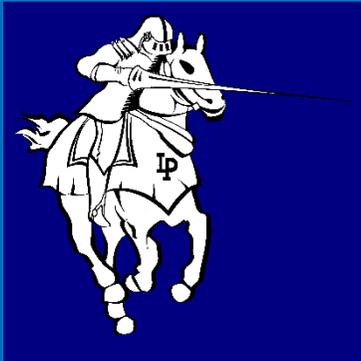




"WHATEVER YOU ARE, BE A GOOD ONE." ~ ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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## Meet our Staff

This issue features Erin Bessey and Beth Olinski from East Campus and Clint Anticevich and Ben Bishop from West Campus.

More math department staff members will be featured in the next issue.

### Clint Anticevich

I have been teaching at Lake Park for the past 17 years. In Algebra during my 8th grade year I realized I loved math when I would write out long, difficult algebraic expressions and then use order of operations to simplify them - no calculator of course! I also really enjoyed all four of my high school math teachers, which furthered my desire to want to become a teacher. I enjoy working out and playing various sports like basketball and softball, but lately it seems like all of my available time is spent with Lisa raising our two beautiful girls (5 and 3) and our big boy (14 months), and setting up our new home.



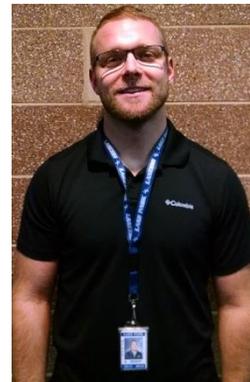
### Beth Olinski

I've been teaching for 10 years, all at LP. I learned my addition facts playing Yahtzee with my grandma as a kid. My favorite decade is the 1950s, evidenced by my growing collections of vintage clothing, furniture, and glassware. On the weekends, I can usually be found at a rockabilly show or at the dog park with my 3 year-old Pekingese/beagle, Presley. I have the pretty much useless skill of knowing the Dewey decimal system so well that I am a human card catalog, sometimes accurate to the thousandths place. Most people don't know that my senior year electives were AP Calc BC, 2D art studio, and photography, and I was torn as to whether I wanted to go to school to teach math or art. Obviously, my logical side won that argument.



### Ben Bishop

Salutations! First of all, I'd like to point out that despite being from central Illinois (rural Springfield to be precise), I am a lifelong Cubs fan—much to the dismay of my family. In fact, aside from being strongly recruited by the likes of Bob Nihells, Tom Kaberna, and Jay Ivory to pursue a career at Lake Park, the Cubs were one of the main attractions that drew me to the Chicagoland area. After all, one can only stomach a certain amount of Cardinals fandom for so long. Now in my sixth year of teaching, my focus educationally has moved heavily towards AP Stats. However, I am currently enrolled in an online computer science master's program through the University of Illinois, which is the first of its kind, so perhaps teaching a CS course could be a possibility somewhere down the line. Along with teaching at LP for a fourth consecutive year, I've also had the honor of coaching the throwing events for the LP girls track & field team. A little known fact about me: I had actually planned to coach collegiate track & field after finishing college. After earning my bachelor's degree in mathematics along with a teaching endorsement, though, I couldn't pass on the opportunity of secondary education at Edwardsville High School when the position became available in the Fall of 2011. Six years later, here I am!



### Erin Bessey

Lake Park has brought me the best parts of my life: Brian, Gage, & Lyric. I've moved a whopping 3 mile radius my whole life.



## Google Apps Workshop

In November, Tom Kaberna and Ben Bishop attended a Google Apps workshop. This workshop focused on math applications of Google Apps mainly pertaining to high school students. Tom and Ben describe some applications below.

Ben Bishop – The math editor available in **Google Docs** is called **g(Math)**.

<https://www.google.com/docs/about/> and <http://www.gmath.guru/> There are very cool uses that go way beyond Microsoft Word and its equation editor.

There is a Chromebook command **CTRL+SHIFT+T** that will instantly open all of the tabs that the student has been using at any given time (say they close out of all of their inappropriate tabs quickly). Programs such as **Go Guardian** allows teachers to monitor students' Chromebook screens. <https://www.goguardian.com/>

**Google Calendar** can be used along with our assignment sheets to outline our day-to-day activities. Once we share the calendar with students, they will be able to be very clear on our schedule and any missed days will know exactly what was done in class. The more Google we use in our school, the more I could see this becoming applicable.

Tom Kaberna – **Quizizz** is one app that many people suggested instead of Kahoot.

<https://quizizz.com/> There are schools that have created quizzes using **Google Forms** for SAT practice. <https://www.google.com/forms/about/> If students get a question wrong, it takes them to a tutorial video. This is a good idea for SAT preparations.



## Math Tutoring and Remediation

In addition to individual and small group tutoring with their own math teacher, students have several other options for math tutoring and math remediation during the school day.

- Math tutoring by one of our math teachers is offered every period of the day at East and West Campuses in the Resource Center. To date, 1026 East campus students and 2074 West campus students have attended tutoring, including students who have visited math tutoring multiple times. A list of math tutors can be found [here](#) under Lake Park Math Tutoring.
- At East Campus, Preet Aulakh is working with Algebra 1 Advanced and Geometry Advanced students on test remediation. Students who fail the multiple choice portion and overall test are able to re-learn the material and then retake the multiple choice test to earn points back. To date, 110 students have qualified for remediation with approximately 40 completing the remediation process, 60 still in progress, and 10 students choosing not to participate in the program.
- At West Campus, Tom Kennebeck is working with Algebra 2 students on test remediation. Students who fail the multiple choice portion and overall test are able to re-learn the material and then retake the multiple choice test to earn points back. To date, 51 students have qualified for remediation with 26 completing the remediation process and 25 students either in progress or yet to begin remediation.

Additionally, the Trinity Community Center offers evening math tutoring to Lake Park students. Most of the tutors are retired Lake Park math teachers. Information about this tutoring service can be found [here](#) under Trinity Community Center Evening Tutoring. There is also a list of private math tutors who charge fees for tutoring. The list can be found [here](#).



## Holiday Happenings



- The math department is donating a gift basket for the Night of Fine Dining's Silent Auction benefiting the LP Educational Foundation.
- The math department is providing holiday gifts for a family in need through the Fourth Annual Adopt a Lake Park Family program.

