8th Grade Open House

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

-Nelson Mandela
Welcome to 8th Grade American History

Mrs. Hopkins

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MRS. HOPKINS

I am an 8th grade Social Studies teacher here at North Middle. I have my BS in Political Science from the University of Missouri St. Louis and my Master of Education from Lindenwood University.

I believe in setting achievable but challenging goals for each student while trying to make their learning authentic (involving real world problems).

Social Studies allow students to learn skills ranging from reading a map to framing an argument. It also teaches students to assess the validity of evidence, evaluate conflicting points of view and apply facts in order to make informed decisions.
This course explores American History from the Age of Exploration through the Civil War. It integrates geography, economics, government and the study of different cultures while investigating American History.

Students will gain a better understanding of the world they live in by studying the past through primary and secondary sources, critical thinking, projects and cooperative learning.
HELLO!

I am Lauren Chadbourne and I am extremely excited to be your child’s teacher this year. I am ECSTATIC to be back IN PERSON and ready to form relationships with each student/parent.

This school year marks my 21st year in the Hazelwood School District. I started at Kirby Middle School (now the Opportunity Center) for 7 years and transferred over to North when the building opened. I have been teaching 8th grade for 19 of those 21 years, so I have a vast knowledge of the subject area.

I have a wonderful family consisting of my husband, Seth, and our two daughters, Camryn (8) and Avery (5). I also have two fabulous bonus children, Seth Evan (22) and Madison (20). Some of my hobbies include reading, working out, running, bowling and spending time with my family.
In 8th grade, we will be learning AMERICAN HISTORY -- which is TOTALLY different from your child’s 6th and 7th grade years. We will discuss everything from the Pilgrims to the Civil War. We will begin our historical journey with the Native Americans/European Exploration and then jump into the 13 Colonies. Next, we will progress into the American Revolution, the Constitution, Manifest Destiny and end our year with the Civil War.

HOW TO CONTACT ME...

My preferred method of communication is EMAIL. I will respond to your emails almost immediately.

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MRS. BEERS
ELA
ROOM 314

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I have been teaching for many years....

- I started teaching the soldiers and preparing them for the rank testing at Ft. Hood in Texas
- I taught 4th grade with Normandy for three years
- I taught 7th grade ELA at the old Kirby (now East Middle) for 7 years
- I have been here at North since the building opened teaching 8th grade ELA
Expectations for Class

Late Work

- Late work happens; however, there are a few critical points for you to know.
- Once a unit is completed and the assessment has been taken, work for that unit will **no longer be accepted. There are NO exceptions to this rule.**
- You have only one week after a due date to turn in a missing assignment for full credit.

NOTE: Please know that the task will be graded; yet, there will be a longer time period before being updated is SIS due to my time remaining focused on current tasks and feedback.

Grade Checks

- The one or two weeks prior to the end of the term is not the time to ask “What can I do to bring up my grade?”
- You need to check your grade for ELA every week as all work will be updated every weekend.

- Weekly grade checks is the time for you to take action for any zeros marked in SIS.
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“There will be a few addins and changes as we navigate this year and see areas of concern due to our virtual year of school.”
WELCOME TO OUR CLASSROOM! WHO ARE WE?

Mr. Michael Toigo

Ms. Susan Hopkins

Mr. Toigo and Ms. Hopkins have been working together as 8th grade ELA co-teachers since 2017. Their goal is to create long lasting relationships with each and every student in their classroom, while pushing them out of their comfort zones to achieve things they never thought possible.
WHAT DO WE EXPECT?

**CLASS**
- Arrive on time
- Come prepared:
  - Chromebook
  - Charger
  - Pencil/ Pen
- Complete the Do-Now each day.
- Participate in:
  - Teacher-lead discussions
  - Group works
  - Independent practice

**HOMEWORK**
- Turn in homework on time.
- There will be a late penalty for any work turned in past the due date.
- If you are absent the day the homework was assigned, you will either be exempt from the assignment or it will be due the day after the original due date.

**CONTACT INFO**
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MS. SUSAN HOPKINS
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CLASS PHONE: 314-953-7576
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Reading Workshop

Exploring new worlds through many platforms.
Writer’s Workshop

Essays

Poetry

Narrative Writing

Persuasive Writing

Research Writing

Writing About the Reading

WRITE! WRITE! WRITE!
ALL THROUGH GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Dr. Niketia Coleman
ncoleman@hazelwoodschools.org

Email is the BEST way to reach me.

Supplies:
Composition notebooks, markers, colored pencils, small scissors, Glue sticks, ink pens
8th grade English Language Arts with...

Ms. Becoat
she/her/hers
nbecoat@hazelwoodschools.org
This year, we will embark on a journey together as we navigate the Hazelwood English Language Arts curriculum.

We will work on Reading, Writing, Vocabulary, Speaking and Listening and Language Skills.

Please note that several online platforms will be utilized during the year.
Classroom...

What does my student need?

All students must have a Composition Notebook and Chromebook.

Will my student have homework?

Yes, frequently. Most homework will be posted in Google Classroom.
B-Believes in students!
E-Excited to teach in person again!
C-Compassionate!
O-Open-minded!
A-Abolitionist Teacher!
T-Thinks Critically!

Education is about the practice of freedom.
~bell hooks
Where I stand

I believe education is a liberatory practice. It's primary functions must be to encourage critical thinking, discourse, liberation, agency, diversity and respect for humanity.

Everyone has his or her own way of learning things. His way isn't the same as mine, nor mine as his. But, we are both in search of our destinies, and I respect him for that.

~Paolo Coelho, *The Alchemist*
Education

B.S. English Education
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Dec. 2002

M.Ed. Educational Theory and Practice
Arkansas State University
May 2017

Currently pursuing my EdD
Social Justice in Education
UMSL
c/o 2024
North Middle School
Open House
Mrs. Agbaroji & Ms. Schatz
8th Grade Mathematics
September 2, 2021

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Meet the Teacher-Mrs. Agbaroji

Hello family! This will be my 26 year of teaching mathematics. I have a Bachelor's of Science in Middle School Mathematics, a Master’s Degree in Education Administration, and an Education Specialist Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

My husband, two children and I love to travel and explore new adventures.

I absolutely can't wait to experience many of our educational moments. I love projects and require students to complete one with each unit. This is a way to showcase our mathematics skills while adding a touch of creativity.

We're going to have an awesome time this year. Welcome aboard!
Meet the Teacher - Ms. Schatz

Good Evening!
I still enjoy teaching after 27 years! I have a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in Special Education, Cross Category, Mild to Moderate. I have a daughter and son in law that lives out of state with my three grand puppies.

My heart is joy is Bella, my 3 1/2 pound Yorkie that thinks she is a Rottweiler.

I will be working with all students within the classroom, teaching strategies that makes learning mathematics easier.

Welcome to our class!
Attendance & Grades & Materials

Grades will be updated weekly (usually over the weekend). Students are expected to be in class daily. When your student miss class, they are able access the daily work from the Google Classroom. Please contact Mrs. Agbaroji or Ms. Schatz if you would like to access Google Classroom.

Materials Needed

- 2 subject notebooks (1 for warm ups and 1 for math work)
- Textbook
- Chromebook
- Writing Utensils
Classwork/Homework Information

Assignment and all classroom assignments will be located in your student's specific Google Classroom. If you have issues being able to access the Google Classroom, please reach out to Mrs. Agbaroji or Ms. Schatz. We will make sure that you are able to join your student's classroom so that you can also be informed of the day to day in Classroom information.

We will post assignments, reminders, and project information including the deadlines in Google Classroom.
Units of Study

Unit 1: Real Number
Unit 2: Equations in One Variable
Unit 3: Functions
Unit 4: Geometry
Unit 5: Probability and Statistics
Hello!

Mrs. Nettesheim

I am your child’s science teacher this year.

This is my 5th year teaching 8th Grade Science at North Middle.

I am excited to work with you and your child to make this a great year!
8th Grade Science Units

- The Universe
- Fossils, Rocks, & Plate Tectonics
- How Matter Changes - Intro to Chemistry
- Photosynthesis, Cell Respiration, Energy Transformations
General Class Information

Homework
- Students should not have science homework. Ample time is given in class to complete work.

Retakes
- Retakes are always an option, however there are certain requirements the students must meet and it is the student’s responsibility to request the retake.

Late work
- Will be accepted up to one week after the due date
- Please make every effort to submit assignments on time
Materials & Contact Info
Mrs. Nettesheim

Daily Materials:
- Chromebook with charger
- Folder or small binder
- Headphones

Contact Information:
- Email: dnettesheim@hazelwoodschools.org
- Phone: (314)953-7561
I’m Mr. Penningroth

Teaching Background

I have been a teacher in Hazelwood since 2000 and have been at North Middle since the building opened in 2007. Overall, I have been teaching for 23 years.

I have taught 6th and 8th grade science here at North Middle as well as 8th grade math. I taught 7th grade science when I taught in the Meramec Valley School District before I came to Hazelwood.
Units of Study

Unit 1: The Universe: Far and Wide

Unit 2: Earth’s Geologic Past: Fossils, Rocks, and Plate Tectonics

Unit 3: How Matter Changes: Chemical & Physical Properties & Changes

Unit 4: Living Things Need Energy: Photosynthesis, Cellular Respiration, & How Energy Flow and Transforms
Daily Materials:
- Chromebook with charger
- Folder or small binder
- Headphones

Contact Information:

Email me at rpenning@hazelwoodschools.org

School phone: (314)953-7560
Ms. Campbell
8th Grade Math

- 7th year teaching, 2nd year at North Middle.
- I have a Bachelor's degree in Middle School Math & currently working towards my Master’s in Secondary Counseling.
- 14 year old son who is a freshman in high school.
8th Grade Math – Pre Algebra

Topics Covered:
▶ The Number System
▶ Expressions & Equations
▶ Functions
▶ Geometry
▶ Statistics & Probability
Students need to come to class prepared everyday.

Supplies:
- Course 3 Math Book
- Notebook/Binder
- Pencil
- Charged chromebook
HOMEWORK & ASSIGNMENTS

● Homework:
  ○ 3 to 4 times a week
  ○ Assigned through Aleks

● All assignments, announcements, reminders, etc. will be posted in Google Classroom.
Grades

- Grades will be updated in SIS weekly (usually over the weekend)
- Late work is accepted up until the end of the term.
- It is important that students stay up to date with their class and homework assignments. Math topics build upon each other throughout the year and it is very challenging to get caught up when behind.
Email is the best way to reach me:
LCampbell1@hazelwoodschools.org
Mr. Edwards

8th Grade Math
Room 309

This is my sixth year in education. I previously taught overseas and for St. Louis Public Schools. I’m very excited to be joining the North Middle community this year!

My preferred contact is email at:
cedwards3@hazelwoodschools.org
What We’ll Learn This Year

Unit 1: The Number System
  Real Numbers
Unit 2: Expressions and Equations
  Equations in One Variable
  Equations in Two Variables
Unit 3: Functions
  Functions
Unit 4: Geometry
  Triangles and the Pythagorean Theorem
  Transformations
  Congruence and Similarity
  Volume and Surface Area
Unit 5: Statistics and Probability
  Scatter Plots and Data Analysis
Expectations

The purpose of this course is to create math thinkers in preparation for high school and college.

Answers must be accompanied by an explanation and reasoning. (How and why did you get that answer?)

We will be doing work in our math textbooks and on Google Classroom.

   Students should come prepared with a charged Chromebook, paper, and a Pencil.

Late work will be accepted until the end of the Unit
Dr. Waddell, 8th Grade
Math/Algebra 1

Certifications:
Elementary Education,
Mathematics 5-9,
Mathematics 9-12

Degrees: Bachelor of Science, Information Technology
Master of Education, Elementary Education
Doctor of Philosophy, Educational Psychology

16th Year teaching, all at HSD
15th Year Teaching 8th grade math
10th year at North Middle School
Class Information

• We are *partners* in education
• Expect weekly emails and progress reports
• Contact me ASAP if you have any questions
• Students will have homework on most nights. 30-minute rule
• Success requires persistent *engagement*
  *I can teach you but I cannot learn for you*
• We have a wealth of resources…
8th Grade Office Staff

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Mr. Elmore (314)953-7565
delmore@hazelwoodschools.org

Dr. Holland (314)953-7564
sholland@hazelwoodschools.org