

# Meet Your



# Teachers!

**Kassi Hampel:** *Performing Arts Director/ Dance Teacher:* Mrs. Hampel has been performing on stage since the age of two. She began her career performing on a European tour when she was 11 years old, and went on to perform all over the country to include, New York. Mrs. Hampel began teaching Dance 17 years ago in the dance studio setting, and made the transition into the school setting six years ago at VCIS. A change she is so happy to have made! She has her credential in Arts, Media and Entertainment through Fresno Pacific University. Mrs. Hampel feels so honored to be a member of such a wonderful team and to have the opportunity to work with these amazing students! Can't wait to see what they can do!

**Shannon McMahon:** *Choir Teacher:* Mrs. McMahon holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Fresno State. She has over 15 years of experience teaching and performing. Mrs. McMahon has performed in premier ensembles at various places across the US, including the National Flute Convention. She loves sharing her passion of music through teaching and has taught choir, band, private instrumental lessons and classroom music at many different schools and levels.

**Ryan McMahon:** *Theater Arts Teacher:* Mr. McMahon began performing on stage when he was only seven years old. Through the years he has been involved in various performing arts programs to include Choir, drama, and dance classes through schools and other organizations in Visalia. Mr. McMahon had major leading roles in several musicals to include: Riff from West Side Story, Skimbleshanks from the famous Broadway musical Cats, Chip from 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and several supporting roles in the hit musical 42nd street just to name a few. He began working in the theater backstage and on sets nearly 10 years ago and developed a passion for the theater tech industry. He began working with a Children's choir as an acting coach and designed the sets and lighting for their shows. That is how Mr. McMahon became interested in teaching Drama, Stagecraft and Theater Tech classes here at VCIS. Mr. McMahon has his credential in Arts, Media, and Entertainment from Fresno Pacific University and is looking forward to getting to know the students at VCIS while developing their acting skills and love for the theater!