## Daniel Griesbaum: CRHS North 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal and Athletic Director

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 Mr. Daniel Griesbaum was appointed to be the Athletic Director and 10<sup>th</sup> grade principal at Council Rock High School North, replacing Albert Funk, who was appointed to be the principal of Council Rock High School South. In this role, Mr. Griesbaum is also the liaison to the Mathematics, Family and Consumer Science and Physical Education departments, and also in charge of the maintenance/Aramark area at North.

Mr. Griesbaum grew up in the Pottsville area and comes to Council Rock from the East Penn School District, where he served as Assistant Principal at Emmaus High School for four years. Prior to that, he taught Business Education at Reading High School for 10 years and served as a basketball coach during this time. Mr. Griesbaum graduated from Bloomsburg University with a B.A. in Political Science and M.Ed in Business Education. He received his administrative certification from Alvernia College.

Mr. Griesbaum worked as an accountant prior to deciding to go into the field of education, and brings a great deal of experience to Council Rock. He is used to a large high school, as Emmaus has a student population of 3000 in grades 9-12. However, his administrative role there was a bit different. Their Assistant Principals are assigned students alphabetically and also interface with the Guidance Counselors, Special Ed teachers, and any other faculty that pertained to his group of students. He developed very diverse skills dealing with all aspects of the student's life. He looks forward to working with the entire 10<sup>th</sup> grade class at North.

As Assistant Principal at Emmaus High School, Mr. Griesbaum began a group called the "Hornet Ambassadors", to assist students in transitioning from the two Middle Schools. This evolved into a student community outreach organization of over 100 students. Uniquely, this student group was broad-based, from Special Education students to students who were not top achievers to those top achievers who naturally engage in activities. Students would make visits to nursing homes and hospitals to connect with the community.

Mr. Griesbaum says that he has found a "wealth of resources" in Council Rock and "people have been very helpful." He feels he still needs to learn the area and his goal is to acclimate smoothly to the new area and school district. He hopes to develop relationships with the student at CRN by meeting them at athletic and school events. He will make himself available for kids and says he "will try to help any kid any way I can. That's why I got into this business!" Citizens wishes him well as he embarks on this new, very busy, facet of his career.