

Dear Fifth Grade Students and Families-

Welcome to Highcrest Middle School and the 2017-18 School Year!

My name is Elisabeth Collins and I am excited to be your homeroom teacher! This year I will be teaching in **House 1 - Team 2**. You will also have me as your teacher for Social Studies and possibly Math and Science too! Another teacher is lucky to have you for your Language Arts and World Language classes. You'll spend time in other classes like Physical Education, and Related Arts (Music, Art, Drama, & Integrated Global Studies).

There will be many other ways to get involved at Highcrest by joining activities available throughout the year. You will be able to participate in band, orchestra, choir, or a variety of clubs and sports that are offered after school.

It will be a busy first week of school. We'll spend the first few days getting to know the Highcrest building, your fellow classmates, your new iPad, locker combination, and everything else! Don't worry, we'll have time to discover the answers to all your questions and get you feeling comfortable. Our first day of school will be a **half-day (8:49-11:45) on Thursday, August 30th**. We will meet in **Room 143, your Homeroom**, and go through everything you'll need to know, including your classmates, other teachers, and your schedule. **If you didn't order supplies through the PTO, please bring them to school on our first day! Did you see our video in the spring? This may help answer any questions you may already have!** <https://tinyurl.com/yc9zq79g>

I'm excited to get to know all about you this year. I'll give you a head start with getting to know me! This will be my third year of teaching at Highcrest and my seventh year teaching overall. I previously taught fifth grade in Northbrook and am enjoying teaching Middle School to fifth graders in Wilmette! I also grew up in Northbrook and went to Glenbrook North High School. I attended college and played Softball in New York at Hofstra University. After graduation, I moved back to Chicago and received my Masters in Education from National-Louis University. Besides teaching, I have many hobbies. I love to play any sport and am busy most nights either playing volleyball, softball, curling, or teaching fitness classes.

Summer is my favorite season because I love to read, waterski, paddle board, and travel!

**I am very excited to meet everyone and get to know each of you. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and I'll see you soon!**

Think  
about something you did this summer  
and be ready to share it on our first  
day!



Sincerely,  
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