

Dr. Laurie A. (Coughenour) Grosik graduated from Conemaugh Township Middle/High School in 1991 and now resides in the Jerome area with her husband Tom and children, Nick and Olivia. She is also mother to Ryan, married to Allie, and Jake. Laurie started working as an instructional designer at Commit Consultants in 2020. She is a senior instructional designer that develops training for corporations and organizations including the Department of Defense and the First Amendment Project. During high school, Laurie was a yearbook photographer, and served as President of Student Council senior year. Laurie participated in Spanish and French Club. Laurie's favorite teacher was Jan Bowman because, "She always made her stories come to life, which made learning easy." To this day, Laurie believes, "the best way to teach students is to have them be active. I believe that students retain more information when they are actively participating in the lesson," she continued. Laurie's favorite memory was serving as Student Council President. "The lip sync dance was one of my greatest high school memories; it made it even better that all the proceeds went towards finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis." Through her community activism and academic hard work, she was a contestant for the Young Woman of the Year contest her senior year. Laurie was a young graduate, so she decided to repeat senior year across the globe in Privas, France, as a Rotary International Exchange Student. During her time there she played on a French soccer team. But her fondest memory was, "when my Rotary Club sponsored a week-long ski trip in the French Alps" where she met the U.S Olympic team. Mrs. Grosik notes her greatest accomplishment as, "being a wife and a mother to four amazing children. I wanted to finish my doctoral degree before our oldest son graduated from Conemaugh. I achieved my dream in December of his senior year and graduated with my Ph.D. and a 4.0 grade point average." She finished by stating, "I am proud to be a Conemaugh Township resident and watch my children attend school at my alma mater. I encourage all students to dream big and work hard. The sky is the limit!"