

# Counselor Fisher



Alyson Fisher has been the School Counselor at Barrett Elementary School since 2001. She and her husband, Bob, live in the Steel Valley School District and have raised two Steel Valley graduates, Allie (class of 2011) and Jordan (class of 2021). Alyson initially began her career in the mental health field as a counselor in a residential facility. She grew up wanting to be both a teacher and a child psychologist so a school counselor seemed to capture both of those interests. She loves her job and wouldn't change anything. The name Counselor Fisher started when she worked with another Mrs. Fisher at Barrett. It seemed to be the easiest way for elementary students to differentiate between the two. The other Mrs. Fisher no longer works there, but the name Counselor Fisher has stuck!

Alyson is very passionate about family and community involvement. She and her husband coached youth sports and supported their children's involvement in multiple organizations. When not working, she enjoys singing on the worship team at Homeville Christian Church, serving on the Board of Directors at the Carnegie Library of Homestead, volunteering at the Best of the Batch Foundation, or even filling in at Mom Maruca's, a family owned restaurant in Uniontown. She and her family love to vacation each summer at the beach and try to sneak away to visit a new city or amusement park when they can. New Orleans and Cedar Point are a few of her favorites! In addition to traveling, Alyson enjoys gardening, home projects, cooking, and reading. She tries to have a family meal at least once a week because she is a firm believer in conversation and communication around the family table. Alyson has shared this with the Barrett families through her "Cooking with the Counselor" Title I family nights on zoom that began during the pandemic. She believes that family is the core of the community. You can change the culture of a community when you strengthen one family at a time. Alyson does not only support the students with academics, but desires to help families rise above the often daunting issues that they face each day. The world is different today than it was yesterday. Equipping students and families with tools to overcome and make changes using the resources within the Steel Valley community is her mission.

