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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Friends of Teague Middle School:

We're excitedly planning for a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. My hope is that everyone has had a great summer and is ready to return for the BEST school year ever!

We've been busy preparing our school and hiring new staff for our students. Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members:

ELA: Yolanda Williams, Anne Martin

Math: Megan Askins, Allison Grant

Social Studies: Catherine Ondrey, Peggy Leis

Technology: Stephen Bernhardt

ESOL: Jennifer Lopez, Daneka Hillery-Kingston.

We are still adding to our staff and expect an additional Social Studies teacher, an Academic Interventionist, and a Speech / Language Pathologist.

I want to remind everyone that we are not providing free breakfast and lunch for EVERY STUDENT. We do urge every parent/guardian to apply for free or reduced lunch at <https://diningservices.scps.us/>.

Parents, we are asking your support of Teague to make our school the best school ever. You can help by ensuring that students are here and on time daily. Make sure that you have a log-in for your child's eCampus site so that you can regularly check assignments, grades, and attendance. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. Together we can ensure that our students perform at their best! Please consider joining PTSA and becoming a member of the School Advisory Council. We welcome your participation and input.

We've got some important dates ahead:

- August 8th – Schedule Pick Up – All grades
Meet Administration Staff 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM – Cafeteria
- August 10th – Students Return to School
- September 4th – Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- September 14th – OPEN HOUSE 6:00 PM
- September 21st – Student School Pictures

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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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about our school.**

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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You may have heard that I often talk to our students about the importance of making good choices every day. Please indulge me!

The beginning of the school year can be exciting. It's like starting with a clean slate—a chance for new friends, new goals, and new accomplishments. It's a chance to choose differently, knowing we're a little older and a little wiser than last year, knowing that the choices we make today determine the outcome later. There's an American proverb that says it this way: "From good beginnings come good endings".

Let's choose to make a good beginning. Let's promise ourselves and each other to be the very best we can be this year—to be better students, to honor each other's differences, and to encourage each other's success.

Respectfully,

Connie E. Collins, Ed. D., Principal



TEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide quality education that builds a foundation for life-long learning in a safe, respectful, inclusive, innovative environment. Teague Middle School will develop well-rounded students who are prepared to cope with a rapidly changing world by instilling in them innovative thinking, a global perspective, and respect for core values of honesty, loyalty, perseverance, diversity, collaboration, and compassion. which will develop capacity to compete in an increasingly complex world.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August

8/9/2023...9am-12pm...Schedule Pickup
8/24/2023.....Mega Blast Kickoff
8/29/2023.....6th Grade
Health Screening

September

9/4/2023.....No School
9/14/2023...6pm-8pm...Open House
9/21/2023.....Picture Day



DROP OFF AND PICK UP

For your students' safety, please do NOT drop students off before 8:45AM. We have NO provision for student supervision before that time. There is a KID ZONE PROGRAM LOCATED IN THE CAFETERIA IF YOU NEED TO DROP STUDENTS OFF BEFORE THAT TIME.

PLEASE DO USE THE CAR LINE IN THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL FOR PICK UP. TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS PRETTY SERIOUS IN THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, AND THERE IS LIMITED PARKING. We have worked with the Sheriff's office for viable alternatives to our traffic issues, but there does not seem to be a viable solution, except extraordinary care and patience.

CELL PHONES!!!!

ALERT!!!!

Cell phones ARE NOT TO be used in classrooms unless it is with EXPLICIT TEACHER PERMISSION AND FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. Students who need to make a call home can utilize school phones to do so with teacher's permission.

While this is not a new school policy, it has now been signed into STATUTE BY Gov. Ron DeSantis.

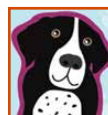
Please speak to your students about the importance of NOT USING CELL PHONES DURING CLASS UNLESS THE TEACHER EXPLICITLY DIRECTS SUCH USAGE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES.



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Dear Parents and 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 their academic success this year.

The U.S. History textbook, TCI History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism, can be accessed through the CLEVER PORTAL. It is the "TCI" tile.

8TH GRADE U.S. HISTORY

We will have brand new textbooks this year so please take care of them. Students will also be issued a Workbook, which normally stays in class, because students usually tear the pages out as the teachers assign them. Please note: Students can find the textbook online in the "CLEVER" Portal system under CLASS TOOLS—SOCIAL STUDIES. Students, please click on the "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: Studying History Through Inquiry, Key Themes in History, Indigenous Peoples of North America, European Colonization in the Americas, Comparing the English Colonies, and Life in the Colonies.

During the second nine weeks grading period, we will be covering Toward Independence, The Declaration of Independence, The American Revolution, Creating the Constitution, The Constitution, and The Bill of Rights.

Common Assessments will be administered at the end of each nine-week grading period. Students must study for them using the study guides that will be provided to each of them whenever possible.

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 PEEL writing strategy 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. Basic supplies that students should bring to class include a pen or pencil, paper, and a folder.

In PRE-AP U.S. History classes, students are required to complete a "National History Day" project (also known as "NHD"). This year's 2023-2024 NHD theme has not been released yet. Students and parents, please refer to the NHD website to find out the rules, categories, and expectations for the NHD projects: www.nhd.org (specific instructions will be provided in Pre-AP U.S. History classes for the NHD projects). The NHD projects are usually due at the end of January 2024/ beginning of February 2024. Most of this NHD project is to be completed by students at home.

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. 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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7TH GRADE ELA

Congratulations to Alexis Brasoveanu and Caitlin Shields for their winning submissions in the Study Sync's 10th Annual Media Contest. Both girls earned the distinction of "Best of the Southeast."

6TH GRADE SCIENCE

As summer wraps up and the 2023-2024 school year is ready to begin, we would like to welcome your child to 6th grade science! This is going to be an exciting year!

We look forward to creating a discovery-based and fun learning environment for your child! Comprehensive Science involves 6 units that involve Earth, Life and Physical Science concepts and standards throughout each unit. **Materials needed daily for science include:**

A composition notebook, (one for each semester) a folder with pockets, pencil/pen and a basic calculator and a one-time lab donation to help with the costs of lab supplies each week.

To prepare for middle school science, students should be ready for independent, partner and group activities, discovery-based learning, weekly homework assignments, quizzes and maintaining/being responsible for an interactive notebook. Our first unit will involve metric measurement, scientific processes and experiments.

PTSA

Join PTSA

Parents and Friends of Teague Middle School,

Teague PTSA invites your participation this year! We are going to need your involvement and support more than ever before. We want to invite ALL Teague parents, students, staff, faculty & community, including SCVS Save My Seat and Seminole Connect to join. We want to ensure that every child, regardless of their mode of instruction, feels a part of Teague Middle School.

Membership is \$10.00-Parents/Faculty/Staff; \$5.00-Students per year and can be paid online by clicking the link below. We also need volunteers periodically.

You can **join** PTSA at <https://teaguemiddlefl.new.memberhub.store/store>. If you are interested in **volunteering**, please email TeagueMiddlePTSA@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your participation and support.

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- SNEAKERS. Per our SCPS dress code, sneakers are the ONLY shoes permitted in PE class.
- Identified a pair of sweatpants and a sweatshirt or jacket to wear if the weather is cool.

Optional but Strongly Encouraged:

- Personal water bottle labeled with first and last name.
- Deodorant
- Washcloth/wipes
- Drawstring backpack so that they may easily take their belongings home each day.

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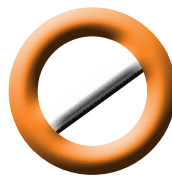
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- Students will be required to try-out for Volleyball and Basketball (tryout dates TBD and will be posted on the Teague website, social media pages, as well as announced to students on TNN).
- All students **trying out** must provide a Consent and Release form signed by the parent.
- If your child is chosen on a team, one parent/guardian must attend an informational meeting (date to TBD by coach) and the student must have a current school sports physical.
 - Each sport will have a fee of \$50 (to offset the cost of buses, coaching and officials).
 - Parents are encouraged to come to all games and meets (volleyball and basketball games require a small door charge to cover gym costs).
 - Practices days are determined by the coach but are usually in the afternoons after school.
 - Games and meets are played on campus or at one of the middle schools in Seminole County.
 - Transportation to away games/meets is provided by SCPS.
 - All Parent Consent and Sports Physical Forms can be found on the Teague website.
 - Prospective student-athletes must have ALL physical and clearance paperwork updated annually and turned in to Teague Middle School. Only those student-athletes cleared by the school will be released and eligible for participation in athletic events

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