

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a brand new school experience! My name is Chandler Cross, and I have the wonderful pleasure of teaching your child in the sixth grade here at Triton Central Middle School. I feel very excited and privileged to have the opportunity to work with the students of the Triton Central Community. This will be my first time teaching in this school district, so please allow me to tell you a little bit about myself.

 I spent five years teaching sixth-grade science at Centerville-Abington Elementary School. I had an amazing experience teaching in the Centerville community and achieved great success both in and out of the classroom. I will bring great energy and enthusiasm to the job here at Triton Central Middle School. I am very happy and excited to be a Tiger!

I graduated college from Ball State University in May of 2010 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education. I did my student teaching in 2009 in the sixth grade at Centerville-Abington Elementary School. Throughout my years at Ball State, I had a lot of experience working in classrooms. I have taught various subjects in various grades at Muncie Burris Elementary School as part of Ball State’s teaching methods curriculum. I was able to work with and observe many great teachers and gained a lot of valuable information from them. In addition to being a full time student, I also did a lot of work outside of college. In 2009, I worked for College Mentors For Kids (CMFK), which is an organization that works with at-risk kids in the Muncie area. I was a mentor for both first and sixth grade students. While mentoring, I went through various exercises and activities with the kids that were centered on setting goals and preparing future plans for elementary, high school, and college. In the years 2007 and 2008, I was a Varsity Assistant boys’ basketball coach at Winchester Community High School, where in 2008, we were fortunate enough to make it all the way to the state finals before being tragically defeated by Fort Wayne Luers by two points! I graduated from Hagerstown Jr. Sr. High School in the year 2005. I am the oldest of five children. I have a sister that is sixteen and three brothers that are ages fourteen, twelve, and ten. My mother, stepfather, and siblings live in Chicago, Illinois and my father lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

I am very excited to continue my teaching career here in Fairland. I have a great passion for teaching, and I love working with young people. I hope to continue to foster a great working relationship with the community. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at the school at any time from 7:15-3: 30. I can also be reached via email at ccross@nwshelbyschools.org and I have my own website with everything that you would need to know about me and my classroom. The web address is [www.mrcross.net](http://www.mrcross.net) Please visit the site and let me know what you think! I can be contracted directly from the website. You can also follow me on twitter (@mrcrosstcms). I have a great deal of affection for the Triton Central community, the reputation of the school and the students and families that fill it is top notch. I feel truly blessed and privileged to be here and I cannot wait to get started! I can promise you that your student will get a positive, enthusiastic, and energetic teacher every day in the classroom. Buckle up for the ride Tiger Nation! I am proud to be here in the house of champions!

Respectfully,

Mr. Chandler Cross