

# HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



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**Mrs. Nancy White**

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English, Language Arts

28 years at High Point

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Now in her fourth decade teaching English/Language Arts at High Point, Mrs. White began her teaching career at High Point in April of 1988.

She joined our faculty while filling in for a teacher who was on maternity leave and she has been a Wildcat ever since!

Mrs. White's teaching style, like her classroom, is strikingly creative. Literature comes alive in her warm, colorful and uniquely decorated room. Her passion for embracing her students' artistic talents has been a hallmark of her teaching style, as every inch of her classroom is covered with student work. Her use of Art has spread throughout our campus, as many teachers have adopted her interdisciplinary approach to infusing Art into their respective subjects.



Mrs. White is a master collaborator. Not only has her “ceiling tile’ project poured out of her room and spread throughout the building, but she is regularly inviting other teachers into her room to share their talents with her students. Her open, inquisitive style inspires students to take chances,

think critically and to express their ideas with a level of creativity they often did not know they were capable of realizing.

More than anything, Mrs. White is about relationships. She is able to foster growth and stretch her students' abilities because of the deep level of trust and respect she builds with her classes.

In her own words:

- **What was your motivation to become a teacher?:**

*Ever since I was little, I played "school" with my dolls and stuffed animals. I loved writing on little chalkboards, and had a favorite one on wheels. I did have a favorite 3rd grade teacher who was rumored to be a nasty witch, but was actually a great, influential teacher!*

- **What is your favorite part of teaching?:**

*Having students present their own written work aloud - seeing and hearing their pride; sharing stories with my students; learning from them...they keep me young.*

- **What do you find unique and special about High Point?:**

*HP has always felt like a second home to me. It is a supportive, fun, and welcoming place.*

- **Outside of High Point, what are your interests and activities?:**

*I love to be on the beach with my family, reading a good book. I love and look forward to any road trip with my family all in the family van! My husband, Tom, is also a high school English teacher, so our dining room table is always full of books and piles of papers to grade. We have three children: Kyle, Mike, and Sara...one out in the working world, one a junior in college (Rutgers), and one almost a senior in high school.*

- **You are renowned for your love of music. Favorite song?**

*Everyday is a new beginning, and a new hope. "Thunder Road," one of my favorite Bruce songs, includes the line "Roll down the window and let the wind blow back your hair" and listening to this song, belting out the lyrics while the windows are down and I'm cruising down Route 23 on my long trek home, is one of the greatest joys in life.*