



## GARY VARNEY

### LATIN TEACHER

NOCA's Latin instructor, Mr. Varney, hails from the Northern California town of Chico. After serving several years in U.S. Army intelligence during the Cold War as a Czech translator, he returned to California to study at Berkeley. At Berkeley, he earned a B.A. in political science with a focus on international relations as well as the Russian and Hungarian languages.

Self-taught in Latin from a young age, Mr. Varney has been teaching Latin and several modern languages for nearly 20 years. He enjoys spending time with his wife of 31 years, goofing around with their grandchildren, reading, languages, genealogy, music, juggling, and exploring the local Metroparks.

One of Mr. Varney's Latin students recently commented, "I love how I can figure out what a lot of unfamiliar English words mean thanks to the Latin I've learned over the past three years."

He looks forward to meeting his new students and their families this fall!