

# **RHS LIFE**



## Teacher Feature Sally Dodge

**Sanaa Griggs** Staff Reporter

Sally Dodge has been a teacher for 22 years. She her career at Cornerstone Schools, she worked as a science teacher for grades 6-8 for three years.

Then she moved to Eastland Middle School for 19 years teaching seventh grade and eighth grade science teacher. She works at another school connected with RHS called Achievement High School. Students that are attending AHS works independently on their classes they need to complete for graduation. Mentor teachers are present to help students as needed. The students attending during the hours she mentors work on their science courses while a highly-qualified teacher is available to assist them in their learning.

She is married to Mike Dodge with two children, Jessica, a senior in high school, and Ryan, a freshman. She also has a dog named Charlie, When Dodge is not working, she likes reading, skiing with her family, cooking many different meals, and going to concerts with her friends and



Teacher Sally Dodge helps a student.

#### husband.

Dodge's short term goals are to have a better science room for her students and to be the best physics and chemistry teacher possible At AHS, she wants to encourage her students to finish their work and graduate on time. Her long time goal is to get in the groove of the high school routine and help students be prepared for the next step. Once she retires, she hopes to find a job where she can still help studentsjust not full time. She also hopes to get her landscaping finally done and also see her kids off to college.

"Who knows, maybe grandkids one day," Dodge said.

Dodge wants her students to realize that there is more to science than just being a doctor or a nurse, and that it "rocks." She also wants her students to feel comfortable learning about the subject.

### Michael Kelly Emma Carro

#### Staff Reporter

Guest teacher Michael Kelly comes to RHS after working for the Michigan House of

Representatives as a

legislative assistant. His new substitute position here is his first job in education.

Kelly graduated from De La Salle Collegiate High School in 2013; he is now attending Wayne State University, working to get his teaching degree and a master of arts. He chose to come to RHS because there was a full-time substitute opportunity, and he wanted to get used to working in a classroom. Kelly says that it can be tough to be a substitute because you have to constantly keep their focus and attention in class. It is also difficult because he does not have the relationship with the



Building substitute teacher Michael Kelly.

students that he would have if he were a teacher. Nonetheless, according to Kelly, other teachers have been extremely welcoming and helpful, especially with things like lesson plans.

"It's challenging because you don't really get a chance to build a relationship with students like a teacher can," Kelly said.

In his free time, he is a football coach at Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. Kelly goes to many different sporting events besides just football. Kelly also enjoys hanging out with his friends in his hometown Clinton Township.

### Renee Chown

Alexis Hoffmeyer Staff Reporter

Renne Chown has been working for 30 years as a substitute teacher. She started teaching because she enjoys helping students learn, she believes she is good motivator, and she wants to help kids and teach them a life long lesson.

If she was not teaching she would start an uber business for younger children. Her experience working with kids has been the most wonderful 30 years of her life.

"My hobbies outside of school is skiing, organist, and traveling," Chown said.

She and her husband of 20 years enjoy visiting their daughters, at college, traveling up north,



Alexis Hoffmeyer Building substitute teacher Renee Chown.

and going out to dinner with their friends. Comparing her work this year from last year, she is having a difficult time with her sophomores this year, while last years seniors and juniors were a breeze.

Her long term goal would be to work in a critical storage vacancy in any district. She loves her job and has worked at Detroit?, Clark Elementary, Blackwell Institute, Bennett Middle School, Aborn High School, Eastland Middle School, and lastly Roseville Middle School.



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