2016-17 Course Expectations

Special Education Science Grade 8 and Social Studies Grade 6

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Parents can access classroom information and assignments on Mr. Olberding’s Teacher Website @ www.olberdingmathscience.weebly.com

Welcome back to school! I am looking forward to an exciting and successful school year. Maintaining communication between school and home is an essential factor in assuring student achievement. Therefore, I utilize a variety of methods to keep parents and students informed:

 • Student planner

• Telephone calls

• Progress reports

• Email

• Remind App

• Teacher website

***Student Expectations:***

* Arrive at class in a timely manner with all required materials, i.e., notebooks, pencils, planners and any other requested items.
* Behave with respect towards other students and school staff.
* Participate in class and always exert their best effort.
* Demonstrate proficiency of the grade level curriculum.
* Adhere to the Student Code of Conduct.

***Grading Policy:***

Student grades are based on the evaluation of projects, tests, quizzes, classwork, homework, class participation, teacher observation, notebook checks and group contribution. Students are expected to review material regularly and to study for upcoming quizzes and tests. No individual extra credit will be given. A student can't properly be assessed when assignments are missing nor can they be successful on quizzes and tests without practice. If a student does not turn in an assignment, every effort will be made to have the student complete it. After several attempts to get the assignment, an Academic Detention (held after school) may be assigned.

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Grading Scale

 Range Letter Grade Points

 93-100 A 4.0

 90-92 A- 3.7

 87-89 B+ 3.3

 83-86 B 3.0

 80-82 B- 2.7

 77-79 C+ 2.3

 73-76 C 2.0

 70-72 C- 1.7

 67-69 D+ 1.3

 64-66 D 1.0

 Below 64 E 0.0

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Grades will be weighted on the following scale:

Tests/ 30% Quizzes/ 30% Classwork/ 30% Homework/ 10%

***Textbook information:***

* Textbooks are housed in the classroom as a class set.
* Information will be provided within the first few weeks of the school year regarding instructions to access online student textbooks.

***Supplies:***

* 3-Ring Binder
* Pencils, pens

**Homework Help**

* Homework Help is a service available to students to receive help from certified state teachers. Online assistance is available Monday through Thursday from 3 pm to 9 pm and Saturday 9 am – 3 pm. Homework Help can be accessed through the following website: https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/kids/Pages/homework-resources.aspx. There is also a link on the homepage of my teacher website.

**Guidance Counselors**

 6th Grade: Amy Neff, Chris Schroepfer

 8th Grade: Megan Foard, Todd Fritz, Emily Wilson

**Parents/Guardians:** *Please sign below, indicating that you have read the course expectations and have reviewed them with your son/daughter. Cut along the dotted line and return this portion. Thank you.*

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_