

New Principal

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The new school year brings with it a new principal. Mr. Goetz, a former teacher for 12 years and a principal for 18, came out of retirement to be a principal once more. For our school's seniors, he will be their third principal in four years.

Originally from the Bronx, Mr. Goetz attended Fordham University and Fairfield University. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Fordham and a six year degree from Fairfield, a certificate of advanced study in economics. Mr. Goetz taught history at Danbury High before becoming an assistant principal and then a principal. He also coached girl's softball and boy's basketball for a number of years. And then became the athletic director for one year.

Before attempting retirement Mr. Goetz was the superintendent in Brookfield. He has been in schools all around Connecticut. He has been in schools in Meridan, Danbury, Monroe, Brookfield, and Redding.

Mr. Goetz said he has enjoyed all the schools he has worked at but he liked working at Danbury the best. He said that this was probably the reason he agreed to come out of retirement and be the principal for Stamford High because the schools are very similar. An "urban suburban mix" as he called it.

Mr. Goetz was asked by Stamford's superintendent Dr. Starr to be Stamford High's interim principle this year. Mr. Goetz explained that after being involved in Connecticut schools for so long "you know everybody". Dr. Starr knew that Mr. Goetz had been a principle for a while and asked him to feel in at Stamford High. He remarks, "So far I like it!".

As for his plan to implement rules, Mr. Goetz says that he is not looking to put in many new rules but instead reinforce the ones that are already in place. He wants the staff to try and be consistent with the enforcing of certain rules such as no hats in school and getting to class on time. Mr. Goetz seems to be confident in the following of these basic rules when he states, "From what I've seen, I think the student body around here is great!".

All in all this is proving to be a great year! Stamford High has more than a handful of new staff members that are sure to make this year a good one for the great school on the hill.