

# Computer Science Updates

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## Excited for a new year

I am honored to be serving your community as your Computer Science Teacher. We will explore how students use computers to make their life easier. Also, we will discover how technology entrepreneurs create new industries with simple programming concepts. (Think start-ups like Facebook, Twitter, Apple, and Netflix. How did they do that?)

## About Me

I have been a teacher and programmer for over 14+ years, most recently teaching choir and general music at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in North Chicago, IL. I helped create some of the original web applications in the **bioinformatics sciences**, and more recently, I've been designing and building **web apps for schools and small businesses**. I graduated from WFB in '97 and I still love to sing and play trumpet, piano, and guitar.

## Be Prepared

Bring a **three ring binder, pencils/pens, and a USB key drive** (optional) to every class. I will provide all of your hand outs and worksheets. **Remember being prepared means no cellphones/ipods, hats, or hoods. School rules!**

## Opening Activities

We will spend the first part of our school year learning some **important computer terms**, handling some **computer hardware**, and getting into some wonky **computer security**. A sleuthing we will go!

## Contact Me

If you need to reach me, I am available in my office in Lab 224 before school, 7:30 – 7:45, during ISH from 11:25 – 11:40, and after school until 3:30.

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