

Scott Reardon

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Scott Reardon

SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School

GRADE LEVELS: 9-12

SUBJECT: Computer Applications

Q. What skills do students learn in this class?

A. We're studying Microsoft Office products and working on career documents related to Word. Later on we'll get into Excel and PowerPoint. It's a real smorgasbord of software we're learning, especially in the 2nd Semester.

Q. How is this class more than just keyboarding?

A. We do not teach keyboarding at Walla Walla High School. A lot of people associate this class with keyboarding. This is a myth. We spend less than a week on keyboarding. We expect them to come to us with these skills from middle school. Our focus is on teaching them the software.

Q. How do you prepare students for the world of ever changing software?

A. We want to teach transferability because of the changing times of our software. Who knows three or four years from now, there might be an entirely new version or something with a different look or feel. They have to be able to adapt. Bill Gates always keeps us guessing.

Q. Why are these skills important?

A. We stress to students they are learning employable skills. They will use these skills for the rest of their lives.

Q. As the radio voice of Blue Devil football, how do you study for games?

A. I go to practice almost every day to see how the team is doing. I get to know the players and coaches and it helps me call the games. I think it's a real benefit being on campus. I love broadcasting Blue Devil football and I'm proud of our school.

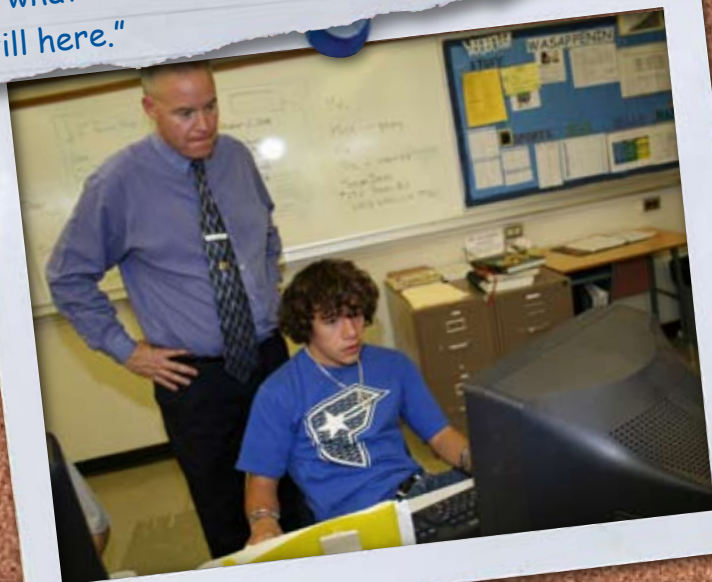
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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM SCOTT REARDON'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM SCOTT...

"My experience in industry has been invaluable in helping me become a better teacher. I spent 20 years as an accountant in a variety of roles. I am able to relate to the curriculum quickly and put a practical application to what we are doing in this class. Four years later, I'm still here."



"We want to stay as current as possible with technology, but we don't want to get too far ahead of the curve. We try to stay within industry standards in this class."

"Students at Walla Walla High School must earn 1.5 Career and Technical Education (CTE) credits to graduate."

Students can earn one CTE credit by taking this class for the year."