

# Welcome to Team Fire!



7<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
August 14, 2019

# Introduction

English- Tina Norman

Math- Dennis Besh

Science- Sharon Hamlett

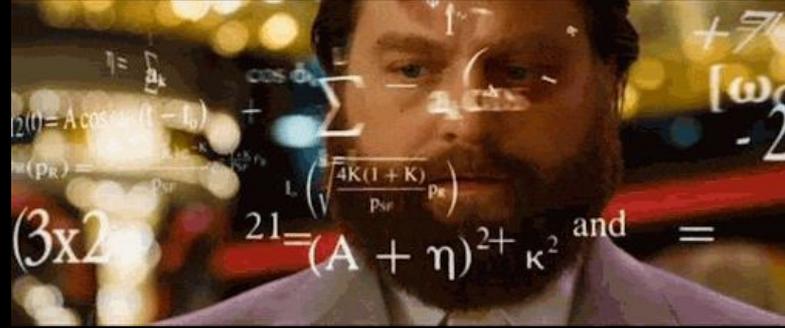
Social Studies- Joe Vozza



# English

- Grammar
- Writing
  - Diagnostic Essay
  - TDAs
  - Argumentative/Narrative Essays
- StudySync
- Novels
  - *The Giver*
  - *The Outsiders*
- PSSA Prep

# Math



## Courses:

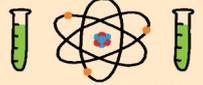
- Differentiated Pre-Algebra
- Algebra I

## Additional Information:

- Daily & weekly assessments
- Everything is available on Google Classroom



# Science

SCIENCE  
  
IT'S LIKE  
⚡MAGIC⚡  
BUT REAL

## Unit 1 - Nature of Science

Graphing

Measurement

Scientific Method

## Unit 2 - Ecology

Biomes

Food Chains/Food Webs

Vocabulary

## Unit 3 - Chemistry

Properties of Matter

States of Matter

Elements, Compounds,  
and Mixtures

Chemical Reactions

## Unit 4 - Biology

Cells and Organelles

Cellular Organization

Genetics



# Social Studies



## First Semester

**Unit 1** - The Geographer's World

**Unit 2** - Physical Geography

**Unit 3** - Human Geography

## Second Semester

**Unit 4** - North America

**Unit 5** - South America

**Unit 6** - Europe

**Unit 7** - Asia

**Unit 8** - Africa

**Unit 9** - Australia, New Zealand, and Antarctica

# SUPPLIES LIST

A binder, a notebook and pencil for each class.



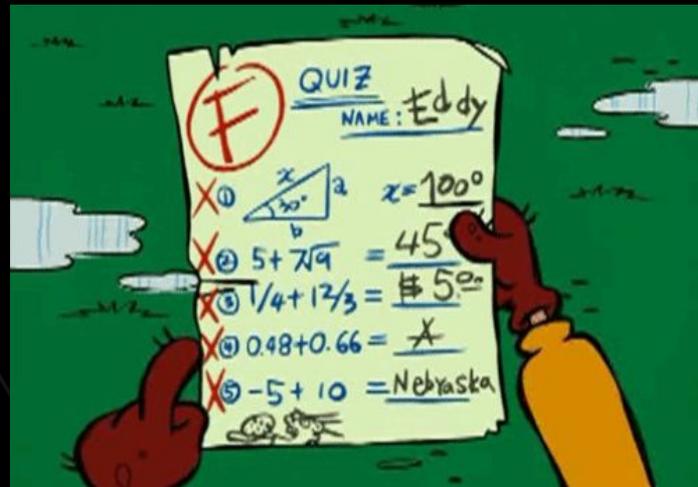
# HOMework & ASSIGNMENTS

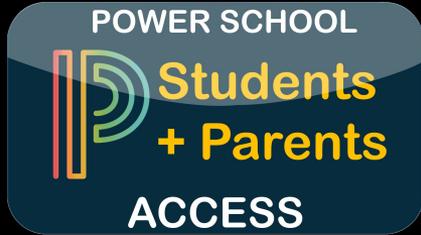
- Homework is assigned daily.
- Assignments are to be turned in on the assigned due date at the BEGINNING of the class period.
- If students fail to hand in completed assignments on time, they will receive a zero.



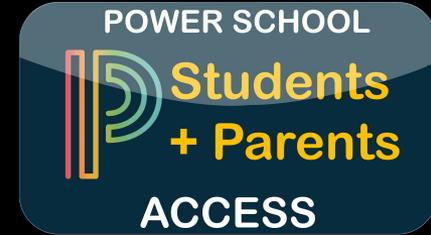
# RETAKEES and EXTRA CREDIT

- Students are NOT permitted to retake tests and/or quizzes. All assessments are announced in advance to students.
- No extra credit assignments will be provided.





# POWERSCHOOL



- All students and parents will receive a PowerSchool login. any time, if you should lose this information throughout the year, you need to contact Mrs. Pfeil ([pfeils@nhsd.net](mailto:pfeils@nhsd.net)), the 7th grade counselor.
- If you receive a notification of a failing grade/missing assignment, **start with your son or daughter** before contacting the teacher.
- Our expectation is that our students will be checking PowerSchool daily and parents should be checking on a weekly basis.

# ASSIGNMENT PLANNERS

- Students should be using the assignment planners daily to record homework assignments and upcoming assessments.
- Parents should check their planners.



# LEAVING THE CLASSROOM

- This year we are moving to an online hall pass system. Students will need to have their charged iPads in order to utilize the pass.



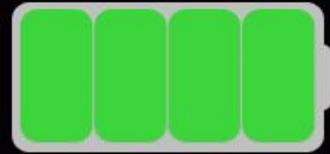
# TRANSITIONAL TIME

- Students are provided **four** minutes in between classes to visit locker, use restroom and/or get a drink.



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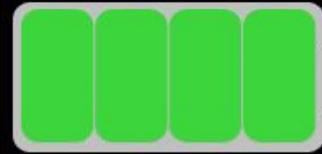


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# IPADS

BATTERY

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- Students are required to bring their iPads **CHARGED!!!**
- Parents should have access to their child's iPads; including the passcodes. The iPad belongs to the North Hills School District.
- We suggest home monitoring of how they are using their iPad. Ask them to show you how they use apps, [Google Classroom](#), [Notability](#), [StudySync](#), etc.

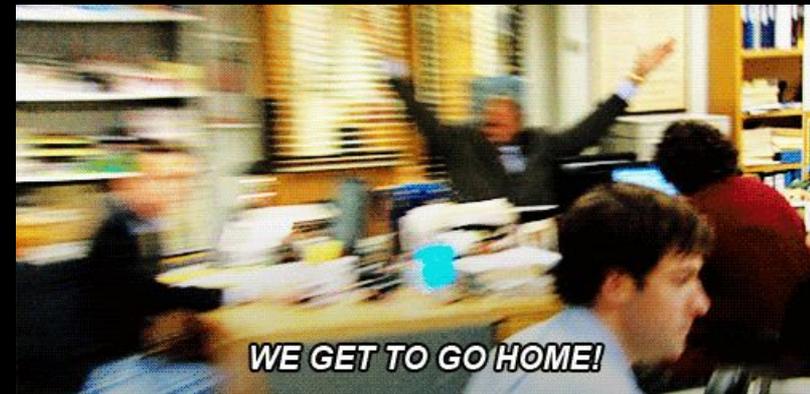
# EARBUDS

- Students are **forbidden from wearing earbuds in hallway** to listen to music. Earbuds are for academic reasons only.



# HOMEROOM

- Homeroom takes place at the end of the school day.
- This is an independent study hall where students are expected to work on academics.
- There is not one-on-one tutoring available during this time.



# ABSENCES AND APPROVED VACATIONS

- When students are absent for any reason, it is their responsibility to make up all missed assignments. Failure to do so will result in a zero.





We are looking  
forward to a  
great year!





# Team Fire 7th Grade Policies



August, 2019

Dear 7th Grade Student and Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Team Fire! You will be entering a new, exciting phase of your education – *Middle School!* Many changes are in store: new friends, new teachers, new courses and **higher expectations**.

Despite entering Middle School, where more is expected of your child, students still require parental supports at home. Thus, we expect the following.

- Checking student Assignment Planners and homework nightly
- Checking Team Fire’s website
- Utilizing PowerSchool to track progress and work completion

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, August 20, 2019**. Preparation is the key to success. During the first week of school, each teacher will inform your child as to which supplies are required for that class. If you purchase accessories for your locker, note that the inside dimensions of your locker are approximately 12 x 12 x 55 inches.

We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable school year!

Sincerely,

Team Fire Teachers

Mr. Besh - Math ([beshd@nhsd.net](mailto:beshd@nhsd.net))

Ms. Hamlett - Science ([hamletts@nhsd.net](mailto:hamletts@nhsd.net))

Mrs. Norman - English ([normant@nhsd.net](mailto:normant@nhsd.net))

Mr. Voza - Social Studies ([vozzaj@nhsd.net](mailto:vozzaj@nhsd.net))

## 7th GRADE TEAM POLICIES

To best prepare your child for the academic expectations of our Team, we are implementing the following policies starting at the beginning of the academic year.

### HOMEWORK & ASSIGNMENTS

Daily assignments are to be turned in on the assigned due date at the beginning of the class period. If students fail to hand in completed assignments on time, they will receive a "0" for the task. Each teacher will clarify their policies on credit that can be earned for late assignments. For credit to be earned, homework should be legible and completed according to teacher directions.

### RETAKES

As a Middle School student, your child has an increased responsibility as he/she prepares for quizzes, tests, and other written assessments. All assessments are announced in advance to students. As a result, **students are NOT permitted to retake tests and/or quizzes**. If a student does not have enough time to complete a test, it is because they are not prepared.

### ASSIGNMENT PLANNERS

Students are required to use the Assignment Planner daily to not only record assignments, but to also have the ability to leave class. Assignment Planners are **NOT** optional, they are a requirement. North Hills Middle School will supply all students with one daily Assignment Planner. If it is lost during the school year, you will be responsible for purchasing another one.

### TRANSITIONAL TIME

Students are given four (4) minutes between classes. This is when they should be using the bathroom, getting a drink or visiting their locker.

### IPADS

**The iPad belongs to the North Hills School District.**

- Parents should have access to their child's iPads; including the passcodes.
- Students are required to bring their iPads CHARGED!!! This is their textbook. When they bring their iPad uncharged, they are unable to do their work for that day.
- Students who come to class with an unusable iPad due to low battery, may receive a zero for assignments they could not complete.
- Students' Bluetooth needs to be kept on all day. They are not permitted to turn it off.
- We expect home monitoring of iPad use. This includes checking their camera, Google Classroom, StudySync, Notability, etc.
- Students are forbidden from wearing earbuds unless required for an academic class.

### POWERSCHOOL

All students and parents will receive a PowerSchool login. At any time, if you should lose this information throughout the year, it is your responsibility to contact Mrs. Pfeil (pfeils@nhsd.net), the 7th grade counselor.

- If you receive a notification of a failing grade/missing assignment, do not email the teacher until you have discussed the assignment with your son/daughter.
- We expect that our students will be checking PowerSchool daily and parents should be checking on a weekly basis.

### HOMEROOM

Homeroom takes place at the end of the school day.

- This is an independent study hall where students are expected to work on academics.
- This is not one-on-one tutoring.
- Students will have the opportunity to join clubs during this time.

### MISSED CLASS TIME

- When students are absent for any reason, they miss valuable instruction.
- It is the students' responsibility to make up all missed assignments. Failure to do so will result in a zero.
- Teachers will provide a daily summary of classwork in Google.
- Students who are missing class for a trip, will need to check Google Classroom daily. We cannot guarantee work ahead of time.

### CLASSROOM MATERIALS

Every day, your child is expected to bring to class the required materials designated by that teacher.

### OVERALL CHALLENGES

The structure of the Middle School is designed to prepare students for the High School. Therefore, expectations are greater and the work will most likely be more challenging. If your child **does not** pay attention, follow directions, and complete homework (including reviewing nightly), their grades will suffer. Before reaching out to the school, have a discussion with your child. If you should still have questions, then reach out to us. There is a possibility your child may be failing to provide you with the proper information.

### GRADE LEVEL COUNSELOR

Students have the ability to check in with their grade level counselor (Mrs. Pfeil) if they are having academic concerns or social conflicts. At this age, it is important for students to be their own advocate when issues arise. Please reach out to the counselor if an issue arises.

Additionally, we have a Student Assistance Program in the Middle School. The SAP program helps students overcome any further barriers to academic, social and personal success. Please contact your grade level counselor to start the process of meeting with the Student Assistance Specialist, Mr. Ratnavale.

### NOVEMBER CONFERENCES

These meetings are scheduled by the team. We will contact you if there is a need to meet. **Unlike in Elementary, not all students will have a conference.**