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RHS Hires First Year Chemistry and Physics Teacher, Andrew Hochstatter

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Mr. Andrew Hochstatter, despite being a first year teacher, has accepted the monumental task of teaching one Lab Physical Science class, two Honors Chemistry classes, one Conceptual chemistry class, and one honors physics class. Many people are distraught at the thought of physics or chemistry, let alone teaching it; but this has not dissuaded Mr. Hochstatter from doing this difficult job. Mr. Hochstatter has been amply prepared to teach through his chemistry degree with a minor in math and physics from USD, a teaching degree from USD, and a lifelong love of math and science, including some real world experience in using his chemistry degree.

“It’s worth the work I put in to see the progress the students are making,” Mr. Hochstatter said.

Mr. Hochstatter hails from Sioux Falls, where he was a 2008 graduate of Roosevelt High School where he enjoyed playing soccer and basketball when his nose wasn’t stuck between the pages of a physics book. A jack of all trades, Mr. Hochstatter enjoys going running and watching his favorite sports team, the Minnesota Wild compete in hockey, when he can be torn away from his Chemistry experiments. He also likes to spend his free time going fishing, hunting pheasants, and playing musical instruments; and in college, he enjoyed a good game of volleyball.

The wild Mr. Hochstatter can be spotted grooving like a jive turkey with the pep band on occasion where he’ll lend his talents to the saxophone section. Mr. Hochstetter came to Redfield because he wanted to teach in a smaller town and a school that had a greater sense of community; and he must have found that because where else can a music loving chemistry teacher play alongside his students?

Mr. Hochstatter stated, “The Redfield Community has been very welcoming. I appreciate the support I have and will continue to receive from the fellow faculty in my first year of teaching and I look forward to the many school years to come with all the students making every day more enjoyable.”

