seen so far in North's staff and students. "Everyone here cares about the school and wants to see it succeed," he said. "There's a lot of potential, and I'm excited to help make that a reality," Ellis said. With Mr. Ellis as our new AD, Grosse Pointe North is ready for a new chapter, full of growth, school spirit, and a stronger sense of community.

Kevin Shubnell *Assistant Principal for 9/11*

Kevin Shubnell has been a part of the North family for the past six years holding many roles. "I taught social studies for three years, spent two as dean, and now it's my first year as assistant principal," Shubnell states. The leap from dean to assistant principal was something he didn't necessarily plan for, but was something he knew he could do. "The previous team all moved on at the same time, and it made me think 'Where could I best help the students and staff during this transition?'" Shubnell explained. Stepping into this new role was a challenge, but he believed it was a natural progression. "The dean role prepared me well. Now, I have more responsibility, but at its core, it's still about helping students and staff," Shubnell stated.

One sacrifice was leaving behind his coaching role, something he cherished. "It was tough to give up, but it felt like a graduation of sorts. It was time to move forward into this leadership role," Shubnell said. Despite these changes, he's stayed committed to his core values. "When you get into an administrator, assistant

principal role, sometimes that positive interaction falls down the priority list, and I try to keep that the top. I think it's important to connect positively with students and staff and make them feel comfortable, like this is home, and that they feel secure and safe. This comes from the leadership

being able to be present so I'm always in the hallways. I'm always trying to pop into rooms and see teachers and the students, and so that they see my presence. The overall number one thing for me was to continue, from the Dean job to the Assistant principal jobs, is to continue being a positive presence as much as I possibly can," Shubnell stated. When asked what makes North special, he didn't

hesitate. "It's the students—the incredible mix of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. North is like a melting pot of diversity," Shubnell said. In his new role, he hopes to preserve our sense of community. "For me, being a Norseman is about relationships. It's about connecting as many people as we can, whether through a club, sport, activity, or just a conversation in the hallway," Shubnell said. With his focus on relationships and connections, Mr. Shubnell is ready to accept any challenge thrown North's way.

