

Hello,

Welcome back! I am entering my second year as the Associate Principal and Athletic Director and I couldn't be more excited! Before starting my teaching career I worked in the field of business. In college I started in the elementary education program, but quickly switched degree tracks and received a degree in business administration from Olivet Nazarene University (ONU). The enticement of a large paycheck was the determining factor. While the money was great, I quickly realized that I did not have the joy in my life that I thought I would. After three years and numerous sales jobs I knew that this career path was not my passion. What I loved most was working with children. As a result, I decided to go back to school to obtain my Master's in Teaching from ONU. I then found my first teaching job as a special education teacher at Glenn Raymond Jr. High in Watseka, IL where I spent 3 years. In order to live closer to my home in Bourbonnais, I then took a job as a 3rd grade teacher at JeNeir Elementary School here in Momence. After my 2nd year at JeNeir I transitioned into special education where I spent the last 3 years. Over my teaching career I have coached basketball and golf. I loved what I did, but I believed that I could impact even more kids and their families if I served in an administrative role. As a result I continued my education and completed a Masters in Educational Leadership & Administration degree in December of 2018 which afforded me the opportunity to obtain the position of Athletic Director/Associate Principal at the Jr. High.

On a personal note, I have been married to my beautiful wife Brooke for 15 years. She is a nurse by trade and is currently the Assistant MSN Program Director at ONU. We have 5 amazing and wild boys ages 13, 10, 9, 7, and 4. No we never did get that girl. ☺ We have attended Gathering Point Church of the Nazarene for the past 14 years. My family means the world to me and I always try to treat each student in my class or school as if they were my own. As the Associate Principal I promise to always advocate and strive to do the best that I can to prepare each student not only academically but socially and emotionally to give them the best opportunities in the present and in their future. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. It's going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Brad Piper

