

We are excited for the start of a new school year and things are getting under way! We will send newsletters out at the start of each month to help keep parents up to date with what's happening in their child's classes and around the school! Please make sure to remind students to be on the lookout and listen for club interest meetings. These have already begun and will pick up more as we enter September! We are working diligently to solve all of the chromebook and password issues and hope to have solutions soon!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- 9/6 FAST Math PM I (make sure to bring your chromebook charged)
- 9/7 SAC Meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. in the media center
- 9/7 Open House starting at 6 p.m.
- 9/11 Picture Day
- 9/25 No school Fall Holiday

6TH GRADE

Mr. Johnson- World History-We have had a great start to the year so far. We have wrapped up our unit on geography, historians, citizenship and Florida history. Now we are ready to start the real world history and it begins with Early Humans. All chapters will have a test, but you can expect an essay on the Agricultural Revolution in the next week or two. All of the students are great and we are having some really great discussions on these topics. After we complete our unit on Early Humans, we will begin studying Mesopotamia and a quick review of what to expect on History Fair. Sixth grade students will be required to make an exhibit. Great start Falcons!

6TH GRADE

Mrs. Cameron - Earth Space Science - We spent the first few weeks getting acclimated to middle school and completing our Baseline test. Soon we will finish up our unit on Measurement and then get into some real science. Our next topic is the Nature of Science where we will discuss the processes of science and experimental design.

Ms. Kirkendoll - Language arts - We are putting on our Pirate hats and learning like Pirates. This is our theme this year. Learning like a pirate means taking risks, being brave, and setting your sights on the treasure. This year we are starting the year off with short stories as we learn the elements of a Plot Diagram and some important Literary Terms. As we move through this nine-weeks, I hope to start a novel study that will help students see another side of life, and that will allow them to appreciate how much they have to be grateful for. We will also embark upon a Narrative Writing project towards the end of this grading period. Ships Ahoy!!

Mrs. Multani - Advanced Math - we have learned computing decimals when multiplying and dividing multi-digit decimals. We have started with factors and multiples where we explored about greatest common factor (GCF) and will be finishing up with least common multiple (LCM) next Tuesday. We are going to combine upcoming lessons from module 1 with the objective to learn multiplying and dividing fractions by the end of the next week.

7TH GRADE

Ms. Thompson- Civics - We have hit the ground running in Civics. We started our unit on voting and elections last week and will finish that up before moving into the foundations of our government. Students will be receiving information on History Fair this week and Community Service!

Ms. Camen - Language Arts -7th Grade Language Arts just finished reading our first story, 'Rikki Tikki Tavi!'" Your students loved reading about the brave Mongoose and his quest to save his family. We will begin working on Latin Word Chunks starting next week to help us figure out the meanings of unknown words. We also have weekly spelling tests, please make sure your students are studying as the words with continue to get more difficult.

Mr. Fletcher - Physical Science - The month of September will be an exciting one in Mr. Fletcher's Physical Science class! Students will be learning about motion, speed, and other physical properties related to the motion of objects. Students will begin their classroom projects on Newton's Laws of Motion. Students will also be selecting their science fair topics for the Florida Science and Engineering Fair.

Ms. Barraza - Algebra/Algebra Foundations - Algebra Foundations is wrapping up Module 1 which covers exponents and scientific notation and will have a test on September 11th. Algebra 1 has been covering graphs of functions and will take their Module 2 test on September 8th. Both classes have paper homework nightly. Their textbook can be found in ConnectEd on classlink.

8TH GRADE

Mr. Dombek-U.S. History- It has been a great start to the year. We have an amazing intern from FAMU, Mr. Lingo who will be joining us this semester. He will begin taking over, teaching classes this week! We are finishing up our Unit on exploration of the Americas, the students made their own Nearpod projects and have been presenting them to the class. Student will receive information regarding History fair at the end of this week. We will begin our Unit on the Colonies next week!

Ms. Adams -Language Arts- In the month of September, we will be working on an Edgar Allan Poe unit. This will involve the analysis of his iconic poems and short stories followed by a classroom murder mystery activity. In this activity, characters from Poe's various texts are suspects in his own death and the students must apply their knowledge of the stories to determine who they will accuse as the killer

<u>Dr. Morris - Biology Honors -</u> We are excited to begin the year in Biology class! This quarter, we are working on Ecology and its principles; students are learning about how organisms interact with each other and their environment. knowledge helps them to understand the world around us and how we can improve our environment, manage our natural resources, and protect our health. Students are also enriching their learning by reviewing one peer-reviewed article each The articles week. report research current/recent science and technology issues. It's already been a great year



LATIN

For both my Latin I class and my Latin wheel, students are working on their ability to identify, translate, and parse First and Second Conjugation Verbs. We have also been doing some additional vocabulary practice with some key Latin and Greek root words, which get added to our wall of words (Muris Verborum) after we have mastered them. After completing their first Grammar test in the next week or so, students will move on to our first Roman culture topic for the year: the Roman gods

Science Olympiad

The 2023-24 Science Olympiad season has officially started! Our interest meeting attracted the best of our scholars. This year, we plan to storm the Florida Science Olympiad and take our place at the top. If your child is interested in joining and has not received a copy of the interest form, please ask them to talk to Dr. Morris or Mrs. Cameron

PICTURE DAY!

Picture day is September 11th - order forms were given out to students today! There will be make up day for absent students





HISTORY FAIR

Students will received information regarding History Fair on Friday 9/8. They will have due dates throughout the semester and the final project will be due 1/12. They will have a module in CANVAS with all of the important information and due dates. 6th -8th grade will complete.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

As part of our IB Prep program students are required to complete community service.

6th grade: 10 hours 7th grade: 12 hours 8th grade: 14 hours

It will be due at the end of April. They will have a module in CANVAS will all of the required

