

MEET THE TEAM



GO ATHENA!!!

We are thrilled to be part of Team Athena! We can't wait to watch all of our students grow and blossom. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Open communication will help ensure we're all on the same page regarding your child's progress. Our team is dedicated to supporting your child's growth and learning every step of the way.



Hi! I'm the ALE and Social Studies teacher, entering my fourth year at Tefft.

Hailing from Spain, I have a deep love for traveling, hiking mountains, and canoeing with friends.

I'm also a big fan of pop-rock music and love going to music festivals.

I'm excited to embark on another fantastic year together!

Ana Lafuente



Hello! I'm the ELL Math teacher for Team Athena. This is my eight year in the district and second at Tefft.

I earned my Bachelor's from Northeastern Illinois University and my Master's in Reading Instruction from Olivet Nazarene University. I love long walks, concerts, and trying new restaurants.

I'm passionate about math and excited to help your child enjoy it too. Looking forward to a great year of growth and learning. Go Athena!

Heidi Martinez



Alfredo Bizzocchi

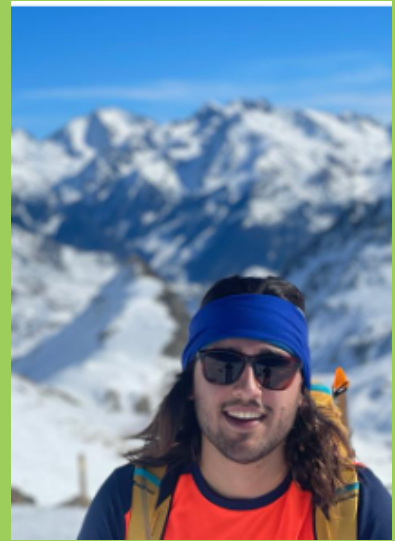
Hi! Originally from beautiful Patagonia Argentina, my passion for exploring the world led me to become a teacher of Geography and Social Studies. Today, I share my enthusiasm at Tefft MS, where I have been teaching ALE and Social Studies for the past six years.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy soccer, reading, and spending time with my family and friends.



Hi! I'm the ELL Science teacher. A book I really enjoy is The Lord of the Rings. When I'm not teaching, you can find me climbing, hiking, surfing, or biking. I also love listening to music from the 80s and 90s. Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Xaquín Rodiles



Hello! I'm the 7th Grade ESL/English teacher. I'm a huge fan of arroz con pollo, enchiladas, and anything that makes me happy. I love rock climbing, camping, traveling, dancing, reading, and singing. My music tastes range from country and Latin to 60's classics, and I'm currently loving "Try That in a Small Town" by Jason Aldean. My favorite movies are Knowing and Barbie, and Don Quijote de la Mancha is my all-time favorite book.

Cynthia Gonzalez

