

Christine Riggio: Keep the Candle Burning

Christine Riggio, special educator at Pennfield Middle School, shares, “It is important during the day to look for the positive in everything. Instead of pointing out that someone is unable to complete a task, it is important to observe what the individual can accomplish and support him or her in achieving success... By sharing our ideas, we have the opportunity to learn more and expand our knowledge base. There are so many individuals at Pennfield that help me keep that candle burning throughout the day. I am so grateful to work with such supportive colleagues.”



This is Christine's second year with North Penn. Christine previously worked at Strath Haven High School for four years teaching reading and special education English classes. She began her career 14 years ago at a charter school in southern Chester County, where she taught gifted education at the elementary level at first, and eventually moved up to the high school to teach English. It was at the charter school that Christine states, she, “realized the importance of inclusion and discovery-based learning.” After school, Christine directed the musical at her school.



In Christine's spare time, she performs in musicals in Philadelphia. She is “blessed to have a husband, a high school math and computer sciences teacher, who supports me every step of the way.”

Christine's colleague, Amy Duberville, remarks, “Christine truly cares about all her students. She goes above and beyond to help make sure they learn what they need to in order to succeed. She is very willing to share ideas and help her colleagues. She has been a tremendous help to me this year.”