

Community Liasons

Mr. Rohrer unveils the new gym floor to a gym packed full of Ashley students, parents, and residents before a varsity vollyball game in September. The floor would not have been completed without the support of the Ashley community.



Mentors

Mr. Baker and Sethen McMullen show off their color cordinated PJ's during winter dress up days. Teachers often go above and beyond to be more than just teachers.



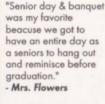
Coaches

Steve Hardman looks on as Mr. Shaw talks with the girl's basketball team during a timeout helping them get their heads back into the game at Merril High School.

More than Staff

What is your favorite high school memory?





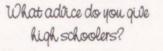
-Mr. Birchmeier



"High school is the place where you create friendships i created a friendship

with a young lady who today is my very best friend and is now my lovely wife."

"I stole my band director's car keys and I moved his car to the far end of the other parking lot ... " Mrs. Goward



"Don't sweat the small stuff. That boy/girl you try hard to impress wont matter in a year. If it wont matter in a year then it doesn't matter." - Mrs. Bishop

"My advice is to make the most of every opportunity you have. Ms. Williams

"Don't quit activities because they've become difficult. You will never achieve greatness by taking the easy

What extracurricular activities did you participate in during high school?

> "Baseball been bery bery good to me -Mr. Melville

"I played varisty golf, was on the swim team, built staff and did cheerleading Ms. Stevenson



sets for drama, was a on the yearbook

"I participated in dance, softball, NHS and was also a wrestling statistician Mrs. Hayden

What was your favorite class in high school?



"The sarcastic 16 year old in me says lunch. But I enjoyed English class, I liked reading books and talking about them." -Mrs. Jason

"Band, because my band director saved my life and was the fatherly figure I had in high school" - Mr. Cervini



"Bilology, the teache made it interesting. We did hands on activities like experiments and diessections." - Mrs. Clark



Above: A photo of Mr. Melville from the 2002-2003

yearbook.

How long have you taught at Ashley? 17 years

What classes have you taught at Ashley? Composition, Creative Writing, English 9-12, AP Language and Composition, Speech, and two years of middle school literature. What word would you use to describe yourself? Dedicated

What do you hope students remember learning from you? I always want them to post on Facebook, Instagram, or whatever online platform they choose with intelligence and grace. When they write a letter to the editor, I want them to use factual information to back up their opinions. A rant about their feelings is a waste of time and effort. What is your greatest accomplishment as a teacher? The kids who come back and thank me for helping them succeed at the college writing level. I also am proud when a student tells me thanx for being real and telling them how the world outside school works.

What are you planning to do now that you will no longer be teaching? Travel across the country with my bride Cynthia. We have family and friends on the west coast and plan to visit them often.

Any words of wisdom you want to leave? If you are a teacher or student, prepare enough so that what you are demonstrating to your kids, bosses, or spouses looks easy. You have them fooled if you make your work look fun and effortless. And never forget to dance daily.

