

Dear Students and Parents of Room 145,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Highcrest Middle School for your 5th grade year. You are entering a fantastic school with energetic teachers that want to help you reach your dreams and goals. If you are little nervous entering 5th grade, you need not be. We will make sure your transition to Highcrest is a smooth one to ensure your success. You are going to be learning a lot of cool things this year as well as meeting new friends and reconnecting with kids you may not have seen this summer.

As for me, my name is Mr. Konicek and I will your homeroom teacher. I will also be your teacher for Language Arts (Reading and Writing) as well as Social Studies. I will be helping you get acclimated to Highcrest and help you in anyway possible. I have been working at Highcrest for 21 years and a 5th grade teacher for 17 of those years. In my spare time, I enjoy coaching my own kids in hockey and baseball, playing softball and watching the White Sox. As you might be able to tell I am a huge sports fan. My favorite teams are the White Sox, Blackhawks, Bears and Bulls. I grew up in Glenview, and attended DePaul University for undergrad and got my masters from National Louis University. My wife Nikki and I have been married 15 years and we have two children (Colin 12 and Tyler 10 pic attached) and currently reside in Glenview. My wife is also a teacher in Lake Forest.

For now enjoy the rest of your summer vacation. Make sure you have your school supplies for the first day of school and get ready for an excellent year. If you have questions now, don't worry everyone does and we will answer them the first days of school.

See you soon. I am looking forward to a great year!!!

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