

WELCOME TO THETA POD

2022-2023

Dear Theta Families:

We are excited to begin a new year in Theta Pod and we are pleased to have your student with us. As an introduction to 8th grade, we'd like to tell you a little bit about the classes we offer.



Mrs. Bartz

Mrs. Danielle Bartz is the Math teacher. Students will study algebra, learning about solving equations and inequalities, exponents, linear equations and functions, graphing lines on a coordinate plane, and other various super fun math topics!



Language Arts **Ms. Larson**

Ms. Erica Larson is the Language Arts teacher. In 8th grade, we up the ante in your reading and writing skills quite a bit. You will read three novels, write a personal narrative, a persuasive paper, and a research paper. You will be writing daily to increase your writing fluency, so get ready! Finally, you will have A LOT of fun. My goal is to make your view of Language Arts, reading, and writing more positive even if you already love it!



Geography **Mr. Johannes**

Mr. Alexander Johannes is the Geography teacher. Welcome to world geography! We will be exploring topics regarding map skills, longitude & latitude, Africa, Asia, North & South America, Europe, Australia/Oceania, and the Middle East region. We will use the 5 geography themes (Movement, Location, Place, Human-Environment Interaction, and Region) to help us explore the world.



Science **Mr. Dufault**

Mr. Garrett Dufault will be teaching Earth Science. We will learn and explore the interrelationship between the earth, air, space, life, and water. Areas of emphasis are astronomy, oceanography, geology, meteorology, and the history and nature of science.

Special Education Inclusion **Mrs. Harris**

Mrs. Danielle Harris is the Special Education teacher. She will be in charge of the IEP's and the academic support in the classroom for these students. If you have an email address, that would be very helpful in communicating with her.

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Get Theta Updates Via  remind

What is Remind?

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share important updates and reminders with students and parents. Subscribe by Remind app or text. All personal information is kept private, teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs. Visit remind.com to learn more.

How to Sign Up for Theta Remind

1. To receive messages via app:

- Download the remind app
- Choose +Join a class
- Enter @thetapod

2. To receive messages via text:

- Text @thetapod to 81010
- You may opt-out anytime by replying unsubscribe @thetapod

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For Personal Use

- **4 folders:** Please label - Science, Language Arts, Geography & Algebra
- **5 notebooks:** Please label - Science, Geography, Algebra (2→ 1 for notes, 1 for assignments), & CE (Current Events)
- **You may need more notebooks for elective classes**
- **#2 Pencils**
- **Pens – must be blue or black**
- **Highlighter**
- **Basic/simple calculator**

For Pod Use

- **2 boxes of tissues**
- **1 pack of colored pencils (Optional)**
- **1 pack of markers (Optional)**
- **1-2 pack of #2 pencils**
- **2 glue sticks (Optional)**
- **1 ream of white printer paper**
- **Donation - \$5 science labs**
- **Optional - 4 pack of food coloring**



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Family Access / Skyward:

<https://parentweb.bemidji.k12.mn.us/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsFam/fwemnu01.w>