

Dear Roycemore Families,

Welcome to Roycemore Physical Education and Health! I am so excited to be here, and to play a part in your children's learning and development. Coach Both Long and I have been working hard and smart to arrive at a program which we feel will serve the Roycemore students well.

We will be presenting an exciting and challenging curriculum, filled with a wide range of experiences and opportunities to succeed. We will also make sure that much of what we bring the students is fun, so that your children view the gym as a place they look forward to coming to each period we are together. Finally, with all that is going on in the world, we will be highly prioritizing both health and safety within our program, making sure that equipment is clean, our students are distanced and wearing face-coverings, and that no activities requiring contact are performed until that is deemed allowable. We will also be presenting our online learners with strong content, as well as opportunities to collaborate with their peers.

A little bit about me: I joined the Roycemore family after having had wide-ranging experience working with children, as a middle school classroom teacher at Solomon Schechter Day School in Northbrook, as an athletics administrator at Willows Academy in Des Plaines, and as an athletics coach for various programs. In these roles, I came to know and befriend Jessi Wunder, who always spoke so highly of the Roycemore students, families, and overall program. Jessi was the one who suggested I look at Roycemore, as she felt I would be a great fit with this wonderful school.

In addition to being on the faculty here, I am currently the head baseball coach at Rochelle Zell Jewish High School in Deerfield, am in my 13th season coaching travel baseball with the Deerfield Warriors (DYBA), and coach the Chicago Maccabi baseball team.

Prior to my career change into education, I was a long-time derivatives trader on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade, and a practicing attorney. My wife, Karen and I live in Deerfield, and we have a son who is a senior at Brown, and a daughter who is a freshman at Purdue.

This is going to be a great year in PE/Health, filled with life-lessons about joyful participation, sportsmanship, teamwork, competition, and character. We will focus on doing things the right way, which tends to lead to good results in the gym, and in a

larger sense, in life. Feel free to reach out by email or phone should you have any questions, or need anything from me.

Best,

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