

Life on the Course

High school math teacher, high school golf coach, and Father to Two

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Snivley with the Liberty highschools boys golf team after one of their games.

Ryan Snivley a math teacher and boys golf coach at Olentangy Liberty High School has mastered how to balance his school life and personal life.

“It’s really difficult to balance all three, but I love what I do,” Snivley said.

Snivley teaches algebra one and two at Liberty High School. He has loved mathematics ever since highschool and he didn’t realize he wanted to pursue it until in college. Last minute Snivley decided to switch from the biochemistry field and go into the mathematics field. He explained that he got his inspiration to switch fields from his experiences in high school. Snivley had a lot of great teachers and some bad ones. He learned from all of his teachers on what to do and what not to do. Even though it’s his passion in life, COVID-19 has made being a teacher harder.

“I believe that before COVID-19 students were more focused in class and once they came back

into school it never went back to how it was before,” Snivley said.

Although teaching has become more difficult, Snivley still puts all of his effort into teaching and students.

“The main thing is just getting everyone back on track and focused again. So it’s important to be patient even though it’s

difficult.” Snivley said. Not only is Snivley a math teacher at Olentangy Liberty High School he is also the boys golf coach and has been for 20 years.

“I love coaching the boys. We have a lot of fun and we all have a great time together.”

Even though Snivley loves coaching it can get difficult



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This is the Liberty Highschool golf boys team after winning 4th place in districts in 2022.

when he has to coach and teach.

“During golf season it’s definitely tough to balance teaching and golfing. Golf matches typically take about 8 hours each for 18 holes. Some matches are on school days and then you have the time taken out of the school day.”

Even though coaching golf takes time out of Snivley’s school day; he still loves it and wouldn’t have it any other way. But he wasn’t picked to be the boys golf coach because he was amazing at golf.

“I was an organized person. I enjoyed golf, it was a hobby. It wasn’t something I was good at.”

Snivley was picked to be coach because for his leadership and organization skills, instead of talent. And it has paid off. Last season the boys golf team got fourth in districts, one place away from states. However, Snivley wasn’t always a golf coach. He had coached track and field at Olentangy Liberty High School since 2003 but he stopped in 2014. He went back to coaching track and field in 2020 and again in 2021.

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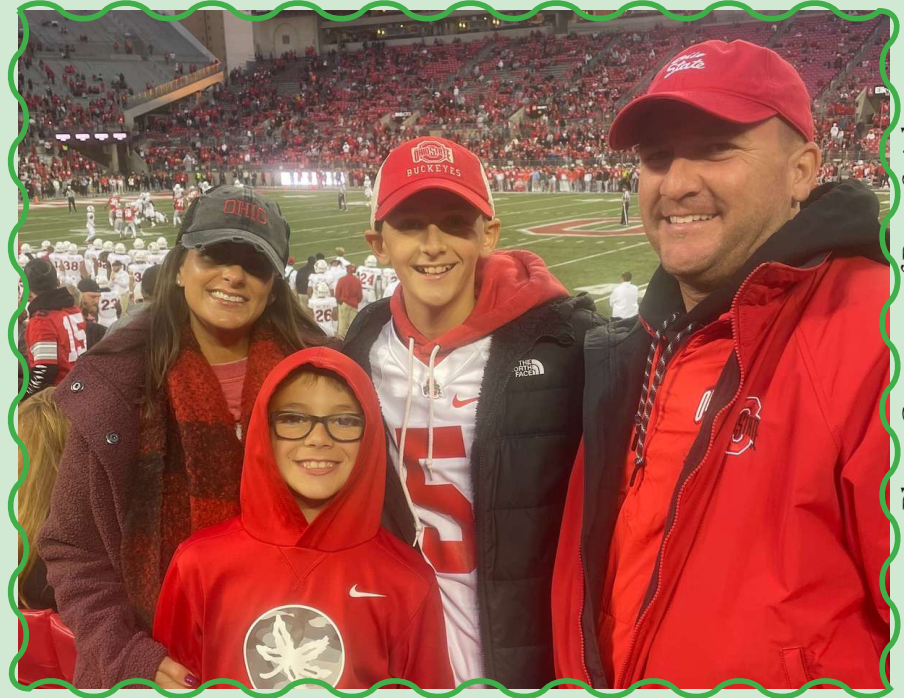


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This is Snivley with his family at an Ohio State game, one of their favorite teams and activities to do in 2021 as well. Throughout this time period he was assistant coach for 7 years and the main coach for 6 years.

“Snivley is always an amazing coach in golf and I also heard great things about him from some of the track guys too.” A former student of Snivley’s said.

Mr. Snivley has been married for 17 years to Christine Snivley, who is also a teacher at Orange Middle school. They have two

sons named Cater (12) and Tyler (9). His son Carter enjoys doing track and field, like his father. While Tyler enjoys playing soccer. As a family they like to do fun activities especially sports. If it’s playing golf as teams together, which they call scramble. Snivley and his sons enjoy playing basketball together in their driveway and he is very proud of what his sons have accomplished. Even though it is very difficult Snivley tries to make up for lost family time when it’s not golf season after spending a large amount of time coaching and teaching, but throughout it all his family supports him through it and loves his passions.

“I always have support from my lovely wife and family which helps me a lot with stress especially during golf season. And yes it is very stressful, but I still would recommend someone to do everything that they love, even if it stresses you out. Because it’s worth it.”



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This is Snivleys two sons, Carter and Tyler, playing mini golf together.