



## Brad *Reynolds* *Mathematics Teacher*

Last year, Brad led a Spring Intensive teaching students to use math to analyze decisions in board games. The students learned that luck is part of the process, but there are strategic decisions they can make to give themselves an advantage. Brad remembers offering the students a break at one point in the course.

“They asked if they could stay instead,” he says. “To see them enjoy the activities as much as they did really validated the concept of experiential learning.”

He sees similar excitement when students discover new concepts in math.

“The sense of understanding is so much deeper when they engage in the work and make connections on their own,” he says. “It is my job to unlock that engagement by creating interesting tasks and guiding students through them. When students complain that class is over, wishing they had more time to engage in the material, I know they are learning.”

Brad is big on connections. Prior to teaching, he worked in finance. He likes to point out to his students the relevance of calculus and statistics to real-world work. In his personal time, Brad is a fan of puzzles and games that relate to his critical thinking skills. He also enjoys disc golf, hiking, and spending time with his family.

The most important connection, though, is between student and teacher. He sees that with his own students and with his two daughters, who are Pingry high schoolers.

“One of the things they feel is special about Pingry is the way they have grown to know their teachers,” he says. “The individual attention they get, and the connections they make with adults who help shape and guide them, are so valuable.”

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DR. REID COTTINGHAM  
INTERIM UPPER SCHOOL DIRECTOR

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