

Mr. Schroeder is the new math teacher at Plainville High School. I sent him a list of 24 questions and these are his answers.

Q. Where did you live before moving here?

A. Carbondale, IL

Q. Can you tell me about your family?

A. I have two brothers and one sister. All of my family lives in Indiana where I am originally from.

Q. Do you have any pets?

A. Two cats: Willow and Gizmo. Two Horses: Jerry and Van. (I guess they are kind of like pets...)

Q. If you had to choose one word to describe yourself what would it be?

A. Introspective

Q. How long have you been a teacher?

A. One year

Q. How old were you when you realized you wanted to be a teacher?

A. 24

Q. Do you have any hobbies, if so what is your favorite?

A. Yes. Playing the guitar. I also enjoy being outdoors, hiking, and horseback riding.

Q. What do you like most about working at Plainville High School?

A. The students are respectful and willing to do the work (for the most part).

Q. What inspired you to become a teacher?

A. To be honest, I just wanted a stable career and meaningful work.

Q. If you could choose a different career what would it be?

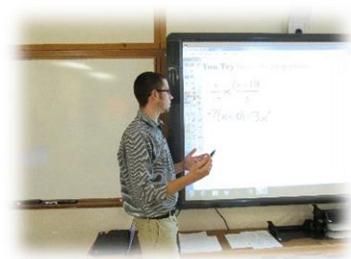
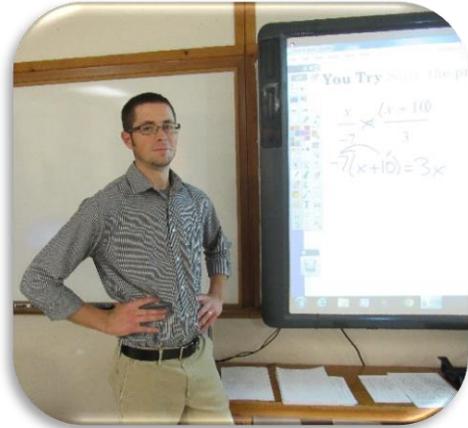
A. A musician

Q. What is your favorite thing about being a teacher? Least favorite?

A. Interacting with students and getting them to engage with mathematics and develop their reasoning skills. My least favorite is the lack of motivation I see in a lot of students.

Q. Do you have any heroes or people you look up to, if so who?

A. A guitarist named Jimmy Hendrix.



Q. What was your dream job when you were a child?

A. To be Eddie Van Halen

Q. Are you happy with your teaching career so far?

A. Yes

Q. Have you always enjoyed math? Are there any other subjects you would like to teach?

A. In college the math classes were extremely difficult and at times I hated them, but I never stopped enjoying math. I'm not currently interested in teaching other subjects.

Q. Can you tell me about three people that have impacted you most in your life?

A. Mr. Detwiler was a positive influence in my interest in math; he was a math teacher. My guitar teacher helped me realize my musical potential and provided a lot of encouragement and knowledge. My wife has been a huge motivation in pursuing anything that I'm passionate about.

Q. Were you ever involved in any sports or clubs, if so what sports/clubs?

A. I played golf in high school.

Q. What do you think is the most satisfying thing about being a teacher?

A. Ask me at the end of the year.

Q. What age do you enjoy teaching the most?

A. Not sure yet.

Q. What is your favorite type of math?

A. Calculus

Q. Can you tell me a little bit about your favorite life memories?

A. Getting ice cream at the Chief in my hometown; hitting a home run in little league; joining my first band; getting married. These were all great things that I remember.

Q. What would you say is your favorite day of your life so far?

A. Can't remember, there have been too many days.

Q. If you were to make a movie about your life, who would play your part and why?

A. I wouldn't do that.

Q. What is your favorite math joke?

A. This is where I draw the line; right under the equal sign.

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