

Dear Fifth Grader,

Welcome to Highcrest Middle School! My name is Mrs. Belconis, and I will be your homeroom teacher this year. I will be your teacher for ELA (reading/writing) and Social Studies. Our team teacher is Mrs. Towson and she will teach you Math and Science. You will have different teachers for World Language, Physical Education, and Related Arts. As a homeroom class, we will work together as a team to learn about friendship, service, school spirit, and how to keep your self organized.

I am so excited to meet and learn about each one of you! You may want to know a little about me before we actually meet. This will be my sixteenth year teaching fifth grade at Highcrest. I have 2 children, Jack (13) and Mia (10). Mia is in fifth grade, too! We live in Park Ridge and have a mini goldendoodle named Winston! My husband and I both grew up in Wisconsin, so we are huge Green Bay Packer fans! My favorite hobby is cooking and baking, so I am always looking for new recipes. I also like to run and read a good book. I read 4 great books this summer. I can't wait to hear what you have read this summer!

School will be here before we know it! You may have lots of questions right now, but I'm sure your fifth grade year at Highcrest will be great. Feel free to e-mail me, if you would like! My e-mail is [belconim@wilmette39.org](mailto:belconim@wilmette39.org) It is funny because the s is cut off of my last name, and the m is added for my first name, which is Margaret.

I look forward to a wonderful year. I have lots of fun and interesting activities and projects for us to do. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely, Mrs. Belconis