

7TH & 8TH GRADE HANDBOOK

2023-2024



CLASSROOM RULES



- Respect God - by being reverent during prayer, worships, and chapels; speaking respectfully to teachers and friends.
- Respect Others - by being kind and loving; keeping hands and objects to yourself; being a good example for younger students; raising hands; following directions the first time; coming to class prepared and on time.
- Respect Yourself - by thinking positively; asking for help.
- Respect School/Church Property - by not tipping in chairs; not sitting on desks; keeping bags and coats in lockers; asking before touching the teacher's things; walking quietly in the halls; using playground equipment properly.



CLASSROOM POLICIES & PROCEDURES



- Bathroom and Drink -Get the teacher's attention to let her know that you need to leave the room. Place your number on the board and push the button for the bathroom. Please don't ask to use the bathroom during instruction time.
- Electronic devices are not allowed in the classroom unless specifically stated by the teacher. (See new NO PHONE/SMART WATCH policy In school handbook).



- Lunch - Because we will be eating lunch in our classroom, students must remain in their seats to limit the possibility of spills. Each student will be responsible for cleaning up their area when lunch is over.
- Messy Papers - Messy papers will not be accepted! The student will be asked to re-do the work and points may be taken off of their assignment. Examples of messy papers include paper being labeled incorrectly, ragged edges, doodling, etc.
- Friday Papers - Graded student work will go home every Friday (as our schedule allows.) Grades will now be available online for you to check.
- Absences - If your student has an excused absence, they have 1 day for every day they were absent, to make up the work. It is the student's responsibility to get assignments and help with anything they do not understand.



'WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW ALL OF THE STUDENTS WHO COME INTO OUR CLASSROOM BETTER. WE THINK IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL YEAR OF LEARNING TOGETHER.'

**MRS. T'S SQUARED!
(TYSON AND TRUBEY)**

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE



- Students are expected to be respectful of all adults in the school building. We have been fortunate to not have many discipline issues in the past. Students are expected to be where they are supposed to be—doing what they are supposed to do. On the rare occasions where a student might make a poor choice, that student will meet with Mrs. Tyson/Trubey and possibly Mr. Krueger to discuss options for fixing the problem.
- Other discipline possibilities include loss of classroom privileges, calling parents, or parent-teacher conferences with the principal.
- It is expected that each student will be treated with kindness. Christ expects this of us and it is what we will also expect of the students. We will be working toward this goal for the entire school year.
- For more serious offenses, the school discipline policy will be enforced.

LATE WORK/CORRECTION POLICY



I am very excited to have your student in my class this year. To help them be more prepared for high school, I want them to start taking more responsibility for their learning. I strongly feel that students will rise to whatever expectations we put on them. For this reason, late work will not be accepted this school year. Under extenuating circumstances, parents may call in and negotiate with me about a possible extension for their student. However, I can not guarantee that every situation will warrant an extension. There will be opportunities for your student to correct their work in order to receive points back on items they missed. This year, I will give full points back in math for corrected problems as long as the student shows the steps they went through to correct the problem. Also, students will have the chance to correct work in Language Arts and turn it in until they have received a grade that is acceptable to them. At the end of each quarter, this opportunity will start over again. Thank you for your support with this matter. I know that if we work together, we can help our students be accountable for their learning.

**THIS WILL BE
THE BEST
YEAR YET!**



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SUPPLY LIST



- 2 large 3-ringed binders (Students will not have a desk with storage. One binder will be placed in the basket under their chair and the other will be used for science class)
- 3 packs of loose-leaf lined paper (More may be needed during the school year)
- 5 bound composition books (college rule - NOT SPIRAL BOUND 2 black marbled, 1 solid color, 2 patterned ones of choice)
- 1 clipboard
- 1 compass
- 1 protractor
- 1 ruler with standard and metric measure
- 1 pencil box (Large enough to hold all small school materials. This will also be stored under their desks)
- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers - optional
- Pencils with erasers
- 2 red pens
- Blue or black pens - optional (The erasable kind work well)
- Scissors
- A written text Bible any version. Electronic Bibles will NOT be accepted
- 1 scientific calculator
- Dictionary
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- Deodorant to keep in the locker
- 1 locker shelf (Optional - Students will be required to keep all of their books in their lockers. If they have a shelf, it will give them more room for backpacks and lunches)
- Personal hand sanitizer
- Waterbottle



MEET THE TEACHERS



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Years Teaching: Going into my 24th year
Place of Birth: Green Bay, Wisconsin
Favorite Food: Mexican
Favorite Color: Any and every bright color
Favorite Movie: Swiss Family Robinson
Favorite Pastime: Spending time with Rhett (almost age 15), Paige (age 18), and Russ
Favorite Fruit: Mango
Favorite Veggie: Broccoli
Favorite Candy Bar: Kit Kat
Favorite Gum: Chocolate Mint
Favorite Football Team: Miami Dolphins
Favorite Type of Car: Mini Cooper
Favorite Season: Fall
Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 27:1-3

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Favorite Color: Pink
Favorite Movie: Anne of Green Gables and Anne of Avonlea
Favorite Pastime: Reading, spending time with my family, going to the beach
Favorite Fruit: Any berry
Favorite Veggie: Cucumbers
Favorite Candy Bar: Dark chocolate sea salt caramel
Favorite Gum: Tropical
Favorite Football Team: 49ers
Favorite Type of Car: A Jeep
Favorite Season: Fall
Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 8:31-39



CURRICULUM



Math

Numbers and Operations Algebra
Geometry
Measurement
Data Analysis and Probability
Problem-Solving
Communication
Mathematical Reasoning
Connections

English/Vocabulary

Students do a great deal of writing in my class. The four main types of writing that we will be focusing on are listed below.

Narrative Writing
Expository Writing
Descriptive Writing
Persuasive Writing

We will also be practicing our writing skills by daily journaling and writer's workshop.

In 7th and 8th grade the focus switches from practicing spelling words to learning the meanings of various vocabulary words. Students will be required to memorize the spelling and meanings of 10-15 words each week. They will be given time during the school day to complete various assignments that will help them master these words. Usually, I try to pull words from the literature they are reading or the terms they are learning about in Social Studies class.



Reading

Some of the literature books that we may be reading are:

Phineas Gage
Taught by a Tiger
Civil War Spy
Ms. Bixby's Last Day
Save Me A Seat
Out of the Dust
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Seedfolks
Fuzzy Mud

The students will also be reading books of their choice throughout the school year. Students are expected to log the number of pages or the number of minutes they read each day.

Social Studies

Our Social Studies class will cover Maine State history, geography, and American History this year. I try to do hands-on projects with the students for Social Studies. I feel that it is important to look at the impact different time periods had on history. Projects accomplish that goal nicely.

In addition, a daily news broadcast is watched and students respond daily.

Bible

The broad topics that will be covered in Bible this year are shown below. We will also spend some time in small group Bible study. During this time students are given the opportunity to discuss topics they are faced with on a daily basis.

1. Christ as our advocate
2. The Great Controversy
3. The Book of Luke
4. Revelation & God's Plan of Salvation
5. Tough Issues Facing Teens