

# NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CUB STAFF

## the new requirements leave a need for more teachers

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The new school year of 2016 has so far been exciting; the block schedule and thirteen new staff members have been added to Sedro-Woolley High School. Due to new the requirement for the freshman class of 2020 who need 30 credits total to graduate, there was a need for more courses added and therefore more teachers.

Principal Kerri Carlton said, "We have people who care about what they do, and they care about the students learning, so when we go to hire, those are the people we are looking for."

Due to the new teachers and additional classes, some teachers have been moving from class to class, sharing classrooms. Although it may be frustrating, the increase in teachers also gives a diverse education platform.

According to Carlton the new staff additions include two new special education teachers, three science, two CTE, two english, one world language, one PE, one math and one art.

Kathy Chace is a new teacher to SWHS. She was a student teacher last

year with the science department, but also a guest teacher for multiple teachers throughout the school. She is one of our new Biology teachers. The majority of her students are freshman and sophomores. Accord-

ing to Chace "I love the people that I work with. We have some amazing science teachers. And of course, we have the best students in the Valley."

This is what drew her to Sedro-Woolley. She hopes to stay local here, living close enough for the commute to be a walk or bike ride.

The transition between being a student teacher to a full time teacher wasn't very difficult for Chace, she says, "The biggest transition is doing a lot of things other than teaching that I wasn't doing before, like paperwork,



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Two of the new teacher Jessica DeBoer and Kathy Chace are part of the 13 new staff members at Sedro-Woolley high school. photo by emily welcome

emails, and evaluations." Even with challenges Chace remains eager for the future and working with her students.

Another new teacher, Jessica DeBoer, teaches Agricultural Biology, Horticulture, and Material science. Even though this is her first year, she is already involved in clubs such as FFA, Coach Forestry and Co-Coaches Floral with Mr. Ramsey.

The reason DeBoer came to teach at SWHS is so she could work close to her family. She is a Sedro-Woolley Alumni. According to DeBoer it is

very interesting teaching with teachers who taught her as a student. A special moment that she enjoys about teaching is, "Every time a student feels comfortable enough to confide in me."

The new staff has increased the educational opportunities for students. This new expansion of resources and people shows that Sedro-Woolley students will be able to take on these new requirements.

*Keep your eye out for more interviews with new teachers on our website.*