

## NEW TEACHER BIOS

The Lord has graciously provided some wonderful new teachers this year. We are so excited to welcome them to our team! We want to give our families a taste of who they are, and we can't wait to introduce them to you in a few weeks!

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Mrs. Courtney Wunderle** serves as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. She received her B.A. in Liberal Arts and teaching credential from Pepperdine University. She has previously taught second and third grade in Southern California. She and her husband, Eric, have a son who will be attending CCS and a daughter turning two in the fall.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Kristen Andrews** is excited to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team at CCS! She obtained her BA in Psychology and Master of Social Work degrees from the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Mrs. Andrews is looking forward to blending her counseling background with classical Christian education. She and her husband, Chase, were married in August 2020 and moved to the Raleigh area shortly after.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Stephanie Ponce** serves as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. She graduated from Bob Jones University with a B.S. in Elementary Education. Some of her favorite things are spending time with family, traveling, and going to the beach. She and her husband, Bradley, have one child.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Mrs. Elizabeth Latigue** serves as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She holds a B.A. in English Literature from Campbell University and a teaching license for grades K-12. She attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for two years, where she studied biblical counseling, and has seven years teaching experience. She and her husband enjoy backpacking in the mountains with their dog, Flannery, and always love a circle of family and friends around a good fire.

**Logic School - Mr. Rick Sullivan** teaches Logic School Latin. He is originally from Tennessee but moved to NC five years ago with his wife (Louisa) and his youngest of four children. He is a graduate of the University of Memphis (1987) and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div. 2000). He has taught for 29 years (23 years in classical Christian settings) - 20 years in classical languages. He enjoys studying the Bible in the original languages, reading, movies, mountains, and dreaming about tiny houses (his wife, not so much ☺).

**Rhetoric School - Mrs. Jill Rushin** serves as a Rhetoric School science teacher. She is a University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou) graduate with a BS in Biological Sciences and a BA in Religious Studies. While at Mizzou, she competed in track and field winning two SEC Championships in the shot put, becoming a four time All American, and competing at the Olympic trials in 2016. She taught high school science for two years in Missouri and coached track and field at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her faith has always been at the center of everything she does and she is very excited to be teaching in an environment that allows her to continue her faith-first focus.

**Rhetoric School - Mrs. Michelle Lasch** teaches Rhetoric and Seminar. discovered Classical Education in 2000 and shortly thereafter decided to homeschool her daughters in the tradition that hearkened back millennia. When they graduated, she went back to school to get her teaching credential, and she has been teaching secondary classes at Classical schools for the last 4 years. She has a passion for students and for engaging them in the Great Conversation into which they are now entering. She has a great desire to help guide students to think deeply and biblically on the issues facing them as they progress towards adulthood.

**Rhetoric School - Hola, Mr. Miguel Jimenez** teaches Spanish at CCS. He is working on his Masters of Spanish on Linguistics and earned a B.A. in Spanish from the University of Houston. He and his wife, Fernanda, have two children. Mr. Jimenez's hobbies include traveling, sharing cultures and music.

**Rhetoric School - Mr. Elias Ayala** teaches history. He has been teaching for over 10 years in the areas of social studies, theology, and apologetics. Having earned a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education/Social Studies and a double Masters in the field of theological studies, he is very passionate about integrating the Christian faith into all areas of education. Mr. Ayala is also a Christian apologist, traveling speaker, and Christian youtuber. He lives with his wife and 3 kids in Clayton, North Carolina.

**Rhetoric School - Mr. Cullen Morgan** teaches biology and chemistry. He graduated from NC State University with a degree in Micro-Biology. Mr. Morgan worked in a research laboratory and was a partial TA for the genetics department at NCSU. He is experienced in the pharmaceutical industry in cleanroom microbial control, identification, and chemical sterility assurance. His personal hobbies include playing disc golf, board/video games with his life group, kayaking, target shooting, and exploring new areas with his fiancé. Mr. Morgan is getting married this fall. He is excited to be joining the CCS family.

