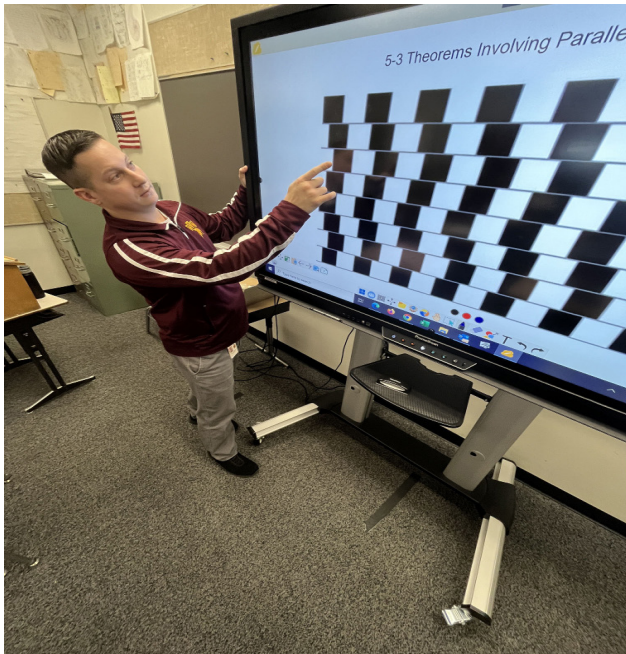


Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Cunningham

By Abel Giddings 25'



Mr. Cunningham is a Geometry teacher at Wyoming Valley West High School and serves as an integral member of the math department.

About a year ago in study hall, I got to know Mr. Cunningham as he helped me with my algebra homework. From there, a budding mentorship formed.

Mr. Cunningham is full of knowledge and experience that make him enjoyable to speak with. He could probably be a guidance counselor with his speaking skills and mentor-like responses.

Mr. Cunningham is a hard-working man as well. With fourteen years of education under his belt, his hard work has paid off.

Mr. Cunningham has a variety of skills that make him one of the greatest teachers. He can advise and mentor kids that might not have that same inspiration at home. He is someone to look up to.

Aside from teaching Advanced and Honors Geometry at WVW High School, Mr. Cunningham currently leads the Stock Market Club at Wyoming Valley West High School. Stock marketing is where investors buy and sell shares of companies. So far, this club has been a great success, with senior Daniel Stavish taking first place in the Fidelity Bank Fall Semester Stock Market Challenge.

Many students, myself included, are eager to join and participate in this club as well and learn more from the great Mr. Cunningham!



Teacher Spotlight: Mr Cardone

By Randy Czuba 25'

Robert Cardone is one of Wyoming Valley West High School's culinary and family consumer science teachers. He helps learn basic cooking skills in his culinary class for seniors.

Freshman take family consumer science as a required class to graduate high school in Pennsylvania, and it must be retaken if they were to fail. While some people may not consider these classes as important as others, they can be much more useful for after high school.

People have argued over if some required classes are useful or not, and while in most cases it depends on the students choices, Mr. Cardone teaches things everyone must know upon getting a job. Examples of this are him teaching students how to write checks, or teaching them how to invest and save their money.

"Everything we do here students will see in the outside world, and students will see in real life," said Cardone.

"I had Mr. Cardone my senior year of high school, and he was the first person to teach me the difference between credit and debit, and why it is so important to start building your credit as soon as you can," added Nicole McNeils, the school's journalism teacher and past student of Mr. Cardone.

Mr. Cardone wasn't always a teacher for the high school, however. In the past he ran his own restaurant called "The Pizza Mill" which has since been closed. Cardone now teaches full time.

"I was doing both, but it was too many hours in a week, and in order to have the greatest positive impact, I put 100 percent of my efforts into teaching," said Cardone. "I wanted to make the greatest positive impact with the knowledge and experience that I got from running the restaurant."

Cardone continued, "It was definitely worth it, I do see the results in students. I think this class has a great impact on getting students ready for the outside world."

While his classes are important, Cardone is also fair to his students, and tries to help them the best he can. He will turn assignments into games or competitions for his students.

"I try to show them the real connection to the outside world and how it affects them when they graduate. I give them real assignments and real examples of what they'll find in real life," said Cardone.

Mr. Cardone's business experience makes him a great teacher for Family Consumer Science and Culinary. He brings a positive message to his students and the school as a whole.

