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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Teague Families,

It is difficult to realize that we are approaching the end of Semester 1. However, it is exciting to say that we have provided quality instruction, extracurricular activities and family engagement events, all while continuing to work toward ensuring that all students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be productive citizens. Through the vision of our Program of Exploration, The Institute of Innovation @ Teague Middle School, we will cultivate future ready graduates through a professional, collaborative environment in which all staff inspire students to be creative and innovative learners. Student success is dependent on support from home and from school and enriched by dedicated teachers and staff. Ms. Yadira Diaz, ESOL Teacher, has been recognized as the Teague Teacher of the Year. Her dedication to our English Language Learners and to the school have not gone unnoticed. Ms. Diaz is representative of the outstanding quality of educators on our campus. Ms. Ruth Consolato-Landress, Teague Guidance Secretary, is the Teague Middle School Related Employee of the Year. Mrs. Consolato is also dedicated to the well-being and success of our students. In addition, she is essential to the smooth transition of families into our school. We are honored, to be represented by both of these SCPS professionals.

Teague students, staff and community have been actively involved in Volleyball, Cross County, Band Concerts, Chorus Concerts, , S.T.E.A.M. Night, Robotics Competitions, FCA, NJHS, ROTC, Local Parades, Reading Clubs, Bridge Club to mention a few. We have even tucked in a Fall Dance. Our students were recognized with perfect FSA scores, 4.0 GPAs, as Students of the Month, and our school has been identified as a **Bronze Level Positive Behavior Model School**.

I would like to thank the staff, parents, PTSA, SAC and community members who have given of their time and talents to support our school. Your willingness to become a dividend and volunteer at Teague has allowed us to open the PBS Spirit store, have a successful Teach-In, provide extra support at evening events and recognize the great work of our staff. We still welcome you to join us in helping in the media center, monitoring the hallways and teaming with us to oversee the lunches. Your presence on our campus will serve to ensure that our students have a vast array of role models to emulate.

Teague knows that it is important that students have a safe place to stay at the beginning and end of the day. We are partnered with the SCPS Kids Zone to provide a before and after school program for all interested students. There is a nominal weekly fee associated with this program. Each student attending will receive a snack, homework assistance and enrichment activities. In addition, Teague offers a structured tutoring program that addresses the needs of specific subject areas. We also provide a Student Success Center for those who need a quiet place to study, a computer to complete an assignment or support from a teacher or paraprofessional. Additional information is on our website.

Please review the important dates below and access the Teague website for details about each of these opportunities.

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**Positive Behavior Support Mission Statement:** To institutionalize a consistent positive culture supported by the school community where expectations are clearly identified, communicated, and understood for positive behavior and mutual respect.

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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# **IMPORTANT DATES** December 5 - 6 Fall Play January 8 ...... Report Cards go home **January 27 – 31** ...... Literacy Week and Scholastic Book Fair

In closing, it is important that we keep our sights on the importance of student learning and the need for the students to be prepared in all areas of study. Students and parents are encouraged to visit Skyward and the teacher E-Campus courses to review grades and academic expectations. Parents are encouraged to make contact with teachers and School Counselors should you have questions, need clarification or are seeking extra support for your child.

It is well known that the best prepared students are those who are in attendance on a daily basis and come to school well rested and prepared to learn. Please help your student to arrive on time, to be prepared and to be ready to do his/ her best! We appreciate your continued support of Teague.

Debra Abbott Principal



### SPANISH

Señorita Berry's Spanish I classes are in full swing now. Students are able to engage in basic conversations where they greet, introduce themselves and others, describe people and describe their families and pets. They have also learned about Mexico's rich culture including Día de Muertos, the art of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, the Voladores de Papantla and more. We will soon be learning how to talk about our home and home responsibilities as well as exploring the beautiful island of Puerto Rico.



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# **FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA**

Did you know that Teague has a Future Educators of America Club? It is open to 7th and 8th graders who are interested in careers in education and/or making Teague a more positive place. Future Educators sponsor after school dances, like the recent Fall Dance, to fund school wide initiatives like Teacher Appreciation events and student recognition. Future Educators meets on Fridays until 5pm in room 3-103 and is sponsored by Ms. Berry and Ms. Benedetto.

#### **FALL DANCE**

Teague's Future Educators club hosted the first after school dance on October 24th in the Cafeteria. Over 300 students enjoyed concessions, music, dancing and time with friends. Money earned



from the dance will go to support teacher appreciation initiatives and student recognition.



# **PHYSICAL EDUCATION FALL UPDATE**

#### Greetings parents, guardians, and students!

Well, we are off to a great start for the school year! Can you believe that the year is nearly 50% finished!? Where does the time go? The holidays will be here before we know it! Speaking of holidays...seems like cool weather has arrived. Make certain your student has their "cool weather" PE attire. Students should bring sweatpants to change into. They should not wear jeans or other pants that they wear to school to PE class. They should bring a sweatshirt or jacket to wear over their PE shirt. Please note: leggings are against our district's dress code policy and may not be worn to PE class as our shirts are not long enough to sufficiently cover them.

Many classes have completed units or are just starting new ones. Some classes have learned rules and skills pertaining to European Handball such as various types of passes and shots. Other classes are learning soccer skills and playing soccer games. Remember, students, you don't have to be the best at anything! You just need to always TRY your best at everything! You'll only improve if you always try your best.

# **Locker Room Reminders:**

- Is your student using their locker correctly? All belongings should be secured in a locked locker overnight. Please remind your student to always twist and pull their lock before walking away. This helps prevent any theft of items left in the locker. Additionally, a student's first and last name should be on each piece of their uniform. We sell uniforms year-round. Please have a student see a teacher if you wish to purchase additional pieces.
- Fragrances are not allowed in the locker rooms due to allergies. This includes but is not limited to: Axe body spray, body sprays, scented lotions, etc.
- Each student is expected to have their very own combination lock.
- Students should look in lost and found for any missing items.

Finally, we would like to leave you with the following fit tips:

- Students who participate in at least 150 minutes a week of physical activity are shown to have higher grades, less occurrence of depression, improved cardiovascular fitness, improved bone density, improved muscular fitness and favorable body weight and body composition.
- Students who have parents who exercise are more likely to exercise, especially if they exercise together!
- Students who are inactive grow into adults who are inactive. Students who have high body fat grow
  into adults who have high body fat.
- Health benefits can be seen with as little as 30 minutes (even though 60 minutes is best) of exercise each day. We encourage you to find something that you like to do! Now that the weather is nice, it is the perfect time.

As always, please email your student's teacher with any questions or comments. We're always happy to help! Yours in good health!

-The Physical Education Department

#### TEAGUE SPORTS

Teague sports is off to a great start! Our Boys and Girls Volleyball teams had a lot of fun sharpening their skills. We are currently wrapping up Cross Country.





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# 6TH GRADE MATH (ADVANCED)

Students have transitioned well from elementary school to middle school. This transition was made easy by clear communication of and repeated reference to the routines, expectations, and goals of Teague Middle School. We have begun the 2nd quarter of the curriculum, which consists of: Expressions, Equations and Inequalities, Rational Number Concepts and Rational Number Operations. Students have completed the unit on Expressions and they are now working on Equations and Inequalities.

We welcome parents continued support in making sure that homework and bellwork are completed daily and that students study for their tests/quizzes. We strongly encourage students to use Khan Academy, Learnzillion, Virtual Nerd and the online textbook to reinforce math skills with which they struggle. Skyward is a great resource for parents to monitor their children's grades and outstanding assignments.

If you would like to have a parent\teacher conference, please contact Ruth Consolato at (407) 320-1554 to schedule an appointment. We look forward to working together to provide our students with a quality education.

# **STANDARD 6TH GRADE MATH**

Students have made the adjustment from elementary to middle school because they have had the first quarter of the academic year to learn the routines and expectations of each teacher and the school. We have begun the 2nd quarter learning ratios and proportion. We will then move on to percentages and equivalent expressions.

We welcome parents continued support in making sure that homework and bellwork are completed daily, students study for their tests/quizzes, and timely submit test and quiz corrections. Students can access various online resources to reinforce mathematical skills i.e. KhanAcademy, Learnzillion, and the online textbook. In addition, tutoring is offered by the school and teachers. Skyward is a great resource for parents to monitor their children's grades and any outstanding assignments.

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# **PRE-ALGEBRA**

Our Pre-Algebra students have been working hard during the first quarter learning all about: real numbers, exponents, proportional relationships, and writing linear equations.

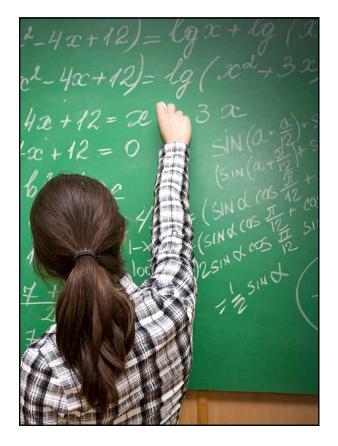
We are looking forward to strengthening proficiency of students in the second quarter as they learn about functions, solving linear equations, and systems of linear equations. We always encourage students to utilize all available resources (i.e. Khan Academy, HMH Online, tutoring), and review their interactive notebooks regularly.

With hard work and dedication to learning, it is our mission to ensure students reach their learning goals! We could not do this without the support of our parents! Thank you for all you do.









## GEM

In quarter 2, students will be working on the following 7th skills: Expressions and Equations; Geometry-polygons, angles, area, surface area and volume, and Ratios, Proportions, and Percent. We are currently working on Geometrypolygons and angles. Students have completed 6th grade geometry and are currently working on 6th grade Ratio and Proportion standards on Virtual Bridge.

It is important that students remain focused and diligent during this 2nd quarter. The academic challenges have increased and so must their work ethic. I encourage support from parents to make sure students are studying, completing classwork, and participating in class in order to succeed to their fullest potential! At home, it may be helpful to reinforce your child's mathematical skills by encouraging them to use resources like Khan Academy, Virtual Nerd, and LearnZillion to review and reinforce the skills taught in class.



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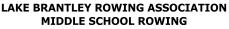
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# ALGEBRA

We are so proud of our Algebra students and the growth they have shown during the first quarter! In the second quarter, classes will be focusing on: linear equations, functions, inequalities, and onevariable statistics.

Please help support your student by reminding them to stay motivated, pay attention in class, complete homework on time, and to look over class notes at home. This course requires dedication in the classroom and at home to reach success!

Students have access to their HMH Online book, Algebra Nation, and Khan Academy for additional support and practice. These are fantastic resources that provide videos and practice problems. Another great support piece is the tutoring sessions provided by our wonderful Algebra teachers! For any inquiries, please contact your student's Algebra teacher.







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# **HISTORY NEWS**

### **6TH GRADE WORLD HISTORY**

#### Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

We have some exciting information to pass along to highlight your 6th grader's first quarter at Teague Middle School! Over the course of the 1st 9 weeks, 6th Grade World History has covered some very extraordinary topics! Students began with investigating the term "history" and have reflected on why it's important to study. We concluded that history is our way of learning from our past to create a better future for human civilization. We then applied this to understanding basic map skills and elements of geography along with how to navigate different types of maps with latitude and longitude. We have then moved through how human cultures began with hunter-gatherer societies, the discovery of farming and Mesopotamia being the "cradle of civilization." We encountered ancient laws in our first DBQ Project of the year with investigating is Hammurabi's Code was just or fair to ancient Babylonian society. Students have much to look forward to and we are excited to share every moment as the year progresses.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns: Mr. King (Dave\_King@scps.k12.fl.us), Ms. Benedetto (Noreen\_Benedetto@scps.k12.fl.us), Ms. Cowan (Diana\_Cowan@scps.k12.fl.us) and Mr. Billings (Thomas\_Billings@scps.k12.fl.us).

# **7TH GRADE CIVICS**

#### **Attention Awesome 7th Grade Families:**

It's hard to believe that the first quarter has come to a close! Our 7th grade Civics students have been working hard at setting the foundation for the content that will be covered throughout the year. We covered such topics as Citizenship and what it means to be a part of a greater community in the United States. Students also learned about



how Media and Propaganda are used by political campaigns, advertisements and other groups to convey a message to influence or persuade behaviors of citizens Students then investigated the different Forms of Government that are found all throughout history and in countries today. Finally, students dove into the Electoral Process and Political Parties. They looked over the two main parties and their ideologies along with other Third Parties and their role in Elections. Students will dive into the history of how our government used Enlightenment ideas to create our current government system. These Enlightenment ideas opened new horizons for people in Europe and the colonies demanding more from their governments. Activism is born through these ideas of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" making things "complicated" with Great Britain. These actions of rebellion, defiance and resistance would lead to the creation of the world most famous "break up" letter: the Declaration of Independence. We are so excited to see our students do great things in the classroom this year!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns: Mr. Rish (James\_Rish@scps.k12.fl.us), Mrs. Neyra (Amanda\_Neyra@scps.k12.fl.us), Ms. Rodgers (Carolyn\_Rodgers@scps.k12.fl.us) and Mr. Fabris (Raymond\_Fabris@scps.k12.fl.us).





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# **8TH GRADE US HISTORY**

Dear Parents and Students, welcome to 8th grade U.S. History (Standard, ADV, and PRE-AP)!

It's going to be an excellent year because we have a new textbook, TCI History Alive! *The United States Through Industrialism*. Each student will also complete work from their own copy of the Interactive Student Notebook, which goes right along with the new textbook.

During the first nine weeks grading period, the 8th grade U.S. History teachers will be teaching the following content: The First Americans (pages 3-23), European Exploration and Settlement (pages 25-45), The English Colonies in North America (pages 47-63), Life in the Colonies (pages 65-81), AND Toward Independence (pages 87-105).

During the second nine weeks grading period, we will be covering The Declaration of Independence (pages 107-113), The American Revolution (pages 119-133), Creating the Constitution (pages 145-159), The Constitution: A More Perfect Union (pages 165-181), The Bill of Rights (pages 183-199) and Launching the New Republic (pages 200-223).

In Advanced and PRE-AP U.S. History classes, students are required to complete a "National History Day" project (also known as "NHD"). **This year's 2019-2020 NHD theme is "BREAKING BARRIERS IN HISTORY."** Students and parents, please refer to the NHD website to find out the rules, categories, and expectations for the NHD projects: www.nhd. org. All NHD projects will be due mid-January 2020. Lastly, the county-wide SCPS NHD Fair will be held sometime in Feb/March 2020...more specific details are TBA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT! We look forward to a productive and successful year! 8th grade is a crucial year since students are preparing for the academic rigor of high school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns: Mr. Bastian (michael\_bastian@scps.k12.fl.us), Mr. Klump (tom\_klump@scps.k12.fl.us), Mr. Fabris (raymond\_fabris@scps.k12.fl.us) and Ms. Manuel (melissa\_manuel@scps.k12.fl.us).

# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILIES

Common Assessments will be administered at the end of each nine week grading period.

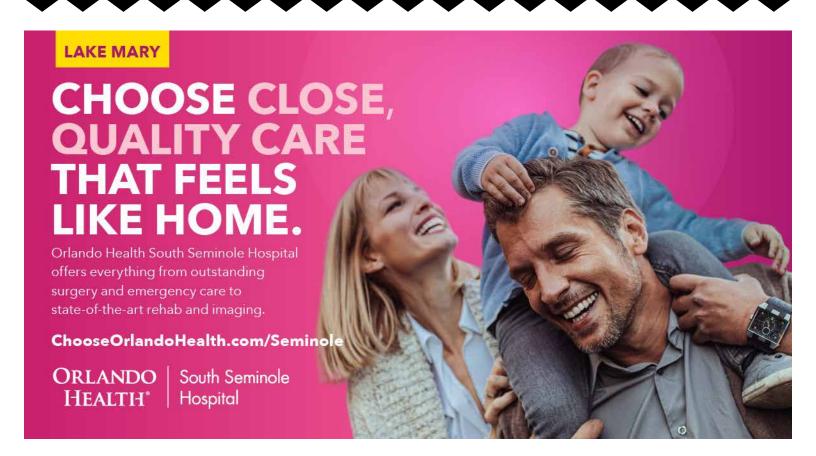
Students across all three grade levels have been using the following strategies to increase their achievement in reading and writing: Document-Based Questions (or "DBQs"), analyzing primary and secondary sources in history, and using textual evidence to support an argument. Other instructional strategies that we will be utilizing with the students include "CRQs" (or Constructed Response Questions) and "CERs" (Claim-Evidence-Reasoning).

Each student at Teague was provided with a pencil and a spiral notebook on the first day of school. Thank you for always helping your child to be prepared with the proper supplies for each class.

Please note: Students can find the textbook online in the "CLEVER" system under CLASS TOOLS—SOCIAL STUDIES. Students, please click on their appropriate social studies textbook tile to access the online digital information. For students and families who do NOT have online access, please have your child let his or her teacher know. Teague will assign a textbook to your child as long as it is returned.

Social Studies Families: Don't forget! If you are interested in scheduling a parent-teacher conference, please call Guidance at 407-320-1554.

Make it a GREAT year, Tigers!-Teague Social Studies Department

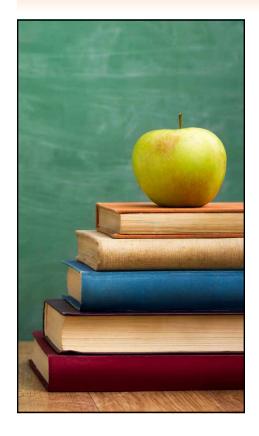




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# **COUNSELOR CORNER**

Greeting from your Teague School Counselors! It's hard to believe it's already that time to be thinking ahead to the 2020-2021 school year. The counselors will be visiting elementary school in preparation for our incoming 6th graders and will be involved in the articulation and registration process for our current students. We will be working closely with our elementary feeder schools as well as local high schools to coordinate this process. Be on the lookout for your student to bring home their course selection papers in January. Lake Brantley will also be on campus to work with our future high school students regarding their registrations and course selections. Please continue to check the email blasts and school websites for more information. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact your child's school counselor.

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