

4:32



Mr. Schmidt >

Hi Mr. Schmidt ! Welcome to Faculty Feature Friday! 😊

How long have you been teaching math at Whitman ?

24 years

Wow! What do you look forward to most coming to work every day ?

Feeding off the energy of my students and showing them my enthusiasm as we learn together.

What's one of the funniest things a student has said in class ?

I have had so many personal and inside jokes with my students through the years. Many wouldn't make sense to people not in the room at the time. But here is a cute one. One year, the answer of 4 seemed to come up a lot. I would then say 4 for \$4 at Wendy's. It just became a thing almost once a day it



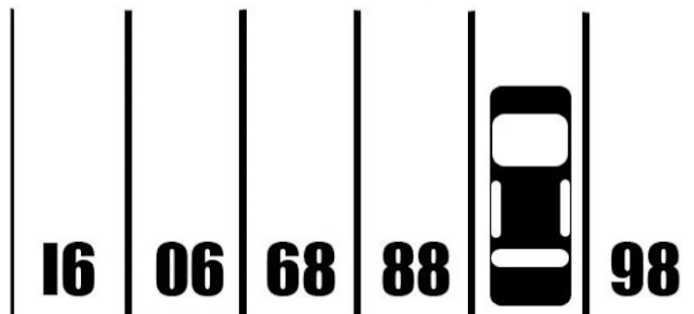
Mr. Schmidt &gt;

I have had so many personal and inside jokes with my students through the years. Many wouldn't make sense to people not in the room at the time. But here is a cute one. One year, the answer of 4 seemed to come up a lot. I would then say 4 for \$4 at Wendy's. It just became a thing almost once a day it seemed. During the last week of classes with that group, I met the students at Wendy's after school and treated them to 4 for 4's as we called them. Honestly, so many funny things. I am so grateful for all the smiles and laughs that have carried me through my career.

Lol I love that !!

Ty!

What is the # of the parking spot covered up by the car?



Solve this? 🤔

4:32



Mr. Schmidt >

Need to think about it 😊

Ah ha ! It's a trick , look at it upside down

Omg! Awesome!!!

I was try a series formula! Lol

Hahahaha

Any pets ? send a picture if so !

No pets but I love dogs. When I retire I would love to have 3 in my life.

You can't retire - the children need you!

What's your favorite restaurant?

Since I teach in South Huntington, I will give a local shoutout to La Piazza. I have been there so many times since it opened. Great place, delicious food, and lovely ambiance.

4:32



Mr. Schmidt >

Nice!

How did you spend your spring break ?

Spending time with my 11 year old son Richie. Playing games, going to parks, flying a kite at the beach and measuring the angle of inclination (math joke!) , watching shows, and visiting family. Watched Godzilla vs Kong. Cheered on my NY Islanders who are doing so well! Prepared my lessons and Google Classroom for the upcoming week 😊

Packed week!

Absolutely!

Does Richie JR like math ?

My son does really well in math but his favorite subjects are Art and he loves creative writing in English.

What's one song you wish you wrote the lyrics to?

4:32



Mr. Schmidt >

Everyone makes fun of my taste in music. This will be a hard one to not embarrass myself too much. What the heck! It's such a great tune and who can resist a good boy band. Lol. The Right Stuff by New Kids On The Block. This one may haunt me!



You have my respect

Ha ha!

How has it been for you during this time of hybrid learning ?

This has been the most challenging time of my career. I try to bring my very best each day and just show the students I care about them. Not being able to be my best each day has been my toughest challenge. I





Mr. Schmidt &gt;



This has been the most challenging time of my career. I try to bring my very best each day and just show the students I care about them. Not being able to be my best each day has been my toughest challenge. I know what I can be and how much fun we can have. But teaching when I cannot share my smiles with my students. Not being able to see each student face to face. Not being able to grade a paper by hand and put stickers on them feels cold. Also everyone who knows me, knows I am not good with technology or change. Just ask my principal who nicknamed me "Bront" as in brontosaurus for being an old dinosaur who flipped out when getting a smart board in my 20th year of teaching! I loved my chalkboard and overhead projector "Dusty". So having to learn how to grade on line, teach through Google Meet and more has been a lot for me. But I know everyone else was in the same situation and I needed to find a way. I do my best to engage all my students whether in person or remote. Many of them don't care for

4:33



Mr. Schmidt >

all my students whether in person or remote. Many of them don't care for it. The hardest thing is when I call on a student and they are not there. I know in my heart, I have a lot of students who care and I work as hard as I can for them. Those students have kept me going. But I do understand the need to be safe during this time and I know it won't last forever.

Beautifully said - and I know how hard it is , and we are so lucky to have a teacher like yourself who really cares about their students and puts them first

Last question: who would you like to see interviewed next on faculty feature Friday?

Aww ty! One of my students wrote me a letter when giving me Christmas cookies and one part I remember is she told me not to be so hard on myself and that I'm doing a great job. That was a game changer at that point in the year after feeling like a failure for the first half of the year. And I ate the cookies and they were delicious and



Mr. Schmidt >

Aww ty! One of my students wrote me a letter when giving me Christmas cookies and one part I remember is she told me not to be so hard on myself and that I'm doing a great job. That was a game changer at that point in the year after feeling like a failure for the first half of the year. And I ate the cookies and they were delicious and I'm still alive 😊

Wow! We have so many great people on our staff.

Lol! Awww , see! Your students ❤️ you

I respect my entire department but don't want to just recommend another math teacher. I could name so many. If I go outside my department I was blown away listening to our students in chorus. I would like to nominate Steven Altinel. He brings out talent in students that I could never have.

Thank you for your time in getting to know me this afternoon. I hope to meet you one day Christina 😊



4:33



Mr. Schmidt >

Wow! We have so many great people on our staff.

Lo! Awww , see! Your students ❤️ you

I respect my entire department but don't want to just recommend another math teacher. I could name so many. If I go outside my department I was blown away listening to our students in chorus. I would like to nominate Steven Altinel. He brings out talent in students that I could never have.

Thank you for your time in getting to know me this afternoon. I hope to meet you one day Christina 😊

Where on the district website will I be able to find your interview of me?

I found the link!

Thank you so much Mr.Schmidt!  
This was fun !