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# FOR THE PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY OF TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL





# **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Friends of Teague Middle School!

We are off to a great start! School has begun, and our classrooms are full of bright students and amazing teachers who are delivering great lessons.

We have got some things coming up soon. Our first Back to School Dance will be held on September 24th from 3:00 – 5:00. We are expecting that our students are going to have an awesome time. As we plan for future events, if you would like to volunteer as a chaperone, please do sign up as Dividend on the SCPS website.

We are planning for our first Fundraiser, Mega Blast. Students will bring information home August 25th. Last year, we were able to use the money raised to purchase new technology devices for our students. We are hoping to do the same this year. We could really use more devices in our classrooms, and our students deserve to work with updated technology.

Please join me in welcoming new staff members:

- Band Director Mackenzie Dyckoff Chorus Teacher – Cicily Youngblood
- ELA Melissa Hester and Diane Robertson ESE Taylor Thompson and Greg Prado
- ESOL/Reading Diane Klebanow, Maeve Santos, Brittany Hayward Carrie San Filippo,
- Science, Jessie LoBello, Tia Shuler, Jessica Sprague, Patricia Stewart, Social Studies – Stephanie Bague Mathematics – Stephen Hester, Anthony Connelly, Gino Pirillo, Michael Robb
- Technician Abner Morales Custodial Staff Nelerma Martinez, Steven Riddell

We want to remind everyone that we are no longer providing free breakfast and lunch for EVERY STUDENT. We urge everyone to apply for free or reduced meals at https:// diningservices.scps.us/

I like to challenge our students each week to make great choices, and to follow up with a proverb that leads to

**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.

Please visit our website for more information about our school. www.teague.scps.k12.fl.us



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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

good character. I thought that at the beginning of this year, I'd share a tidbit with you.

In Mexico, there is a saying that goes this way" With a good beginning, half the task is done". (Buen principio la mitad es hecha).





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If this is true, then Teague Middle School is off to a good beginning and a great likelihood of having an awesome year. Please know that your voice is always welcome here at Teague, and we urge you to fit your niche here. We need parents to chaperone, work with PTSA, School Advisory Council, Band Boosters, and other supports. Research has proven that when parents are involved, students do better in school.

Let's work together to ensure the best year possible for our students! Here's to a great year.

Respectfully,

Connie & Collins

Connie E. Collins, Ed. D. *Principal* 

#### PTSA

## Join PTSA today is easy and helps support Teague Middle School.

PTSA needs you! Sign up today for Teague's PTSA. We have lots of exciting events planned for this school year and we want you to be part of the planning, input, and participate in all the great events. We are currently planning spirit nights, fundraisers, dances, and much much more. PTSA is for Parents, Teachers, and Students. It's so easy to sign up. Below is a link to our PTSA store. Go ahead and get your membership today. We also have new shirts, hoodies, and other great items to buy. Get yours now and you can pick it up on schedule pick up day at the PTSA table. There will also be PTSA shirts for sale that day. They may sell out so get yours early. Go to the Teague Middle School website. Then click the tab "Get Involved" and the link to the PTSA information is right there.

\$5

Membership Fees are:

- Parent Guardian
  \$10
- Teague Faculty & Staff \$5
- Students

Teague PTSA Store: https://teaguemiddlefl.memberhub.com/ store

> Contact info: TeagueMiddlePTSA@gmail.com



# **LANGUAGE ARTS**

As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, students will be introduced to the new Florida B.E.S.T. Standards and new language arts materials in the classroom and online. Parents can access information about the new B.E.S.T. standards using the links below by grade level:

ELA Grade 6: https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7539/urlt/pgg-6-standards.pdf ELA Grade 7: https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7539/urlt/pgg-7-standards.pdf ELA Grade 8: https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7539/urlt/pgg-8-standards.pdf

All language arts students will be taking two baseline assessments in September to obtain student data points in reading and writing to assist teachers in planning for instruction and to measure future student growth.

School is not the only place a student can make progress. Please engage nightly with your student in conversation about what they are learning at school, the activities they are performing, and any communication sent home by the district, school or teachers. Set aside a dedicated space at a designated time for homework or reading for your student. Scheduling a weekly family meeting to review grades and assignments is a worthwhile investment to model early academic management. The partnership between parents, students and teachers is essential to a student's overall growth whether at school or at home!

Greetings parents and students,

Teague middle school is a proud PBIS school. Positive behavior intervention support starts with our 4 expectations. We are tigers and we ROAR!

# Respect, Organized, Accountable, and Ready to Learn!!

What does PBIS do for Teague Middle School?

- Provide positive incentives for all student and teachers/staff
- Look at school wide behavior systems to help reduce problematic behaviors
- Use discipline data to help reduce unwanted behaviors and provide teachers with interventions when needed.
- Promote a positive learning climate and reward students for demonstrating positive behaviors.
- Help make Teague fun! and much more.









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### PBIS

# **TEAGUE ATHLETICS**

Boys and Girls Volleyball Cross Country Track and Field Boys and Girls Basketball 1st Nine Weeks 2nd Nine Weeks 3rd Nine Weeks 4th Nine weeks

#### <u>Requirements</u>

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Be in good standing with discipline
- Pay a \$50 Sports fee
- Submit a sports physical before the first game (one physical can be used for all sports)
- Be able to practice and attend Wednesday Games
- Each sport has a Saturday Championship.
- All Schedules will be released at Tryouts
- Release and Consent (distributed at school during lunches)

Athletic Director: Kelvin Ferrell Assistant Athletic Coordinator: Jeff Norton

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Hello 8th grade parents!

The Comprehensive Science 3 teachers are excited to begin the 2022-2023 school year! This year's 8th grade Science course includes 6 units integrating Earth, Life and Physical Science into each one.

Every student will need a composition notebook for each semester and will use this as their interactive textbook.

To support your child in Comprehensive Science, please check their notebook regularly and talk to them about the content inside!

We look forward to a wonderful year! 8th Grade Science Teachers









# **GRAPHIC DESIGN AND CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY**

Teague students are talking about our Career and Technical Education (CTE) Innovation of Institute Program of Emphasis called: Graphic Design and Creative Photography.

Students taking graphic design will learn several topics in the **innovative world of visual communication**, and how **graphic design** is all around us virtually and throughout our community. Students will explore graphic design communication through understanding fundamental aspects of graphic elements and principles, and how to apply the graphic design process steps to support and implement client designs through project-based learning experiences.

Students taking **creative photography** will learn introductory **photography skills** that will allow them to be creative in using digital cameras to inspire their future success in the world of photography. Students will explore various types and styles of photography through lighting techniques, staging and so much more to produce a marketable photography collection that represents real-world project-based learning experiences.

**Sherrita Alexander, Ed.S** Graphic Design/Creative Photography



### **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILIES**

Common Assessments will be administered at the end of each nine-week grading period. Please check the Teague website for more information.

Students who are learning at home during absences: please communicate with teachers when you are struggling. There are several students who are not participating in online learning and teachers are doing their best to make sure that every student receives equitable instruction. Please reach out anytime and know that we are all are here to support our Teague families!

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).

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.

Thank you for always helping your child to be prepared with the proper supplies for each class whether your child is enrolled in remote learning, hybrid learning, or Face-to-face instruction this year.

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

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#### **6TH GRADE PLC**

Welcome to the 2022-2023 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 will cover some very extraordinary topics! Students begin with investigating the term "history" and have reflected on why it's important to study. We will explore the key details and wonders of geography as well as discovering how to examine maps and other primary sources. We will then move through how human cultures began with hunter-gatherer societies, the discovery of farming and Mesopotamia being the "cradle of civilization." We will overview ancient laws in our first DBQ Project of the year while investigating whether Hammurabi's Code was just or fair to ancient Babylonian society.

Students are given ample time to complete assignments both in class and at home if needed. If you have any questions about your World History students' class please contact their teacher Ms. Bague, Mr. Bastian or Mr. Rish.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns: Mr. Rish (James\_Rish@scps.k12.fl.us), Ms. Bague (baguesz@scps.k12.fl.us) and Mr. Bastian (Michael\_Bastin@scps.k12.fl.us).

### **7TH GRADE PLC**

Attention Awesome 7th Grade Families:

We have an exciting first quarter coming our way. We first learn what it means to be a citizen and the steps to become one if you move here from another country. We explore the major political parties and how they are shaped by the ideals of American Citizens as well as how the smaller parties contribute to the political space. We see how these Political Parties and the Media get messages across through a unit on Propaganda and Media Techniques, and finally we wrap up with the foundations of our government with the study of famous Enlightenment thinkers and documents that lead to the founding of our country!

We are so excited to watch our students do great things in the classroom this year! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns: Ms. Stein (steinaz@scps.k12.fl.us), Ms. Cowan (Diana\_Cowan@scps.k12.fl.us) and Mr. Fabris (fabrisrz@scps.k12.fl.us).



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#### **8TH GRADE PLC**

Dear Parents & Students,

Welcome to 8th grade U.S. History (Standard, ADV, and PRE-AP)! We look forward to working with your child and with you to ensure his or her academic success.

The U.S. History textbook, TCI History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism, can be accessed through the CLEVER PORTAL. It is the purple "TCI" tile. *Please note: Students can find the textbook online in the "CLEVER" Portal system under CLASS TOOLS—SOCIAL STUDIES. Students, please click on the purple "TCI" tile to access the online textbook because* **TCI** *is the name of the textbook publisher.* 

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).

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

Students in U.S. History classes will be using the following strategies to increase their achievement in reading and writing: 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 the s3 vocabulary strategies, various Kagan cooperative learning strategies, and DBQ writing strategies along with the Paraphrasing writing strategy to increase student achievement.

Thank you for always helping your child to be prepared with the proper supplies for each class. Our supply list is very basic. Please have a pen or pencil and paper at all times including a folder.

In PRE-AP U.S. History classes and ADV U.S. History classes, students will complete a "National History Day" project (also known as "NHD"). **The 2022-2023 theme is Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas.** Students and parents, please refer to the NHD website to find out the rules, categories, and expectations for the NHD projects: **www.nhd.org.** 

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT! We look forward to a productive and successful year!

Eighth 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. Klump (tom\_klump@scps.k12.fl.us), Mr. King (dave\_king@scps.k12.fl.us) and Ms. Manuel (melissa\_manuel@scps.k12.fl.us).

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