



*Seniors*

*Freshmen*

Welcome Back

*Sophomores*

*Juniors*

# Who's Who: Student Life Team



Alexandra Simmons, 9th Grade Dean

Sabrina Wilson, 10th Grade Dean

Jorge Rodriguez, 11th Grade Dean

Kim Fahlen, Director of Student Counseling

Meredith Herrera, Dean of Student Life and Inclusion, 12th Grade Dean

Rich Parsons, Director of Studies

# Richardson Offices



# Upstairs Richardson



Kim Fahlen





**POP QUIZ!!!!**



Which team member has been to  
Antarctica?



Rich Parsons  
Director of Studies



Which team member is a dance fitness instructor?





Kim Fahlen  
Director of Student  
Counseling



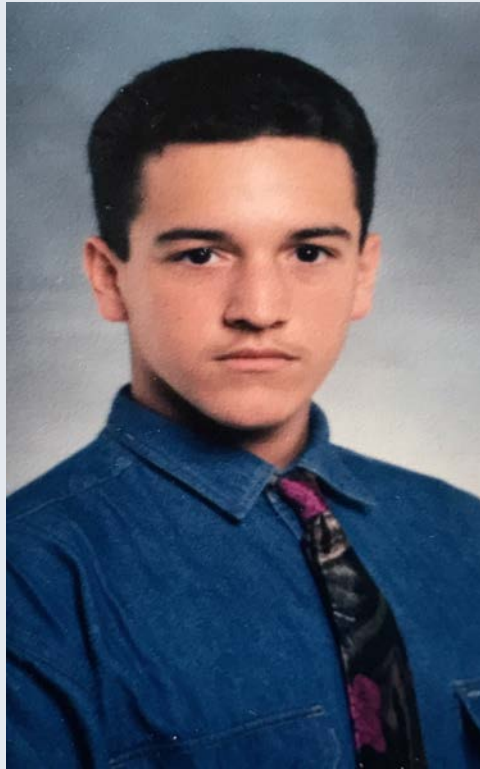
Which team member used to run down  
pool slides? One time this required 5  
stitches!



Sabrina Wilson  
10th Grade Dean  
Spanish Teacher



Which member co-wrote a scholarly paper on Buffy the Vampire Slayer?



Jorge Rodriguez  
11th Grade Dean  
English Teacher



Which team member was charged by an elephant while tracking rhinos?

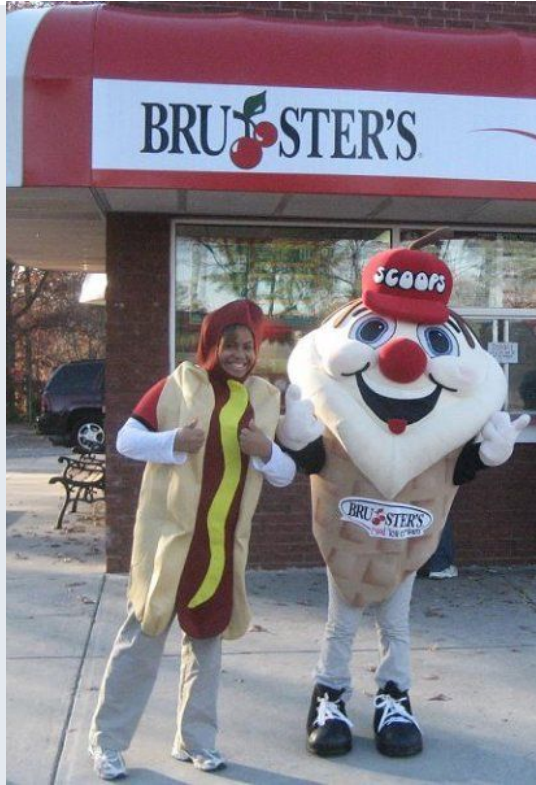


Meredith Herrera  
Dean of Student Life  
and Inclusion  
12th Grade Dean



Which team member went sky-diving for their most recent birthday?





Alexandra Simmons  
9th Grade Dean  
Math/Music Teacher

# Student Life Update



## Growing a Culture of Care

# We Lift Each Other Up



# We Work Together



# We Don't Leave Each Other Hanging





# We Embrace Differences



# We Got Your Back



# Student Life Nuts and Bolts



- Assembly Announcements Email Meredith
  - Email me 24 hours in advance for any presentation or announcement that will take longer than 2 minutes.
- Student Resources Page on Haiku
  - A one stop shop: [Student Resources Page](#)
  - Daily Schedule, Assembly Calendar, Important Forms



# Keep the Queen Happy!



Did I sign in today?!

You bet I did!!!

Take your pick! Front  
Desk or Library

# Student Life Nuts and Bolts



- Dance Rules and Dance Pledge Form
  - No Shenanigans!
  - Form on Haiku and with Ms. Riley
- Senior Privileges
  - Don't begin until forms are in
  - Off campus only during study blocks and lunch
  - No taking younger students off campus
- Spirit Assembly - Ms. Mazzola

# New Schedule



- First new schedule in 20 years!
- Six-day rotation
- Late start
- Fewer class meetings
- Mix of class meeting lengths
- Flex blocks
- Advisory lunch
- Why we did it

Branson School Daily Schedule

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
Faculty Meeting and Collaboration (7:45-8:45) 60	Faculty Meeting and Collaboration (7:45-8:45) 60	Faculty Meeting and Collaboration (7:45-8:45) 60	Faculty Meeting and Collaboration (7:45-8:45) 60	Faculty Meeting and Collaboration (7:45-8:45) 60	Faculty Meeting and Collaboration (7:45-8:45) 60
A (8:45-9:40) 55	F (8:45-9:40) 55	D (8:45-9:40) 55	B (8:45-9:55) 70	G (8:45-9:55) 70	C (8:45-9:40) 55
Assembly (9:45-10:40) 55	G (9:45-10:40) 55	E (9:45-10:40) 55	Break 10	Assembly (9:55-10:25) 30	D (9:45-10:40) 55
Assembly (10:40-11:10) 30	Break 15	Circles (10:40-11:25) 45	C (10:05-11:15) 70	Clubs (10:25-11:10) 45	Break 15
Advisory (11:10-11:40) 30	A (10:55-11:50) 55	F (11:25-12:30) 55	Break 10	F (11:10-12:20) 70	E (10:55-11:50) 55
C (11:40-12:35) 55	Lunch (11:50-12:35) 45	Lunch (12:30-1:05) 45	E (11:25-12:35) 70	Advisory/Lunch (12:20-1:20) 60	Lunch (11:50-12:35) 45
Lunch (12:35-1:20) 45	B (12:35-1:30) 55	G (1:05-2:00) 55	Lunch (12:35-1:20) 45	F (12:55-1:30) 55	F (12:55-1:30) 55
D (1:20-2:15) 55	C (1:35-2:30) 55	A (2:05-3:15) 70	D (1:20-2:30) 70	A (1:20-2:15) 55	G (1:35-2:30) 55
E (2:20-3:15) 55	X Block (2:35-3:15) 40	Y Block (2:35-3:15) 40	Y Block (2:35-3:15) 40	B (2:20-3:15) 55	Z Block (2:35-3:15) 40

# Philosophy Behind Flex Blocks



- Flex blocks are designated times during the day when adults and students are available to meet with each other.
- Students are free to make choices about how they use this time.
- All members of the community are encouraged to adhere to the spirit of the flex blocks, and to do their part to make them successful.
- We may need to update guidelines as the year goes on.

# Guidelines for Flex Blocks



## Yes

- Tutorial/one-on-one meetings between teachers and students
- Individual study time
- Adults meet with student leadership teams
- Honor council
- Peer tutoring
- Human Development classes
- Key Club training
- Math Lab/Writing Lab
- Extended time and make-up tests
- Rehearsals for assembly presentations
- Open reading time in the library
- Workshops and tutorials

## No

- Reconvening a class
- Leaving school early except for sports (including seniors)
- Regular club meetings
- Required rehearsals

# Honor Code



*In choosing The Branson School as a place to learn and a place to work, each member of the community -- student, faculty, staff and parent -- agrees to sustain an environment of honesty and integrity. We will, individually and collectively, do our part to create and maintain trust, respect, and care throughout school life by accepting responsibility for our own actions and those of others. We make this commitment to ensure that each of us may grow both in knowledge and in wisdom and that we may leave this school having enriched it by our presence.*

# Some Reminders



- Drop period for term and year-long courses
- Not too late for Global Online Academy courses
- Procedure for adding a seventh course



Have a great day!