

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

School Psychologist

Anthony Farinacci

I am very pleased to say that I will be joining the Julian Curtiss School staff as the new full-time School Psychologist. For 30 years I provided psychological services to support the students of the Half Hollow Hills School District in Dix Hills Long Island. I did my graduate training in Clinical Child Psychology/School Psychology at California State University. I am also trained in Family Therapy, Mediation, and Executive Function Coaching.

I am the proud father of boy-girl twins, (25 years old already - how did that happen?). I'm an avid tennis player, and music lover. As a strong proponent of social-emotional learning, I seek to foster character development, and strive to present a positive role model.

I'm excited to be joining the Julian Curtiss community and welcome the opportunity to support our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have, I'm here to help. Looking forward to meeting you all soon!

School Psychologist (Part-time)

My name is Lisa Melmed and I am thrilled to be joining Julian Curtiss School this year as the part-time school psychologist! This will be my seventh year in Greenwich. For the past six years, I have been a psychologist at New Lebanon Elementary School and prior to that at a school in Harlem, NY. I earned my Ph.D. in School Psychology from Teachers College – Columbia University and my undergraduate degree in Psychology and Education from Colgate University. My career began at NYU Medical Center as a coordinator for research on adult ADHD medications. I live in Westchester with my husband, 2-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son. We love to play outside, swim, ski, cook and spend time with friends and family. I look forward to working with you and your children and supporting their success in school!

Nurse

My name is Joann Concepcion and I will be your new school nurse at Julian Curtiss School! I am so excited to be joining your school community and I look forward to meeting you all.

I have been a registered nurse for the past thirty years. I started my career at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. After seven years at Columbia, I decided to transition

to public health nursing, which I have been doing for the past twenty-three years. In addition to my public health nursing career, I have also worked as an adjunct professor teaching community health nursing to senior nursing students at The College of New Rochelle. I have a Masters in Nursing Education and also hold two additional certifications from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

I live in Ridgefield with my husband and our 3-year-old Golden Doodle Bo I enjoy gardening, baking, and spending time with my two grandchildren.

Special Education Teacher

Jessica Grossman

This is my 14th year of teaching! I taught Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade regular education for eight years and special education at the elementary level for the past five years. I am passionate about teaching reading. My favorite book is Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. This book inspired me to travel to Australia. When I am not teaching I enjoy spending time outdoors with my husband and 1 year old daughter.

Third Grade Teacher

Stephanie Rizzi

Ms. Rizzi will be joining us from the Riverside School where she has taught fifth grade for the past two years. Prior to working at Riverside School, Stephanie was a fourth grade teacher in the Ridgefield Public Schools. Stephanie is a graduate from the NEAG School of Education at the University of Connecticut. She still enjoys visiting UConn and cheering on the UConn Women's Basketball Team. Stephanie grew up in Iowa where she travels to often to visit family. Stephanie is excited to join the Julian Curtiss team!

Building Substitute/First grade long term substitute beginning in December

My name is Chelsea Sciarretta and I am overjoyed to be coming back to Julian Curtiss for another school year. I recently graduated with my Master of Arts in Teaching from Sacred Heart University and completed both my internship and student teaching here at JC. During that time I was in and out of every classroom which helped me connect to our students and school community. I am so excited to be welcomed back to familiar faces and have the

pleasure of meeting new ones. I'm looking forward to meeting you and working together to ensure success for your children!