



## Magnet News Letter

## Month of December

### Midterm Exam Schedule:

Wednesday 12/14

2nd period exam: 9:30 -11:15

3rd period exam: 11:20 -1:20 (lunch)

4th period - 1:20 - 2:35

5th period - 2:40 - 3:50

Thursday 12/15

4th period exam: 9:30 -11:15

5th period exam: 11:20 -1:20 (lunch)

6th period - 1:20 - 2:35

7th period - 2:40 - 3:50

Friday 12/16

6th period exam: 9:30 -11:15

7th period exam: 11:20 -1:20 (lunch)

2nd period - 1:20 - 2:35

3rd period - 2:40 - 3:50

### **MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT PAGE 2 AND 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

#### **6TH GRADE**

Mrs. Cameron - Science - In 6th grade Earth & Space Science, we are done with our Space topics! When we return from the winter break we will turn our focus to Earth. Our classes had fun competing in a few Science Olympiad challenges - Naked Egg Drop and Picture This. The winners from each class will compete in the Science Olympiad School Competition on Friday, December 2nd. The school competition winners will be announced next week. The final assessment in science class will be the Earth & Space Midterm Exam. It will be a comprehensive test on all of the topics we have learned since August. The study guide will be available on Dec. 6th in Canvas. Exam week is the last week of the quarter.

Ms. Kirkendoll - Language Arts - This nine-weeks in Language Arts we have finished our novel, and we are still working through some of the short stories in the Study Sync textbook. We have created a visual One-Pager on A Long Walk to Water. Finally, we are now moving into Speech season, and the students will present speeches to compete in the Tropicana Speech contest. At the same time, we will also have a Spelling Bee in the classroom and school-wide. Students will begin the next nine-weeks with argumentative writing.

#### **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

- 12/6 Guitar Concert 6:00 p.m.
- 12/8 Winter Chorus Concert 6:00 p.m.
- 12/9 Winter Social 6:00 -8:30 pm
- 12/10 Southwood Winterfest (band and chorus performing)
- 12/12 Falcon Singers performance at Florida historic state house
- 12/14 Midterms begin!
- 12/19 - 01/3 Winter Break

#### **6TH GRADE**

Mr. Johnson World History - We have had a lot of fun in world history this semester. We have completed all the units on early humans, Mesopotamia, Egypt and will finish Ancient India in the next two weeks. We will start our process papers the week of the fifth and mostly finish that before break. After the break we will complete the annotated bibliography in class, but all of the students should be working on their exhibit board over the break at some point. We will have some time when we get back, but not much. The History Fair Project will be due at the end of January. Also in 2023, we will start our new units on Ancient Greece and Africa, with more fun lessons and creative writing. It has been a great semester so far and thanks to the students and parents for all of the effort and encouragement.

## 7TH GRADE

Ms. Thompson- Civics - We just finished our unit on the Legislative branch and are moving into full swing of preparing for our midterm. Our midterm will cover Ch. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10-12. Students have received a study guide and we will do lots of in class reviews over the next couple weeks to make sure they are prepared! History Fair due dates are fast approaching! January 9th is the final due date. They should be finishing their projects over the break! Thank you for all of your continued support! It is greatly appreciated and looking forward to a wonderful 2023!

Ms. Camen - Language Arts - This week we started working on our first argumentative style essay project. We will continue to work on it to complete a final draft for our end of the quarter exam grade. We are also still reading "Tangerine" by Edward Bloor and your students really seem to be enjoying it!

Mr. Fletcher - 7th grade Science - We will be learning about magnetism in the month of December. We will be using magnets and even building our own electromagnets in class. Science fair projects are due on December 5th and our school science fair is on December 9th. The last school week in December is for mid-term exams, so students will take their science mid-term during that week as well.

## 8TH GRADE

Dr. Kurian - 8th grade math - Geometry class has completed the unit on transformations, and we are working on relationships within triangles. Next Quiz is on 12/7. Algebra 1 class completed the unit on system of equations and inequalities, and we are working on exponents now. Next quiz is on 12/7. We are using Pearson textbook, workbook and math nation as additional resources for these courses.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Don't forget students are required to complete hours of community service. 6th grade: 10 7th grade: 12 8th grade:14. The sheets can be found online under IB Prep and current student. These are due by the end of April.

## 8TH GRADE

Ms. Adams -Language Arts- This month, 8th grade IB-prep ELA classes will be focusing on developing a fictional character. To begin with, we will analyze how characterization is developed both directly and indirectly. Then, we will be applying it for students to develop their own fictional character that will be used in a classroom drama! Each student will not only create the details of their character, but also get to act out that character in their group's three-part skit. This classroom drama will be each student's midterm exam grade. They will be performing these during exam days before the break!

Dr. Morris - Biology - I want to thank our amazing parents for an intensely exciting November in Biology class! With your help, our 3D cell model project was a huge success! Your students' 3D cells are world-class and will be displayed throughout the year. This month, we will learn about how cells make food and utilize energy during our photosynthesis and cellular respiration lessons. We will also review for and have a mid-year exam. Please encourage your students to review their notes and study guides so that they will finish this semester strong. As we approach the end of the year, I wish you and your families a joyful and pleasant holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2023! From the bottom of my heart, thank you for a great 2022!

Mr. Johnson - US History - I can't stress enough how happy I am to be teaching this group again and U.S. History. I taught this class for ten years and I have enjoyed getting back into it. We have completed some great lessons on how the colonies rebelled against the British and we are finishing off 2022 with the Revolutionary War. I am so proud of the effort the students are giving. When we come back in 2023, we will study how we put this country together and how we learned from our mistakes (Articles to the Constitution). As far as history fair goes, we will start our process papers next week. The students should be working on their exhibit, documentary, or website at home a bit over the break. We will have a few weeks when we get back but not much. I will give some time in January to work on the Annotated Bibliography. It has been a lot of fun in class and the students are great critical thinkers. Let's keep it going

## SPANISH

Mrs. Ruth - Spanish 1/2 - Spanish 1 is finishing the semester learning to conjugate verbs. We have learned "ser" and "estar" and their uses. We will begin reviewing for the exam. Exam review guides will go out on Canvas and in person the 6th and 7th. Also, please do not forget that we have FAST testing on the 6th and 7th.

Spanish 2 is finishing the semester learning reflexive verbs and daily routines. We have been concentrating on stem-changing verbs and personal interviews to strengthen our speaking and listening skills. We will also begin exam review soon. Exam review guides will go out on Canvas and in person the 6th and 7th. Also, please do not forget that we have FAST testing on the 6th and 7th. Once we return, we will begin planning our February fieldtrip to El Jalisco with units on restaurants and food.

We will also have 2 more informational meetings about the March 2024 trip to Spain, one in January and one in March.

## FMS WINTER SOCIAL

Our PTSO and teachers are working hard to put together a fun Winter Social for students! But we cant do it without your help! If you would like to sign up to donate to our Winter Social the link is included below.

Winter Social will be held from 6:00 - 8:30 on Friday December 9th in the cafeteria and courtyard. Tickets are \$3 and sales began Monday 12/5 and go through Thursday 12/8 morning

Please reach out to Ms. Thompson for any questions

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4fa9ad2ea31-fairview>

## MATH COMPETITION

Math Competition students just completed AMC 10 A and AMC 10B and did an awesome job in Swift Creek Mini Mu, Fairview MathChamps and Rickards Invitational. Students are getting prepared for Vestavia Math Tournament, Chiles Mini Mu, Math Olympiad Contest 2, and Sigma Contest 2.

### Upcoming Math Competitions

Vestavia Math Tournament - Dec 2nd - 3rd  
Math Olympiad Contest 2 - Dec 5  
Hiller/ Nunn Test- December 7  
Sigma Contest 2- December 8  
Chiles Mini Mu - Dec 10

## JUNIOR BETA

We are excited to welcome all of our new members to Jr. Beta for the 2022- 2023 school year! Dont forget the \$15 dollar registration fee is due before 12/16.

We have lots of fun events planned to finish out the year. Card and goody bags for the workers at TMH and Santa Sweet Treats for students! There are several events in the works starting in January so be on the look out!

## MODEL UN

We are looking forward to another great year in Model UN with our new and old members! We are in teh beginning stages of prep for our TSMUN competition in February and another one in the Spring at Rickards! Cant wait to see what this team can do!

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Science Olympiad season is in full gear! Thank you for your support so far. As we approach the end of the semester, here are a few reminders.

Regional Competition fee (\$75) is due by Friday, December 16, 2022. All Science Olympiad members will participate in the Regional Competition.

The Regional Competition will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at Buchholz High School, in Gainesville, Florida.

Please reach out if you have any questions.