



2017/2018 CLASS INFORMATION/ SUPPLY LISTS

Welcome to Banner Christian School !

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Welcome to Physical Education!

I look forward to another year of Physical Education. In this class, we will aim to develop students' physical competency and knowledge of movement. We will also aim to develop their ability to use these movements in order to perform a wide range of exercises and activities. We will use various testing methods to measure their development.

It is our goal that as we teach the importance physical activity has in maintaining a healthy body, students will take personal responsibility to integrate exercise as part of their daily lifestyle. We also believe that regular extended exercise benefits the whole person; mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Mr. Ivill

Physical Education classes are divided as follows:

- K5-5th grade - Co-ed. The whole class participates together.
- 6th-8th grade - boys and girls are separated by gender into their own class.
- 9th-10th grade - Co-ed. The whole class participates together.

This will be my 11th year at Banner as Athletic Director and Physical Education teacher. I graduated with a B.S. in physical education from Elon University and am a Registered Athletic Administrator with the NIAAA, National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. I have coached baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer and volleyball. I am an avid Carolina Panther, UNC and Atlanta Braves fan.

I am married to Mrs. Ivill, the Lower School Principal, have two sons and will add a granddaughter to the family in November.

Supplies

A Banner PE uniform

Appropriate footwear

Requirements

Be in the foyer dressed ready to go no later than 5 minutes after the bell rings.

Terminate conversations and prepare to begin class when I call you together.

Actively participate in class.

Perform all required activities with a high level of effort and do your best.

Additional information

** If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Please use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Students may wear non-Banner coats with the teacher's permission if the class is going outside and it is cold enough to do so.

** Do not bring a cell phone into class. Leave it in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

25% Dressing out

25% Behavior

50% Participation effort

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Welcome to Honors Algebra 2!

I am looking forward to having you this year in Honors Algebra 2. I will be praying for you and your success in my class. Feel free to contact me by email jp@bannerchristian.org or by calling the Banner main office (276-5200) and leaving a message. I will return your call or respond to your email as soon as possible. Have a great year!

Mrs. Pace

Class Structure:

- One lesson will be taught each day. Students must complete the entire lesson each day for homework. There is usually time in class to get started.
- All work must be done in **pencil** on loose-leaf paper.
- Homework is due at the **beginning** of class the following day and is usually a completion grade.
- Random homework assignments will be graded for accuracy.
- Homework turned in after the beginning of class will be considered late. In case of an emergency such that you are unable to complete your homework, please bring a note from a parent.
- Each student is allowed one grace day per quarter for one homework assignment.
- Tests will usually be given on Thursdays.

Supplies

Textbook (The school will provide this on the first day of class.)

Loose-leaf paper; NO SPIRALS

Graph paper, if desired but not necessary

Pencils

Scientific calculator (You do NOT need a graphing calculator.) I recommend the TI-30XIIS.

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Your books being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class doing your best work.

Homework must be completed prior to the start of the class on the date it is due.

Be aware of homework rules for honors classes.

First Semester: daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Second Semester: No late homework will be accepted.

Miscellaneous Information

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Grading category weights

75% Tests

25% Homework

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Welcome to Honors Drama class!

Honors Drama is an audition only class that focuses on the following areas:

- Theatre Appreciation: reading, watching, and analyzing dramatic literature.
- The Art of Acting: characterization, improvisation, auditioning, and performance
- Speech communication: storytelling, public speaking
- Leadership Development

Ms. Petersen

Please feel free to contact during the year should questions arise @ 804-276-5200 or tpetersen@bannerchristian.org.

Supplies

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking etc.)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class scripts and information. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook etc.)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

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Strive for excellence!

Complete and prepare all assignments prior to class using your **best** work. Because this an Honors class, no late work will be accepted.

Actively participate in class!

Do not be absent on presentation days!

Oral presentations, memorization checks etc., are due the day you are assigned to perform. Please contact me if you become ill or have an extenuating circumstance that causes you to be absent from school. A "no-show" on a performance day will result in a "0." If an approved excused absence causes you to miss your assigned date, be prepared to perform the day that you return.

Additional information

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until after school.

Category weights

60% Performance/Test

40% Classwork/Participation/Homework

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Welcome to Honors Praise Team!

I am so excited about this year's Praise Team class. This year we will be meeting 5 days a week which will allow us to accomplish more than what we were able to accomplish in the past years. Your skills as singers and musicians will be developed. You will be challenged this year spiritually and academically. Come ready to learn, grow, and excel.

Mr. Baugh

Music is my passion and my calling. I have been teaching for 14 years, 9 of those years being at Banner. I graduated from Virginia State University with a Bachelor's degree in Music. I have been the Minister of Music and Praise and Worship leader at Agape Christian Center Church for 17 years. I have 4 beautiful children, Zoe, Zion, Zach, and Zander. I have been married to my lovely wife Elwanda for 12 years. In my free time, I love to write music, learn to play other instruments, and spend time with my family. I love to see students grow and develop in their gifting and musical skills. I enjoy seeing students performing at their most optimum level. I am very excited about what God is going to do through each of you in our class this year.

Supplies

A textbook/ workbook (I will provide this to you)

A Bible

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts, sheet music, praise and worship lyrics or other class work kept for test review purposes.)

A pencil or pen

A highlighter

Reminders

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of class. Work completed after class has begun will be subject to a loss of 10 points per day ("late" being defined as after the first bell of the class period in which it was due). Late work will not be accepted during the second semester.

Actively participate in class discussions and rehearsals.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. Our rehearsal times are precious, so please give your best so that we can grow as a group. I am so excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Honors American Literature! (English 11/12)

Welcome to American Literature! Our class will study a number of novels, short stories, plays, poems, and nonfiction pieces by American authors, examining each piece as a work relative to its placement in an American Literary movement. We will begin with Colonial/Puritan literature, and move through Romanticism, Transcendentalism, Realism/Regionalism/Naturalism, Modernism, and finally contemporary literature. Through discussion, formal and informal writing, and other assignments, we will explore essential questions and integrate biblical concepts by looking at, among other issues, the relationship of Americans to nature/God's Creation, the difficulties of building community/the church, the determination to nurture individualism within Christian concepts, and the tension between conformity and nonconformity. We also will explore concepts central to the study of literature such as plot, theme, symbolism, author's style, genre, satire, regionalism, and historical context. You will complete a number of increasingly sophisticated pieces of writing related to the works we read, asking you to interpret, analyze, and evaluate the work of these American authors. There will be a variety of assessments and activities, and students will present to the class at times. Please note that this is a college preparatory course; plan to work hard to earn your grade.

Mrs. Mireles

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I started my undergraduate studies at Liberty University in the fall of 1985 and finished my undergraduate degree in English at a small Southern Baptist college in Clinton, Mississippi called Mississippi College. I earned a Master's in Education from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1995 and a Post Master's Certificate in Leadership and Supervision in 2010.

If you have any questions about the new school year and this course, please feel free to email me at cmireles@bannerchristian.org.

Supplies

A Bible

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

A 5 Subject spiral-bound notebook with pockets and a marble composition book for journals.

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

Pens, pencils, highlighters, loose-leaf paper, colored pencils/markers, at least 1 red pen, post-it notes, thin point dry-erase markers.

Reminders

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Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due.

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Respect yourself; respect others; respect the class community.

Mrs. Mireles will follow all rules and regulations in the Banner Student Handbook in terms of penalties for late work. Please read over those procedures in the handbook as well as the syllabus supplied at the beginning of the school year.

All rules in the Banner Code of Conduct apply at all times!

1 Corinthians 10:31- "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Additional information

- There is absolutely no eating in the classroom; students may have a CLEAR water bottle with water to drink.
- It is important that students learn to write in complete sentences, capitalize the first word of each sentence, and place an end mark at the end. Each time a student does not do one of these things, he or she will lose a ½ point up to 10 points on one assignment. If the directions indicate that complete sentences are not necessary, this will not apply.
- Students will need a copy of *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne the first marking period and a copy of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain later in the year.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

30% Quizzes & Participation

20% Homework & Classwork

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Welcome to Honors Biology!

Creationism vs evolution, biomes, environment, genetics, cells, the body, all fall under the general term of Biology. Biology deals with the living areas of God's creation, from the microbes to humans, who are God's highest creation. Our living world is very diverse and has much to teach us about the God we serve.

Because Biology is a study of living organisms, students will be doing a genetics project on their family and can look forward to the dissecting of the frog toward the end of the year. I look forward to guiding the students as we pursue our studies about our living world.

Mrs. Wolfe

Some students may know me as the teacher who does smelly dissections. Well, I do that and more. We have a great time with hands on labs, projects, and everyday activities. This will be my third year at Banner. I've been teaching for 30 years, give or take. My favorite subjects are, of course, the sciences. I consider labs a fun thing to do!! I will tell anyone who will listen about my twin sons and my 5 grandchildren. I enjoy volleyball, reading, sewing, and crafty things. (That may be why I like labs!) So come ready to learn about the living part of God's World and how it impacts us. Hopefully, you will find an area of Biology that you really like.

Supplies

1 inch binder with at least 5 dividers

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

Dark Blue or Black pens, pencils

One package baby wipes

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Category weights

40% Tests & Projects

15% Classwork/Homework

25% Quizzes

20% Lab

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Welcome to World History!

I am looking forward to a great year and am excited to have you in class learning about World History. This course will cover the time period of the Renaissance through modern history. This is an interesting subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. As I will allow students to make suggestions at the beginning of the year, please be thinking of history topics you would like for me to cover during the course. There will be topics that are necessary for us to cover, but I would like to pay particular attention to those topics, events, or eras of interest to students.

I will be expecting a lot from you this year, including the areas of class behavior and conduct towards other classmates. You will be challenged academically and spiritually, but I know you are able to do all that will be asked of you.

I invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at nbalducci@bannerchristian.org.

Mr. Balducci

This will be my second year as a teacher at Banner Christian School. Prior to Banner, I graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor's degree in Government/Public Administration. I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. I am the fourth of five children in my family; I have three brothers and a sister. My hobbies include sports, spending time with friends, the beach, hiking, the mountains, and spending time with my family and significant other.

I am very excited about this year and hope you are, too. It's going to be a great year.

Supplies

An ESV Bible

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.

A pencil or pen

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Trigonometry!

Welcome to my trigonometry class! This year you will learn about trigonometric functions such as sine, cosine, tangent, secant, cosecant, and co-tangent. Other topics include exponential and logarithmic functions, polar coordinates and complex numbers, sequences and series, and combinations/probability. "Math works because God faithfully holds everything in place. Math is not independent from God. It is not neutral. Math's very existence and ability to work is dependent on God's faithfulness in holding everything together!" I look forward to educating you in both geometry and God's faithfulness to all of us.

Mr. Wolf

Personal

I am married and have two kids and live on the north side of Richmond.

Education

B.S. James Madison University

M.A. Virginia Commonwealth University

Supplies

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

A graphing calculator

A binder with loose leaf paper (this will be used for problem solving and note taking)

Graph Paper

Pencils, Eraser, and Protractor

Reminders

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Category weights

75% Tests

25% Homework

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Welcome to Theater/Speech class!

Theatre/Speech is a fun and creative class that will focus on two areas:

- **Speech Communication**
Oral presentations including monologues, informative and persuasive speeches, mock interviews, impromptu speaking, gesturing and non-verbal communication, and storytelling
- **Theatre Production**
Stage makeup, basic staging, set design, set/prop construction, stage crew, technical theatre and costume design

Ms. Petersen

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. My name is Ms. Petersen, and I am a Fine Arts teacher at Banner. Should you need to contact me throughout the year, my contact information is [804-276-5200](tel:804-276-5200) or tpetersen@bannerchristian.org.

Supplies:

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

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Category weights

60% Tests, Projects, Performance and

40% Classwork/Homework

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Welcome to World Literature! (English 9/10)

This course is designed to help students become college and career ready through the study of world literature. Students will read texts from our own region as well as works from other parts of the world. Students will also focus on writing, speaking, and research elements which corresponds to common standards of instruction. Therefore, students will thematically study, analyze, interpret, and critique various genres of literature and other media based on the historical and cultural context of the author and his or her culture, as well as through the Biblically based Christian lens. Through this study, students will explore how the resilience of the human spirit is reflected in literature from around the world. Although our reading will include a variety of worldviews, learning to read critically and look at literature from a Christian worldview will be applied to all reading and writing assignments.

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***The King's Shadow* by Elizabeth Alder**

***Night* by Elie Wiesel**

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Additional information

- There is absolutely no eating in the classroom; students may have a CLEAR water bottle with water to drink.
- It is important that students learn to write in complete sentences, capitalize the first word of each sentence, and place an end mark at the end. Each time a student does not do one of these things, he or she will lose a ½ point up to 10 points on one assignment. If the directions indicate that complete sentences are not necessary, this will not apply.
- Books that will need to be purchased this year *The King's Shadow* by Elizabeth Alder and *Night* by Elie Wiesel.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

30% Quizzes & Participation

20% Homework & Classwork

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Welcome to Computer class!

Welcome to Computer Class! This class will be fun but challenging. In this class you will be learning the basics of how computers work (binary code, hard drives, monitors, etc.) and how to use them (word processing, spreadsheets, page layout, photo manipulation etc.) You will also start coding and understanding the language of computers. We will also spend time discussing emerging technologies and consider how they might impact society, religion and humanity in the near future.

Mr. Murrell

I grew up in the era when home computing was born. I started tinkering with computers in the late 80's and have loved technology ever since. I graduated from V.C.U. with a degree in Graphic Design and received my master's degree in Educational Technology from Concordia University and love when others share their creativity. I am married and have two sons, both of which attend Banner Christian. I can be contacted at: bmurrell@bannerchristian.org

Supplies

USB thumb drive (64 GB minimum)

Reminders

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Let me know if you don't understand.

Do not be shy. Do not be embarrassed. If you have a question . . . ASK IT, Please!

Additional information

** Please use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

33% Tests

33% Quizzes

33% Homework

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Welcome to Chemistry!

I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you studying the field of Chemistry. This is an interesting and challenging subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. Please see below for an overview of school policies and expectations.

You will be challenged academically and spiritually, but I know you are able to do all that will be asked of you. And, by the end of the year you will know more about yourself, your classmates, and the God who created you to be who you are.

I encourage you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at rmyers@bannerchristian.org

Ms. Myers

I greatly look forward to getting to know each student through the course of the year. This will be my first year as a teacher at Banner Christian School. Prior to Banner, I graduated from Pensacola Christian College with a Bachelor's degree in Science with an emphasis in Physical Therapy. I am the third of four children in my family; two brothers and a sister. My hobbies include outside activities, sports, playing piano and singing, as well as spending time with family.

I am very excited about this year; I know God has big plans and I cannot wait to see them unfold. We have representatives of both genders so that should make our role plays and other activities more fun. Please come on the first day with anticipation and a positive attitude about the material we will learn and the activities we will do together. It's going to be a wonderful year!

This will be an amazing year for God to show Himself strong. I look forward to seeing Him do just that as we cling to His promise as given in 1 Thessalonians 5:24:

"Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it."

Supplies

An ESV Bible

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

A pencil or pen

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Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects
25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes
25% Homework

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Welcome to Honors Chemistry!

Chemical reactions, solutions, balanced equations and lots of math make up the Chemistry class. We explore how different reactions take place, and what the results are. For those who are very logical thinking, Chemistry will be a great class to apply those logic skills. I look forward to having each student in my class and helping them to discover how chemistry affects us and explains much of how God's Creation works.

Mrs. Wolfe

Some students may know me as the teacher who does smelly dissections. Well, I do that and more. We have a great time with hands-on labs, projects, and everyday activities. This will be my third year at Banner. I've been teaching for 30 years, give or take. My favorite subjects are, of course, the sciences. I consider labs a fun thing to do!! I will tell anyone who will listen about my twin sons and my 5 grandchildren. I enjoy volleyball, reading, sewing, and crafty things. (That may be why I like labs!) So come ready to learn from the chemical part of God's creation and how it impacts us. Hopefully, you will find one area of chemistry that you really like.

Supplies

1 inch binder with at least 5 dividers

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

Dark Blue or Black pens, pencils

Reminders

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Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of class. Work completed after class has begun will be subject to a loss of 10 points. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0). Late work will not be accepted during the second semester.

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

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Category weights

40% Tests & Projects

15% Classwork/Homework

25% Quizzes

20% Lab

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Welcome to Honors Biology!

Creationism vs evolution, biomes, environment, genetics, cells, the body, all fall under the general term of Biology. Biology deals with the living areas of God's creation, from the microbes to humans, who are God's highest creation. Our living world is very diverse and has much to teach us about the God we serve.

Because Biology is a study of living organisms, students will be doing a genetics project on their family and can look forward to the dissecting of the frog toward the end of the year.

I look forward to guiding the students as we pursue our studies about our living world.

Mrs. Wolfe

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So come ready to learn about the living part of God's World and how it impacts us. Hopefully, you will find an area of Biology that you really like.

Supplies

1 inch binder with at least 5 dividers

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

Dark Blue or Black pens, pencils

One package baby wipes

Reminders

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due.

First Semester: daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Second Semester: No late homework will be accepted.

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

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Category weights

40% Tests & Projects

15% Classwork/Homework

25% Quizzes

20% Lab

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Welcome to Math 7/6!

Mrs. Irwin

Supplies

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

¼ " Graph Paper

A binder (will contain the graph paper and homework kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well.)

A pencil, red pen, ruler, compass, protractor

Reminders

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Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment, a 20 point deduction the second day and a 30 point deduction the third. After 3 days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Additional information

The first half of the year will be review. This will be of great benefit to you as it will help to solidify your basic math knowledge, as well as, to review areas you may need to improve in.

The second half of the year we will begin fractions, mixed numbers and decimals. These are some of my favorite things to teach and I hope you will enjoy it also.

The largest percent of your math grade (70%) comes from frequent tests. There will be two types of tests: one is a fact test and the other is the 20 question test. If you have done all of your homework, listened in class and especially asked me to explain anything you did not understand, you should be able to do well in this class. On the other hand, if you do not do your homework, or you do not show your work and only do the problems in your head, your grades will fall. I want you to be successful in my math class, so work hard, do your best and ask for help when you need it. I will do all that I can to help you be that excellent student I know you can be. I know we are going to have a great year!

Category weights

70% Tests

30% Homework

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Welcome to Bible 1!

I hope you are looking forward to this class that studies the fundamentals of the faith. This particular Bible course provides new believers with a solid theological foundation, and it helps more mature Christians sharpen their understanding of key doctrines and equips them for evangelism and discipleship. It fosters a unity among believers based on a shared understanding of God's truth.

Regarding homework: I often give you time in class to begin (and hopefully complete) your homework, but you still need to study, memorize, or read for 15 to 20 minutes most evenings.

You will have weekly quizzes; if you want to begin studying for the quizzes, you may memorize the names and spelling of the 66 books of the Bible and memorize II Timothy 3:14-17.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I look forward to seeing you in class! If you have any questions, please e-mail me at parnold@bannerchristian.org.

Mrs. Arnold

I'm excited to begin my fifteenth year teaching at Banner! Let me tell you a little bit about me . . . I grew up in Miami, Florida, and trusted Christ as my Savior at an early age. My first degree, a B.A., was from Florida Bible College in Hollywood. I met and married my husband George there, and we had four children, two boys and two girls, who now have their own families. We have six grandchildren along with several grand-cats and -dogs. After our kids left home to go to college, I went back to school to get my M.Ed. at Columbia International University in South Carolina. And now, I look forward to having you in my class this year!

Supplies

An ESV Bible

Book/workbook (Banner provides this)

A spiral notebook or marbled composition book for your Bible-reading journal

A binder or a section of a binder

A black or blue pen or a pencil, a red pen (or other color) for corrections

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Class will begin with a quiet time for daily Bible reading and journal reflection. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0). Daily Bible Reading journals, projects, and presentations are due on the date they are assigned and will not be accepted late.

Actively participate in class discussions.

Please sit in your assigned seats.

Additional information

- Please bring drinking water with you to class (in a clear container). You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.
- Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.

Category weights

34% Tests, Projects, Journals

33% Classwork/homework/participation

33% Quizzes

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Welcome to Algebra 1!

Welcome to Algebra 1. During this class, you will learn algebraic techniques that will allow you to solve real world problems. Not simply learning equations but also how to apply them in everyday life.

Mr. Murrell

Welcome to Algebra 1. My background is in graphic and packaging design (which requires plenty of algebra). I hope that through this course you will develop a love for problem solving and the tools used to solve them.

Supplies

Textbook: (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for problem solving and note taking)

A graph paper notebook (this will be used for graphing equations)

Pencils (mechanical preferred)

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Let me know if you don't understand.

Do not be shy. Do not be embarrassed. If you have a question . . . ASK IT, Please!

Additional information

** Please use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.

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Category weights

50% Tests

25% Quizzes

25% Homework/ Participation

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Welcome to Advanced Placement Art!

Welcome to AP art history (APAH)! Students who have done well in other courses in the humanities, such as history and literature, or in any studio art are especially suited to this course. Students must have a high degree of commitment to academic work and to the purposes of a program designed to meet college standards.

The study of art history allows students to discover anew the world in which they live. Throughout the year we will learn about how people have responded to and communicated their experiences through art, as well as the historic and cultural contexts in which it was created. Students will be welcomed into the global art world as active participants, engaging with its forms and context as they research, discuss, read, and write about art, artists, art making, and respond to and interpret art. This course will be structured around the big ideas and essential questions of the *AP Art History Course and Exam Description*. As part of the course, we will take a field trip to the VMFA as well as the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk and/or the National Gallery in D.C.

Course Content:

- Unit 1: Intro into Art History
- Unit 2: In the Beginning ... Prehistoric Art
- Unit 3: The Most Ancient of Us All: The Near East and Egypt
- Unit 4: The Classical Era: The Ideal Through the Eyes of the Greeks and Romans
- Unit 5: Faith Around the World, and How It Inspires the Arts
- Unit 6: Art of South and East Asia: New Forms for Traditional Ideas
- Unit 7: Art of the Americas: Pre- and Post-Contact
- Unit 8: African Art: Coming of Age
- Unit 9: Oceanic Art: Art over the Greatest Expanse
- Unit 10: Medieval Europe
- Unit 11: Renaissance and Baroque Europe
- Unit 12: The 19th and 20th Centuries
- Unit 13: Contemporary Art: Looking Ahead/Looking Back/ Looking All Around
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***See below for a permission slip that must be signed, printed, and returned by the second day of class.

Mrs. Culver

I have served as the art teacher at Banner Christian School for six years. I have a studio art degree and an art education certificate from Sweet Briar College. This will be the second year Banner has offered APAH. Please feel free to contact me at my school email, aculver@bannerchristian.org if you have any questions.

Utilizing the established image set and using the big ideas and essential questions that serve as a conceptual framework for the course, successful students will understand how:

- Artists manipulate materials and ideas to create an aesthetic object, act, or event.
- Art making is shaped by tradition and change.
- Interpretations of art are variable.

Supplies

Required Text: Kleiner, Fred S. *Gardner's Art Through the Ages: A Global History*. 14th ed. Boston: Wadsworth, Cengage Learning, 2013

(Please be sure buy ISBN-13: 978-0495915423. This is a hardback- do not buy the vol.1 paperback by mistake!)

Summer Reading: Strickland, Carol. *The Annotated Mona Lisa*. 2nd ed. Kansas City: Andrews Mcmeel Publishing, 2007.

(It is possible to find a PDF version on the internet if you choose not to purchase the book.)

***Be sure to check the Banner website for the complete summer assignment.

3 ring binder

4"x 6" index cards, (300 cards)

something to store index cards, (box, pouch, ziploc bag- whatever is best for you)

Reminders

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Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of class. As this is an AP class, no late work will be accepted regardless of absences.

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

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Category weights

40% Tests

20% Quizzes

20% Homework

20% Paper/Classwork

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Advanced Placement Art History

The human form has been a subject of art from prehistoric times to contemporary. Both male and female forms are used to express and represent different ideas and feelings, sometimes secular and sometimes religious. The nude figure is an image that cannot be overlooked in a comprehensive study of art history.

I understand that in studying the images required to successfully complete this course I will be expected to study, identify, and discuss different images of both male and female nude figures.

student signature/ date

I understand that in studying the images required for my student to successfully complete this course he/she will be expected to study, identify, and discuss different images of both male and female nude figures.

parent signature/ date

Please sign and return this permission form by the second day of class.

Welcome to Honors Calculus!

I am looking forward to having you this year in Honors Algebra 2. I will be praying for you and your success in my class. Feel free to contact me by email jpace@bannerchristian.org or by calling the Banner main office (276-5200) and leaving a message. I will return your call or respond to your email as soon as possible. Have a great year!

Mrs. Pace

Class Structure:

- One lesson will be taught each day during the first quarter. There is usually time in class to get started. After first quarter, we will do three or four lessons per week. Lessons for the week are due the following Monday.
- All work must be done in **pencil** on loose-leaf paper.
- Homework is to be turned in at the **beginning** of class on the due date and is usually a completion grade.
- Random homework assignments will be graded for accuracy.
- Homework turned in after the beginning of class will be considered late. In case of an emergency such that you are unable to complete your homework, please bring a note from a parent.
- Each student is allowed one grace day per quarter for one homework assignment.
- Tests will usually be given on Thursdays or Fridays.

Supplies

Textbook (The school will provide this on the first day of class.)

Loose-leaf paper (**NO SPIRALS**)

Graph paper (if desired but not necessary)

Pencils

Graphing Calculator (TI-83 or 84)

Section of a binder

Reminders

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Complete all assignments prior to class doing your best work.

Homework must be completed prior to the start of the class on the date it is due.

Be aware of homework rules for honors classes.

First Semester: daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment.

After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Second Semester: No late homework will be accepted.

Additional information

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Grading category weights

75% Tests

25% Homework

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Welcome to Bible 3/4!

Dear Junior and Senior Parents,

It is with great excitement that I introduce to you the class that I will have the privilege of teaching to your children this coming year. As I view the world in which we live, I am stunned by the absence of Biblical truth even in our Christian churches. It is my opinion that most of this lack of understanding is a lack in studying God's Word. 2 Timothy 2:15 states, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." It is imperative that our children are firmly grounded in God's Word, but must also have an understanding of what others believe. It is difficult to debate theology or philosophy without contemplating all options. This course is a survey of six contemporary philosophical worldviews (Christianity, Islam, Marxism, Humanism, New Age, and Postmodernism) in the following areas: theology, philosophy, ethics, science, psychology, sociology, political science, economics, law, and history. This class will challenge your children to understand not only what they believe about the world in which they live, but also why they believe it. I have purposely combined both the 11th and 12th graders into this class to create a very large classroom more reminiscent of some of the classes your students will be required to take in college. Banner's normal class size is 20 or less, but this class will be over 40 students. This will stretch each of them and provide them a comfort level as they move into college classrooms in the future. I would encourage you to engage your children throughout the school year in conversation about the subjects we discuss in class. I look forward to a great year of rigorous study with your children. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Blessings.

Dr. Burkett

God gave me a vision for a Christian school in the Richmond area almost fifteen years ago and in 2002 He provided the way for Banner Christian to open its doors. I am grateful and humbled to be the Head of School here and look forward to seeing what God has in store for the next fifteen years.

I am married to Julie Burkett and we have two children, McKinley, who is attending and playing soccer at the University of Tennessee, and Michael, who is entering the 10th grade at Banner this year. My hobbies are fishing, golfing, sports, and spending time with my family. I hold a B.S. from Liberty University and a M.B.A. from Averett University, but went back to school to earn a Ph.D in Education from Columbia International University when God called me to lead this school.

I look forward to a great year and welcome you to contact me (tburkett@bannerchristian.org) if you have any questions anytime throughout the year.

Supplies

An ESV Bible

Noebel, David A. *Understanding the Times: The Collision of Today's Competing Worldviews*. Rev.2nd ed. Manitou Springs, CO: Summit Press, 2006. Original Pub., 1991. (Provided for each student)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

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Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am so excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

[**RETURN TO CLASS LIST**](#)

Welcome to Spanish 2!

Spanish language instruction at Banner Christian School equips the student with not only the knowledge of a language, but the ability to use the language in real-life situations. It also challenges the student to be mission minded. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commands us to take Christ to the world, and Matthew 22:37-39 encourages us to love our neighbor as ourself and through the study and practice of Spanish, we become equipped to accomplish this.

The purpose of this course is to reinforce the fundamental skills of the Spanish language that the student acquired in Spanish I. The beginning of the year will, however, focus on finishing the curriculum from Spanish I before beginning the Spanish II curriculum. My goal is to provide a learning environment where every student can develop and discover their potential success. Learning Spanish requires being exposed to large amounts of the new language and getting accustomed to communicate in that language. Students will be asked to make every attempt to communicate in Spanish during class.

Spanish II is designed to help students develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Spanish, and to expose the student to the different cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. A wide variety of methods and techniques will be used to reach, motivate, and challenge each student.

Mrs. Mireles

I am looking forward to another blessed and productive year at Banner Christian School working with new and returning students. My first year was amazing, and I'm anticipating an abundance of blessings from God during the 2017-2018 school year.

I started at Banner last year after teaching 20 years in the public school systems, 10 in Chesterfield County at the high school level and 10 in Henrico County at the middle school level. I love working with young people and helping them achieve all they possibly can.

I started my undergraduate studies at Liberty University in the fall of 1985 and finished my undergraduate degree in English at a small Southern Baptist college in Clinton, Mississippi called Mississippi College. I earned a Master's in Education from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1995 and a Post Master's Certificate in Leadership and Supervision in 2010.

If you have any questions about the new school year and this course, please feel free to email me at cmireles@bannerchristian.org.

Supplies

A Bible

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

A 5 Subject spiral-bound notebook with pockets.

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

Pens (blue, black, and at least one red)

Pencils

Colored pencils/markers

Highlighters

Notebook paper

Post-It notes

Thin point dry-erase markers

Spanish/English dictionary

Reminders

Be in your SEAT ready to learn when the bell rings. Being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class; you must be in your seat starting the bell-ringer assignment. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung, you will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Begin the bellwork assignment on the board immediately after the bell rings. You don't need me to start the class. Normally we work from bell to bell; if students finish work early, students should ALWAYS have an outside reading book (novel...no magazines, newspapers, etc.) to read in class. You should make every effort to have a book to read that is in Spanish.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Respect yourself; respect others; respect the class community.

Mrs. Mireles will follow all rules and regulations in the Banner Student Handbook in terms of penalties for late work. Please read over those procedures in the handbook as well as the syllabus supplied at the beginning of the school year.

All rules in the Banner Code of Conduct apply at all times!

1 Corinthians 10:31- "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Additional information

There is absolutely no eating in the classroom; students may have a CLEAR water bottle with water to drink.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

30% Quizzes & Participation

20% Homework & Classwork

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Welcome to Spanish Language Class!

Spanish language instruction at Banner Christian School equips the student with not only the knowledge of another language, but the ability to use the language in real-life situations. It also challenges the student to be mission-minded.

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commands us to take Christ to the world, and Matthew 22:37-39 encourages us to personalize our love for our neighbor as we learn about his/her culture and needs. Through the study and practice of Spanish, we become additionally equipped to accomplish this task.

In order to ensure a successful academic year, all this information should be carefully reviewed and followed.

Course Description (Overview):

The purpose of this course is to reinforce the fundamental skills of the Spanish language that the student acquired already.

My goal is to provide a learning environment where every student can develop and discover their potential success.

Learning Spanish requires being exposed to large amounts of the new language and getting accustomed to communicate in that language. Students will be asked to make every attempt to communicate in Spanish during class.

Course Objective:

Spanish classes are designed to help students develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in Spanish, and to expose the students to the different cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. A wide variety of methods and techniques will be used to reach, motivate, and challenge each student.

Topics Covered:

- Spanish speaking countries and their culture
- Reading and comprehending passages
- Practicing correct grammar and syntax

Mr. Linares

I am William Linares, the upper school Spanish teacher, and I am excited to be here at Banner for my second school year. I am a native Venezuelan, graduated from the Zulia University (Universidad del Zulia), in Venezuela, with a B.A. in Social Communication (Journalism). For eighteen years, I worked as a Communication's Supervisor in the Public Affairs Department in PDVSA, the Venezuelan state oil company. After that I worked for seven years as a Spanish teacher in the public and private education system in Venezuela.

Throughout my life I have visited forty-one countries around the world and can offer my students a vision of tolerance and respect among different cultures in order to build a world increasingly full of peace and love between human beings, with a Christian approach to strengthening our religious values.

I am looking forward to another great year of sharing my passion of the Spanish language and Spanish-speaking cultures with our students! I can always be reached by email at wlinares@bannerchristian.org. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any reason.

Supplies

A Bible

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

A 5 Subject spiral-bound notebook with pockets.

Pens (blue, black, and at least one red)

Pencils

Colored pencils/markers

Highlighters

Notebook paper

Post-It notes

Thin point dry-erase markers

Reminders

Be in your SEAT ready to learn when the bell rings. Being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class; you must be in your seat starting the bell-ringer assignment. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the

bell has rung, you will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Begin the bellwork assignment on the board immediately after the bell rings. You don't need me to start the class.

Normally we work from bell to bell; if students finish work early, students should ALWAYS have an outside reading book (novel...no magazines, newspapers, etc.) to read in class. You should make every effort to have a book to read that is in Spanish.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Respect yourself; respect others; respect the class community.

Mrs. Mireles will follow all rules and regulations in the Banner Student Handbook in terms of penalties for late work. Please read over those procedures in the handbook as well as the syllabus supplied at the beginning of the school year.

All rules in the Banner Code of Conduct apply at all times!

1 Corinthians 10:31- "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Additional information

There is absolutely no eating in the classroom; students may have a CLEAR water bottle with water to drink.

Category weights

Assessments (Tests, projects, and essays)	50%
Quizzes (Pop quizzes and announced, & participation)	30%
Practice (Homework, classwork, bellwork)	20%

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Welcome to Advanced Placement Literature!

Dear Parents and Students,

I consider it a privilege that you have entrusted Banner and me to help educate your son or daughter. This AP course focuses on the analysis of literature, and the concentration is on fiction of all genres and periods.

As an AP student, you are taking part in a college-level academic experience that will challenge and inspire you and prepare you for college and beyond. Your hard work is helping you prepare for the AP Exam, which gives you the opportunity to earn credit and advanced placement in college.

With qualifying AP Exam scores, you can earn credit, advanced placement, or both at the majority of colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board or the AP Program, grant course credit and placement. You should obtain a college's AP policy in writing. You can usually find this information through the institution directly or by using the AP Credit Policy Info search at www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy.

You decide which colleges (if any) receive your AP Exam scores. Colleges that receive your AP score report will typically notify you during the summer of any advanced placement, credit, or exemption you have earned. You can also contact your college to find out how your AP Exam scores are being applied.

Mrs. Murrell

I am a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and I love to see my students learn to love and appreciate the English language and its roots and, hopefully, mature in their relationship with our Lord through reading and discussion.

Supplies

A black or blue pen

Books we plan to cover next year that you will have to acquire are as follows:

*The primary text will be *Literature & Composition*, published by Bedford/St. Martin's, ISBN: 13: 978-0-312-38806-5. I have several of these that I will be glad to loan to students; however, since I cannot provide everyone with a book, they will be loaned on a first-come, first-served basis. Feel free to email me at dmurrell@bannerchristian.org.

- *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, Foster
- *Wuthering Heights*, Bronte
- *Tale of Two Cities*, Dickens, ISBN:13: 978-1-59308-055-6 (this one has pertinent notes)
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Hurston

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Your books being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization must be ended when the bell rings. You should begin working on the class opener, which is usually posted on the front board. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Work completed after class has begun will not be accepted. **NO LATE WORK IS ACCEPTED IN AN AP CLASS.**

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am so excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone or any type of computer into the classroom. Leave it turned off and in your locker or with a staff member until the end of the day.

Category weights

45% Tests & Projects
30% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes
25% Homework

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Welcome to Art 1!

I am so excited about the opportunities we will have this year to explore and learn. We will begin with basic drawing, then we will experiment with other mediums such as clay, pastels, watercolors, and oil paints. We will also explore art history as it applies to specific projects. You will receive a sketchbook to be used for classwork as well as weekly homework assignments. Grades will be based on classwork, homework, and project grades. I grade students on effort, not ability (so don't compare yourself to other artists!). We will attend at least one field trip this year.

Mrs. Culver

I have a studio art degree, an art education certificate for grades K-12, as well as an elementary education certificate from Sweet Briar College. This will be my seventh year teaching art at Banner.

Supplies

All supplies for this class will be provided.

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted during the class period IF instruction has been given and students are working diligently. The nature of the art room lends itself to conversation, which can be beneficial for creativity, however if students are not completing projects in a timely manner, conversation will not be permitted.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day and a 20 point deduction on the second day following the due date of the assignment. After 2 days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class projects.

Remember that you are graded on effort, not ability. A positive attitude and willingness to try assignments is always important.

Additional information

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Category weights

40% Projects

30% Classwork

30% Homework

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Welcome to Honors Psychology!

I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you studying the field of Psychology. This is an interesting and challenging subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. Please see below for an overview of the information we will be studying this year. I will be giving you a (directed) opportunity to choose the chapters in which you are most interested and we will come to a class consensus regarding specific topics to be covered during our time together. The highlighted chapters are mandatory, but the others we will discuss.

This is an Honors level course, so I will be expecting a lot from you this year. You will be challenged academically and spiritually, but I know you are able to do all that will be asked of you. And, by the end of the year you will know more about yourself, your fellow humans, and the God who created you to be who you are.

I invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at bdehaas@bannerchristian.org.

Mrs. de Haas

I hope to get to know each new student through the course of the year and to strengthen my relationships with those who are returning. To kick start that process I'll share a few things about myself. This will be my 12th year at Banner and in that time I have worn many hats. Currently I am transitioning from teacher/counselor and adding the role of Upper School Principal.

Prior to Banner, I graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Master's in Social Work. I am currently taking classes through Liberty toward a Master's in Education. I am married and have four children; two of whom have graduated from Banner and two who are still attending. My hobbies are reading, running, scuba diving, and doing anything with my family.

I am very excited about this year. We have eleven students currently enrolled; five juniors and six seniors. We have representatives of both genders so that should make our role plays and other activities more fun. Please come on the first day with anticipation and a positive attitude about the material we will learn and the activities we will do together. It's going to be a great year!

Supplies

A Bible (necessary especially, but not solely, on test days)

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due.

First Semester: daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Second Semester: No late homework will be accepted.

("late" is defined as after the tardy bell of the class period in which it was due).

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am so excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

Psychology: Principles in Practice

Holt, Rinehart and Winston

Ch.	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5
1	Why study psychology?	What Psychologists do	A History of Psychology	Contemporary Perspectives	
2	Conducting Research	Surveys, Samples, & Populations	Methods of Observation	The Experimental Method	Ethical Issues
3	The Nervous System	The Brain: Our control center	The Endocrine system	Heredity: Our genetic background	
4	Sensation and Perception: The basics	Vision	Hearing	Other senses	Perception
5	The study of consciousness	Sleep & dreams	Meditation, Biofeedback, & Hypnosis	Drugs & consciousness	
6	Classical conditioning	Operant conditioning	Cognitive factors in learning	The PQ4R Method: Learning to learn	
7	Three kinds of memory	Three processes of memory	Three stages of memory	Forgetting & memory improvement	
8	What is thinking?	Problem solving	Reasoning	Decision making & judgment	Language
9	What is intelligence?	Measure of intelligence	Differences in intelligence	What influences intelligence?	
10	Infancy & childhood: The Study of Development	Physical Development	Social Development	Cognitive Development	
11	Adolescence: Physical Development	Social Development	Identity formation	Challenges of Adolescence	
12	Young Adulthood	Middle Adulthood	Late Adulthood	Death & Dying	
13	The Psychology of Motivation	Biological Need: Focus on Hunger	Psychological Needs	Emotions	
14	The Trait Approach	The Psychoanalytic Approach	The Learning Approach	The Humanistic Approach	The Sociocultural Approach
15	What are Psychological Tests?	Measuring Achievement, Abilities, & Interests	Personality Tests	Taking Tests	
16	What are Gender Roles?	Gender Differences	Gender Typing	Variation in Gender Roles	
17	What is stress?	Responses to stress	Physical Effects of Stress	Psychological Factors & Health	Ways of Coping with Stress
18	What are Psychological Disorders?	Anxiety Disorders	Dissociative Disorders	Somatoform Disorders	Mood Disorders
18 cont	Sec. 6 Schizophrenia	Sec. 7 Personality Disorders			
19	What is Therapy?	The Psychoanalytic Approach	The Humanistic Approach	Cognitive Therapy & Behavior Therapy	Biological Therapy
20	Attitudes	Persuasion	Prejudice	Social Perception	Interpersonal Attraction
21	Group Behavior	Conformity	Obedience	Aggression	Altruism

Honors Psychology

Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read, understand, and are prepared to adhere to the 2017/2018 Honors Psychology class guidelines and return this page to Mrs. de Haas by Friday, August 18.

Student signature

Date

Student name (printed)

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Welcome to Bible 2!

I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you studying the most important subject in the world. The Bible is our glimpse into the heart of God. It tells His stories, demonstrates His character, and introduces us to the beginning of the world, animals, people, sin, destruction, and redemption. It shows us our hopeless and depraved situation and presents us with the awesome miracle of God-in-flesh who died to save us from it all. Jesus shows us the way to live in a manner that pleases God and invites us to follow in His footsteps. Together we will explore this amazing Book and discover how participating in a relationship with the God who breathed it can transform ourselves and our lives.

I invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at bdehaas@bannerchristian.org.

Mrs. de Haas

Many of you were in my 7th grade Bible class and I cannot tell you how excited I am to spend another year in God's Word with you. For those who are new to Banner or were in the other section of Bible 7, I welcome you and am thrilled to have the opportunity to teach and learn more about God with you. Prayerfully we will all grow closer to the Lord and deepen our relationships with Him through the course of the year.

For those of you who are new to me, I'll share a few things about myself. This will be my 12th year at Banner and in that time I have worn many hats. Currently I am transitioning from teacher/counselor and adding the role of Upper School Principal. Prior to Banner, I graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Master's in Social Work. I am currently taking classes through Liberty toward a Master's in Education. I am married and have four children; two of whom have graduated from Banner and two who are still attending (one in this class, in fact). My hobbies are reading, running, scuba diving, and doing anything with my family.

Please come to class with an open heart, anticipation, and a positive attitude. It's going to be a great year!

Supplies

An ESV Bible

Experiencing God book (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (I will provide this to you, but you need to bring it to class every day)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook and other class work/handouts. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

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Please come in promptly and begin the Welcome Work immediately. I don't want to waste a minute of time with you!

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero.

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

Bible 2

(de Haas)

Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read, understand, and are prepared to adhere to the 2017/2018 Bible 2 class guidelines and return this signature page to Mrs. de Haas by Friday, August 18.

Student signature

Date

Student name (printed)

Please sign and return this acknowledgement form by the end of the first day of school.

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Welcome to Bible 1!

I hope you are looking forward to this class that studies the fundamentals of the faith. This particular Bible course provides new believers with a solid theological foundation, and it helps more mature Christians sharpen their understanding of key doctrines and equips them for evangelism and discipleship. It fosters a unity among believers based on a shared understanding of God's truth.

Regarding homework: I often give you time in class to begin (and hopefully complete) your homework, but you still need to study, memorize, or read for 15 to 20 minutes most evenings.

You will have weekly quizzes; if you want to begin studying for the quizzes, you may memorize the names and spelling of the 66 books of the Bible and memorize II Timothy 3:14-17.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I look forward to seeing you in class! If you have any questions, please e-mail me at parnold@bannerchristian.org.

Mrs. Arnold

I'm excited to begin my fifteenth year teaching at Banner! Let me tell you a little bit about me . . . I grew up in Miami, Florida, and trusted Christ as my Savior at an early age. My first degree, a B.A., was from Florida Bible College in Hollywood. I met and married my husband George there, and we had four children, two boys and two girls, who now have their own families. We have six grandchildren along with several grand-cats and -dogs. After our kids left home to go to college, I went back to school to get my M.Ed. at Columbia International University in South Carolina. And now, I look forward to having you in my class this year!

Supplies

An ESV Bible

Book/workbook (Banner provides this)

A spiral notebook or marble composition book for your Bible-reading journal

A binder or a section of a binder

A black or blue pen or a pencil, a red pen (or other color) for corrections

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Class will begin with a quiet time for daily Bible reading and journal reflection. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0). Daily Bible Reading journals, projects, and presentations are due on the date they are assigned and will not be accepted late.

Actively participate in class discussions.

Please sit in your assigned seats.

Additional information

- Please bring drinking water with you to class (in a clear container). You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.
- Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.

Category weights

34% Tests, Projects, Journals

33% Classwork/homework/participation

33% Quizzes

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Welcome to Bible 7!

Welcome to seventh grade Bible! We will be using *Route 66* as our text this year. It is a survey of the Bible from cover to cover, and a really good background for heading into upper school Bible classes. I am looking forward to working with you!

Mrs. Pace

General Classroom Rules

- Courtesy prevails!
- Students must come prepared each day with their texts, Bibles, pencils, and loose leaf paper.
- Texts will be checked for completion on each test date. In case of absence, students are expected to ask a classmate to borrow a text in order to catch up.
- Work must be neatly done in **cursive** with a **pencil**.
- Students must have a binder or section of a binder to store any daily work, quizzes, and tests. **No spirals!**
- Homework is due at the **beginning** of the period on the day it is due. Any homework turned in late will result in a ten-point reduction per day in grade. Any homework over three days late will be counted as a zero.
- Bible verses will be assigned and quizzed weekly. Spelling counts!
- In case of an emergency such that you are unable to complete a homework assignment, please bring a note from a parent or guardian.

Supplies

An ESV Bible

A textbook/workbook (I will provide this on the first day of class.)

Loose-leaf paper

A binder or section of a binder

A pencil, no pens allowed

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed prior to the start of the class on the date it is due.

Be aware of homework rules for middle school classes.

Work completed after class has begun will be subject to a loss of 10 points per day for the first three days. After the third day, late homework will be counted as a zero ("late" being defined as after the first bell of the class period in which it was due).

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am excited about having you in Bible 7 and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until the end of the day.

Grading category weights

34% Tests & Projects

33% Quizzes

33% Homework and Classwork

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Welcome to Physical Education!

I look forward to another year of Physical Education. In this class, we will aim to develop students' physical competency and knowledge of movement. We will also aim to develop their ability to use these movements in order to perform a wide range of exercises and activities. We will use various testing methods to measure their development.

It is our goal that as we teach the importance physical activity has in maintaining a healthy body, students will take personal responsibility to integrate exercise as part of their daily lifestyle. We also believe that regular extended exercise benefits the whole person; mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Mr. Ivill

Physical Education classes are divided as follows:

- K5-5th grade - Co-ed. The whole class participates together.
- 6th-8th grade - boys and girls are separated by gender into their own class.
- 9th-10th grade - Co-ed. The whole class participates together.

This will be my 11th year at Banner as Athletic Director and Physical Education teacher. I graduated with a B.S. in physical education from Elon University and am a Registered Athletic Administrator with the NIAAA, National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. I have coached baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer and volleyball. I am an avid Carolina Panther, UNC and Atlanta Braves fan.

I am married to Mrs. Ivill, the Lower School Principal, have two sons and will add a granddaughter to the family in November.

Supplies

A Banner PE uniform

Appropriate footwear

Requirements

Be in the foyer dressed ready to go no later than 5 minutes after the bell rings.

Terminate conversations and prepare to begin class when I call you together.

Actively participate in class.

Perform all required activities with a high level of effort and do your best.

Additional information

** If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave after class has started to get it.

Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Please use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Students may wear non-Banner coats with the teacher's permission if the class is going outside and it is cold enough to do so.

** Do not bring a cell phone into class. Leave it in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

25% Dressing out

25% Behavior

50% Participation effort

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Welcome to Science 8!

Chemistry, physics, machines, sound waves, light waves. What do these all have in common? The world of physical science, commonly called Science 8. I am looking forward to exploring God's world with each student through the sampling of many of the different sciences taught collectively under Science 8.

We have many hands on activities to help us understand how God has formed the natural laws of Earth and how those laws affect us. (The students especially enjoy the balloon car race during the second semester.)

I look forward to getting to know those of you that I do not know and getting reacquainted with those of you I do know. Happy summer!!

Mrs. Wolfe

Some students may know me as the teacher who does smelly dissections. Well, I do that and more. We have a great time with hands on labs, projects, and everyday activities. This will be my third year at Banner. I've been teaching for 30 years, give or take. My favorite subjects are, of course, the sciences. I consider labs a fun thing to do!!

I will tell anyone who will listen about my twin sons and my 5 grandchildren. I enjoy volleyball, reading, sewing, and crafty things. (That may be why I like labs!) So come ready to learn from each sampling of the sciences. Hopefully, you will find one that you really like.

Supplies

1 inch binder with at least 5 dividers

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

Dark Blue or Black pens, pencils

One package baby wipes

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am so excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

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Category weights

40% Tests & Projects

15% Classwork/Homework

25% Quizzes

20% Lab

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Math 8/7

What fun we will have this year in math! I love to teach Math 8/7 (Pre-algebra). We will start the year with intensive review of what you probably have learned before. This review will be very easy through August, and you may think you should skip this year. Be forewarned! The review will very quietly change into new and quite difficult concepts. Around Christmas, you will realize that we are in new territory. The work will be very demanding. It will behoove you to get into very good work habits from day one. You will have homework usually four nights of the week. We try not to do homework on Wednesday, to allow you to go to church. We test on Thursday. **THE BEST WAY TO STUDY FOR TESTS IS TO DO ALL HOMEWORK EVERY NIGHT!** If you do not understand, trying to work it through is a very good way to learn. Every problem will include the number of the lesson that taught the concept, so you can look up at home how to do something you didn't understand or remember.

The general estimate is that your math homework should take twenty or thirty minutes at night. (There are always 30 problems per lesson, and we will do them all!) If you work slowly, please take that into account. Listening to music, watching TV, or playing on your computer does not count as time spent doing homework! I will try to give you as much time as I can in class to start your work. If you spend that time talking and doing other things, I will assume you do not need time to work at school, and I ALWAYS have more to teach. So please be prepared to start your homework in class!

You will need a few tools, listed below. Your best tool, however, is your teacher! Be sure to ask me questions, in class, before class, after class, whenever you need to learn something. If you do not ask, you will not learn. If you do not learn, you will not pass. I will do everything I can to help you learn, but the burden is on you to be responsible to do your work and do it until you understand!! :)

Mrs. Smith

Teaching math is one of my greatest joys as a teacher. I did not enjoy it as a child, but as I grew and understood it, I realized that math is one of God's greatest messages to us: He is in charge, He is orderly, He never changes, and He has "hidden" little clues to His existence throughout His world. We will look for them! I also realize that this particular class is not easy. We will be covering a LOT of new material before the year is over, and I will be expecting a lot from you; but since I have been with Banner since day one, all the students Banner has ever had have gone through this class with me, and they have all survived!

I studied at Grove City College, Cleveland State University, the University of South Carolina, and Liberty University. At different times I studied general math, statistics, computer science, and beginning calculus. I will have the opportunity to touch on most of these subjects with you this year - what fun!

If you need to contact me for any reason, I always read my emails before the day is done (at home if not at school). rsmith@bannerchristian.org You may also call the school (276-5200). I will always respond. Your success this year is very important to me, but only you can do your work. I am counting on you!!

Supplies

Paper - regular notebook paper for homework

Graph Paper - This will be required as we go through the year.

Folder or other way to store homework

Homework will be graded daily. You need to have an organized way to keep it safe - **NOT IN YOUR TEXTBOOK!**

Regular school supplies. (Paper, pens, etc.)

Ruler (inch and centimeter)

Protractor - clear plastic is the best kind.

Compass - please find a sturdy metal compass with a center wheel for adjustments.

DO NOT BUY A PLASTIC COMPASS.

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Please use the bathroom on your way to class. If you have an emergency, ask me to leave after you have arrived in class. I allow students to go one at a time only when it will not disrupt class or your learning. If you are not in class when the bell rings, I assume you are tardy.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of class. Generally, homework will be collected and graded for completion. Occasionally, random homework assignments will be graded by the teacher as a quiz grade.

Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class.

We will demonstrate and discuss problems and new material. Please be prepared by having tried to do all your homework. Also, do everything on your own paper while we are working together in class. If you do not write it, you will not learn it! Questions are very welcome!

Do all assigned homework.

I am aware that a lot is expected of you in math. I will try to give you time to start working on your homework in class. However, in order to cover the necessary material, and in order for you to actually learn the material, it is imperative that you do all 30 problems.

Additional information

** If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Please use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone to class. Leave it in your locker or in my phone basket until the end of the day.

I love, love, love teaching math. This should be a very interesting and challenging class for you. If you are willing to do your part, I will do whatever is necessary to be sure you learn the material. However, it is not necessarily easy. If you are having trouble, please come to me immediately. Do not wait until it is too late to catch up. The beginning of the year will be very easy, but after Christmas, I promise it will become very demanding, as we will begin algebra. Please notice your homework will make up 25% of your total grade. That is a lot to lose because you did not feel like doing your work last night!

Category weights

75% Tests & Projects

10% Quizzes (randomly picked, homework problems graded by teacher)

15% Homework (graded for completion)

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Welcome to Literature 7!

I look forward to exploring 7th grade literature with you this year. In our curriculum you will have daily reading from our literature book or other materials. A variety of genres will be read throughout the year. Vocabulary studies including assigned lists, story-related vocabulary, certain prefixes, roots, and suffixes will be tested regularly. You will study literary terms, read and study short novels as a class, prepare presentations, projects, and several book reports (oral and/or written) throughout the year. You will be challenged to grow in your writing skills related to materials read. You will meet a host of interesting characters, themes, and authors as we share this year together in literature.

I anticipate a fun and productive year for each student. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at edyson@bannerchristian.org.

Mrs. Dyson

As a teacher at Banner, I am entering my 10th year here. I have taught in Christian schools most of my career. I transitioned last year to middle school and teaching English as a second language and assisting our foreign students in middle and high school. I graduated from the College of William and Mary with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. I am married to my wonderful husband, have 2 married children, and 5 grandchildren.

Supplies

An ESV Bible

A textbook (I will provide this to you.)

3 Novels as assigned (You will need to provide these, but I will be happy to help by ordering them.)

September: *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor (library or personal copy acceptable).

TBA: *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi (library or personal copy acceptable).

TBA: *Boy: Tales of Childhood* by Roald Dahl (personal copy required as we will be writing in the book).

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts, Key Terms sheets, or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

2 pencils, a blue or black pen

White out

Index cards

Reminders

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. It should be on your desk at the beginning of the class. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

40% Tests, Projects & Book Reports
35% Quizzes
25% Classwork/Participation/Homework

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Welcome to Literature 6!

I look forward to exploring 6th grade literature with you this year. In our curriculum you will have daily reading from our literature book or other materials. A variety of genres will be read throughout the year. Vocabulary studies including assigned lists, story-related vocabulary, certain prefixes, roots, and suffixes will be tested regularly. You will study literary terms, read and study short novels as a class, prepare presentations, projects, and several book reports (oral and/or written) throughout the year. You will be challenged to grow in your writing skills related to materials read.

I anticipate a fun and productive year for each student. If you have any questions or concerns during the year, please contact me by calling the school office at 276-5200 or email me at edyson@bannerchristian.org.

Mrs. Dyson

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Supplies

An ESV Bible

A textbook (I will provide this for you.)

3 Novels as assigned (You will be responsible for buying these, but I will be happy to order them for you.)

September: ***A Year Down Yonder*** by Richard Peck (library or personal copy acceptable)

TBA: ***Hatchet*** by Gary Paulsen (library or personal copy acceptable)

TBA: ***Esperanza Rising*** by Pam Munoz Ryan (personal copy required as we will be writing in the books)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

2 pencils; blue or black pen; a red pen

White-out

Index cards

Reminders

Be seated in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Written homework assignments must be on your desk at the beginning of class. Homework must be completed before the start of class. Work completed after class has begun will be subject to a loss of 10 points per day ("late" being defined as after the first bell of the class period in which it was due) for 3 days. The grade will drop to zero on the 4th day late as stated in the Student Handbook.

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am excited about having you in my class and hope that you will actively participate and enjoy the class.

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

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Category weights

40% Tests & Projects

35% Quizzes

25% Daily Work (homework, classwork, participation)

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Welcome to History-6!

I am looking forward to a great year and am excited to have you in class learning about our History. This course will cover the time period from the Early Civilization to the Civil War Period. This is an interesting subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. As I will allow students to make suggestions at the beginning of the year, please be thinking of history topics you would like for me to cover during the course. There will be topics that are necessary for us to cover, but I would like to pay particular attention to those topics, events, or eras of interest to students.

I will be expecting a lot from you this year, including the areas of class behavior and conduct towards other classmates. You will be challenged academically and spiritually, but I know you are able to do all that will be asked of you.

I invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at nbalducci@bannerchristian.org.

Mr. Balducci

This will be my second year as a teacher at Banner Christian School. Prior to Banner, I graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor's degree in Government/Public Administration. I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. I am the fourth of five children in my family; I have three brothers and a sister. My hobbies include sports, spending time with friends, the beach, hiking, the mountains, and spending time with my family and significant other.

I am very excited about this year and hope you are, too. It's going to be a great year.

Supplies

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook

A small three ringed binder or section in a larger multi-class binder (for notes and handouts)

A pencil or pen (make sure students have one everyday)

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Your books being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

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Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

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** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Grammar 6!

Welcome to Middle School! I know this sixth grade year is a little intimidating, but all of us who teach middle school are very willing to help you as you adjust to such an interesting new life! Grammar is designed to help you learn to speak and write in the best possible way. This is particularly important for Christians, for we are charged with spreading God's Word throughout the world. All of our interactions, written or spoken, should bring honor to Him, and we will do our best this year to improve our skills in this regard.

We will be going through a review of all the basic grammar, trying to remember the rules and, more importantly, trying to use the rules to improve what we do. We will generally not have much homework, except for some vocabulary as we try to improve our understanding of how the language works. Occasionally we may have worksheets, but most of our grammar work will be done in class. I will be assigning writing projects of one sort or another, and I hope you will enjoy being creative as well as factual. Some of them may be long-term, major projects, and some will be done only in class. If time seems to permit, I will enjoy reading a good novel or two to the whole class. I firmly believe the best way to become a good writer is to become a good reader (or listener).

I think you will enjoy studying grammar with me. I will expect you to develop polite manners for classroom discussion, and I think you will rise to the challenge.

Mrs. Smith

My goal when I went to college was to become an English teacher. Consequently I studied quite a bit of literature. However, I was not satisfied - the one area no one expected me to study was grammar. I love to diagram sentences, and we will be doing some of that very old-fashioned work this year. I think it will help you understand your language!

I studied at Grove City College, Cleveland State University, the University of South Carolina, and Liberty University. For good or ill, I am known for telling stories, and I hope the ones I tell you will help you learn to be better students and compassionate friends. I think you will enjoy this year, and I will do my part to help you.

The biggest difficulty I find in my classes is that some students do not turn in homework. That is part of the responsibility of being a student. Late is always better than nothing, but do not harm your grades by not doing what is expected. (This applies to all classes.)

I look forward to getting to know you and enjoying our class this year!

Supplies

Textbook

I will give this to you, and you generally can leave it in my room.

Regular school supplies. (Paper, pens, etc.)

Journal - just a typical black-and-white cardboard backed journal

Binder - you will need a place to safely keep your homework or other papers for future use. You could use a binder section or a folder dedicated to this class. Be sure you can keep your materials organized!!!

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Please use the bathroom on your way to class. If you have an emergency, ask me to leave after you have arrived in class. I allow students to go one at a time only when it will not disrupt class or your learning. If you are not in class, I assume you are tardy.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

There will be some homework. It will always be collected and graded.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class.

We will often work together on grammar assignments using games or other fun activities, but ALL students are expected to participate.

Additional information

** If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you in a clear bottle. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Please use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it in your locker or a teacher's cell phone basket.

Category weights

40% Tests & Projects

40% Classwork/Quizzes

20% Homework

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Welcome to English 8!

Dear Parents,

I consider it a privilege that you have entrusted Banner and me to help educate your son or daughter. We will focus on grammar, writing, public speaking, and literature. I will attempt to make it very clear what to study for tests and quizzes and I will often give the students the opportunity to redo essays and writing assignments for partial credit. If you have any questions, please email me at dmurrell@bannerchristian.org and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs. Murrell

I am a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and I love to see my students learn to love and appreciate the English language and its roots and, hopefully, mature in their relationship with our Lord through reading and discussion.

Supplies

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

A marble composition book for journals.

A folder to keep all tests and important papers

Black or blue pens and paper (NOT college ruled)

Books you will need to acquire:

- *I Am Malala*
- *The Diary of Anne Frank*
- *The Slave Dancer*, by Paula Fox

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization must be ended when the bell rings. You should begin working on the class opener, which is usually posted on the front board. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

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** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone or any type of computer into the classroom. Leave it turned off and in your locker or with a staff member until the end of the day.

Category weights

45% Tests & Projects

30% Quizzes & Participation

25% Homework & Classwork

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Welcome to Bible 8!

The Lord be with you this year in Bible 8! I look forward to really delving into the life of Christ with you, concentrating on the Gospel of John. I hope we will learn many things together - I know we are coming from many different Protestant Christian traditions, and we will want to share our customs and traditions as we discuss together what it truly means to follow Christ. My prayer is that you will understand what you believe and will be able to defend your faith. I also desire you to be aware of what other Christians (and Jews) do when they worship, even if we do not follow the same traditions.

This class is largely lecture and discussion. We will not be using a workbook, but I will be giving you many handouts on our discussion topics. We will be discussing Israel's history and its situation at the time of Christ, and how His life impacted people at all levels in His time. I hope you will find it as interesting as I do to realize Christ lived in a real place with ordinary people like us. I will be asking you to do some devotional activities at home and some group projects in the classroom. I will also ask you to lead some of our daily prayer times. Although I do not expect this class to be too taxing academically, I hope you will use this opportunity to strengthen your relationship with Jesus.

Mrs. Smith

This may be the third year I have had some of you as students, or perhaps this is your first year at Banner. In either case, I hope to develop a relationship with you in which we can be truthful and encouraging of one another. Some of you will have strong faiths, while others may just be thinking about what you truly believe. I hope our class will help you in either situation, that it will help you deepen your relationship with Jesus, and that you will also develop strong relationships with your classmates. We will truly pray together every day, we will sing together as time allows, and most importantly, we will study the Word of God.

I have been teaching at Banner since day one. It has been a great joy of my life to watch Banner grow and develop into a wonderful school. I have studied at Grove City College, Cleveland State University, the University of South Carolina, and Liberty University. I enjoy reading and studying Biblical/Christian history as well as history in general. All of these experiences have given me a wide ranging interest in many things, which I hope will enrich our classroom time together. I was baptized in the Church of the Brethren, belonged to Methodist and Baptist churches, worked as a church musician in Moravian and Episcopal churches, and for many years have belonged wholeheartedly to Crestwood Church (a Presbyterian congregation in the ECO, a new evangelical denomination).

I invite you to contact me if you have any questions. Please feel free to call the school number (276-5200) or email me at rsmith@bannerchristian.org

Supplies

A Bible

The ESV Bible is our only textbook.

Binder

A small three-ring binder for Bible or a section in a large binder. I will be giving you many handouts which you will need to keep. It is also wise to keep tests and quizzes.

Regular school supplies. (Paper, pens, etc.)

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when Praise and Worship is over.

Please quickly take care of personal issues on your way. If you have an emergency, ask me to leave after you have arrived in class. I allow students to go one at a time only when it will not disrupt class or your learning. I will not rush back to class after Praise and Worship, but if I am there, I assume you can be too, and it will be time to start class. If you are not there, I believe you are tardy.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

The majority of our homework will be memorizing verses or learning facts and information from our class discussions and lecture. Much of this material will be assessed several times, so cramming for a quiz or test will not help you truly learn the material. Be prepared in advance!

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions and presentations.

Discuss, sing, and join in group and individual presentations. I will try to teach you many things you did not know about the Bible and the life of Christ. Studying God's word is a pleasure and a privilege! Be prepared to enjoy!

Additional information

** If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Please use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone to class. Leave it in your locker or in my phone basket until the end of the day.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

40% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

10% Homework

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Welcome to Math 7/6!

I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you studying the field of Psychology. This is an interesting and challenging subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. Please see below for an overview of the information we will be studying this year. I will be giving you a (directed) opportunity to choose the chapters in which you are most interested and we will come to a class consensus regarding specific topics to be covered during our time together. The highlighted chapters are mandatory, but the others we will discuss.

This is an Honors level course, so I will be expecting a lot from you this year. You will be challenged academically and spiritually, but I know you are able to do all that will be asked of you. And, by the end of the year you will know more about yourself, your fellow humans, and the God who created you to be who you are.

I invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at bdehaas@bannerchristian.org.

Mrs. Irwin

I hope to get to know each new student through the course of the year and to strengthen my relationships with those who are returning. To kick start that process I'll share a few things about myself. This will be my 12th year at Banner and in that time I have worn many hats. Currently I am transitioning from teacher/counselor and adding the role of Upper School Principal.

Prior to Banner, I graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Master's in Social Work. I am currently taking classes through Liberty toward a Master's in Education. I am married and have four children; two of whom have graduated from Banner and two who are still attending. My hobbies are reading, running, scuba diving, and doing anything with my family.

I am very excited about this year. We have _____ of students currently enrolled; _____ juniors and _____ seniors. We have representatives of both genders so that should make our role plays and other activities more fun. Please come on the first day with anticipation and a positive attitude about the material we will learn and the activities we will do together. It's going to be a great year!

Supplies

An ESV Bible

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts, Key Terms sheets, or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Your books being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am so excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Middle School Drama elective!

MS Drama is designed to introduce students to:

- **The Art of Acting:** characterization, improvisation, auditioning, theatre appreciation, and performance
- **Speech Communication:** storytelling, public speaking
- **Technical Theatre:** basic stage makeup and set design

Ms. Petersen

Please feel free to contact during the year should questions arise @ 804-276-5200 or tpetersen@bannerchristian.org.

Supplies

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking etc.)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class scripts and information. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook etc.)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

Strive for excellence!

Complete and prepare for all assignments prior to class using your **best** work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class!

Do not be absent on presentation days!

Oral presentations, memorization checks etc., are due the day you are assigned to perform. Please contact me if you become ill or have an extenuating circumstance that causes you to be absent from school. A "no-show" on a performance day will result in a "0." If an approved excused absence causes you to miss your assigned date, be prepared to perform the day that you return.

Additional information

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until after school.

Category weights

60% Performance/Test

40% Classwork/Participation/Homework

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Welcome to Science 6!

Welcome to a new year! I'm looking forward to teaching you about God's wonderful and amazing world! Our science class verses are Colossians 1:16-17—For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Science class will include projects, experiments, reading, and discussions. When we make good use of our time, students will be able to begin homework in class. Homework is comprised of reading the lesson (often just a few pages), making vocabulary cards, and/or answering the review questions. Sometimes it will include memorization or completing a worksheet. Students will not have science homework every night, although reviewing vocabulary and notes regularly will be helpful. Science homework may take 15 minutes to complete. It is very important to do homework as neatly as possible, as students will use homework to study for quizzes and tests.

We also utilize science class as an opportunity to learn study skills. Students will practice different types of note-taking methods. We will also discuss good study habits and ways that will help your student be a more productive learner.

Mrs. Culver

I have a studio art degree from Sweet Briar College. I also received a certificate for art education grades K-12 and elementary education grades K-6. This will be my 6th year teaching Science 6. I enjoy teaching this class because we are able to utilize some of the flexibility of being in the art room!

Supplies

A binder (You need a three-ring notebook dedicated to science. A section in a larger notebook will work as well.)

A textbook (I will provide this to you.)

Pencils (Students must use pencil in this class.)

A red or colored pen (Used for corrections.)

Highlighters or colored pencils (You will need something to highlight or underline sections in your notes as we learn study skills.)

A planner (A planner or notebook of some sort to be used as a homework assignment pad. **This is to be used for all classes**, not just science, although we will address this specifically as we discuss study skills. Monthly planners are helpful, but something as simple as a composition book will work as well.)

Index cards/small index card holder (4 packages, holder only needs to hold 1) (You will use index cards to make study cards for vocabulary terms. It is possible you may need more as the year progresses. These should always be brought to class so that they are available when needed. As we move on to new units, the terms may be cycled out so students are not carrying all of them.)

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Your books being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin. I will explain this policy about talking during teaching time on the first day of school: students receive a strike each time they have talked out of turn, after three strikes a demerit will be issued. I expect students to raise hands and be called on to speak.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am so excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

40% Tests

25% Classwork/Homework

35% Quizzes

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Welcome to Middle School Art!

I am so excited about the opportunities we will have this semester to explore and learn. We will begin with basic drawing, then we will experiment with other mediums such as clay, papier mache', pastels, colored pencils, or watercolors. Since this class is offered every semester, we do not complete the same projects in the fall as we do in the spring. Students in this class have the opportunity to possibly participate in the ACSI Art Festival.

Mrs. Culver

I have a studio art degree, an art education certificate for grades K-12, as well as an elementary education certificate from Sweet Briar College. This will be my seventh year teaching art at Banner.

Supplies

All supplies for this class will be provided.

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted during the class period IF instruction has been given and students are working diligently. The nature of the art room lends itself to conversation, which can be beneficial for creativity, however if students are not completing projects in a timely manner, conversation will not be permitted.

Actively participate in class projects.

Remember that you are graded on effort, not ability. A positive attitude and willingness to try assignments is always important.

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

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** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

70% Projects

30% Classwork/Participation

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Welcome to Science 7!

Dear Seventh Grade Life Science Students (and Families):

Welcome to a new year! I'm looking forward to teaching you about God's wonderful and amazing world! Our science class verses that you need to memorize are Colossians 1:16-17 (ESV)—For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Science class includes labs, experiments, reading, notes, and discussions. When we make good use of our time, students will be able to begin homework in class. Homework is comprised of reading the lesson (often just a few pages), making vocabulary cards, and/or studying for quizzes. Sometimes it will include memorization or completing a worksheet. Students should expect to do some type of science homework every night, even if it's just to review terms or notes. Science homework should take between 15 and 20 minutes each night. It is very important to do homework as neatly as possible, as students will use their homework to study for quizzes and tests.

Please utilize RenWeb daily for homework assignments, and email me if you have any questions. I update RenWeb throughout the week, and I check my email several times a day.

The following are details on items students need for my class:

- For the first quarter, students need index cards (can be either 3x5 or 4x6) that are either colored or white. It's helpful to have lines on one side where the term's definition will be written. For organization, the chapter, lesson, and page number should be listed on top right corner of each card, and the cards can be stored in a zip-loc type bag.
- Students also need a three-ring, one-inch binder dedicated to hold science handouts, index cards, notes, and homework, OR a section in a larger binder. Binders must be kept neat, and I'll ask to see them from time to time. Everything must be punched and in the three rings (nothing loose, please).
- Students need to bring a pen or pencil to each class, along with a red (or other color) pen to make corrections.
- Since science uses the metric system, having a metric ruler and/or meter stick at home is helpful.
- From time to time, I'll ask students to bring in items they can usually find at home, e.g., flour, baking soda, nails, paper clips, etc. Their bringing in these items will count as an extra-credit 100 homework grade. (If everyone is to bring in an item, then it will be a normal homework grade for everyone.)
- A Bible is needed for some lessons; I'll put that in the homework assignment the night before it's needed.
- Approximately half of test questions come from the vocabulary cards and review questions. The rest of the test comes from what we've learned while doing labs, experiments, and worksheets.

Seventh Graders, I look forward to having you in class this year! I'm also your class sponsor, so begin saving and bringing in those Box Tops for Education! If you have any questions, please e-mail me at parnold@bannerchristian.org.

Mrs. Arnold

I'm excited to begin my fifteenth year teaching at Banner! Let me tell you a little bit about me . . . I grew up in Miami, Florida, and trusted Christ as my Savior at an early age. My first degree, a B.A., was from Florida Bible College in Hollywood. I met and married my husband George there, and we had four children, two boys and two girls, who now have their own families. We have six grandchildren along with several grand-cats and -dogs. After our kids left home to go to college, I went back to school to get my M.Ed. at Columbia International University in South Carolina.

Science 7 is split into two classes, so I will be teaching all of 7th grade, but not at the same time. I'm looking forward to a great year and hope you are, too!!

Supplies

Textbook (Banner provides this)

Lined notebook paper

Section in a binder (for science notes and handouts)

Sharpened pencils or pens, including a red or colored pen for grading quizzes

Index cards (one package)

Colored pens or pencils for drawing (can leave at home until we need them)

Glue stick (can leave at home until we need it)

Scissors (can leave at home until we need them)

Ruler (English and metric measurements--can leave at home)

ESV Bible (I'll let you know when you need to bring this to class)

Reminders

Be sitting in your desk ready to learn when the bell rings.

You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class.

Homework must be completed before the beginning of class. Late homework receives a ten-point deduction for each day it is late. After three days, late homework is counted as a zero.

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

** Please bring a clear bottle of water to class. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Use the restroom before coming to class; leaving the classroom after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. It needs to be turned off and in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

34% Tests & Projects

33% Quizzes & Participation

33% Homework & Classwork

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Welcome to First grade!

Here are some highlights that your child will learn in first grade.

Addition and subtraction through the 12 table
Phonics Charts 6-13
Special sounds and blends
Penmanship- writing words with correct formations
Memorizing weekly memory verses
Weekly Spelling tests
Science / Social Studies
Reading / Comprehension skills
Hands-on activities / Group work

Let's get ready for an exciting year as we partner together to ensure that your child is successful in the first grade!!!

Ms. Higgins

God called me to teach when I was in elementary school. This will be my twenty-fifth year of teaching and my sixth year at Banner. It is my privilege to teach your precious child. My goal is not only to equip them academically, but I also desire to nurture them in the admonition of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My daughter Chloe is entering the eleventh grade at Banner. We are members of Beacon Hill Church in Hopewell. The newest member of our family is our puppy Baxter.

Supplies

*1- ESV Bible

1 - 12 PACK - # 2 Pencils (sharpened)

1 box - 24 crayons

1 set - Crayola watercolors (8 colors)

2 large erasers

1 box - washable markers

2 black dry erase markers (thin)

1 box - colored pencils

1 pair - safety scissors (Fiskars preferred)

2 - large glue sticks

*1- pocket folder (plastic or vinyl)

*1 marbled composition book

3 boxes - tissues

2 containers - baby wipes

1 container - disinfectant wipes

*lunch box

*back pack

* Noted items must have student's name clearly displayed.

Additional information

Grading

90-100 E

80-89 S

70-79 P

0-69 N

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Welcome to Second grade!

Mrs. Hopkins

Welcome to Second grade! I just wanted to share a few things about myself before we begin. This will be my 3rd year teaching at Banner and my 14th year in 2nd grade. I graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education. My husband Mark and I have been married for 20 years and have two children. Christopher who will be a senior and Melissa, a 6th grader. I am very excited about this year and can't wait to see what God has planned for our class.

Supplies

1-ESV Bible

1 package- #2 pencils

1 box-24 crayons

1 box- 12 colored pencils

1 pair -safety scissors (Fiskars preferred)

2 composition books

2 packages- glues sticks (1 for school and 1 for home)

1 pocket folders (plastic or vinyl)

1- 12" ruler (with inch & centimeter markings)

1- pencil box

1 package- black dry erase markers (fine tip)

1 package- index cards (3x5 lined white)

1 over the ear headphones for computer class (label and place in gallon size ziplock bag)

3 boxes of tissues

2 containers of baby wipes

1 container disinfectant wipes

1 Umbrella with students name on it.

1 Water bottle with students name on it.

1 package multi-colored highlighter

**** PLEASE label school supplies.

Additional information

In second grade we will be covering 9 subjects this year: Bible, Math, English, Reading, Spelling, Phonics, Penmanship, Science and Social Studies.

Grading

90-100 E

80-89 S

70-79 P

0-69 N

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WELCOME TO THIRD GRADE!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow...And what blessings your children are! I am excited about all we will be doing in the weeks to come. My aim is to provide the students with hands-on experiences to enhance their learning as well as provide for them challenges and encouragement.

It is so important to me to keep the doors of communication open this year. I am here for your children, but also for you as parents. You are great families and have been given an awesome job by God to raise these children in His ways. Please know that I am praying for you and want to be available to you. Feel free to call or text me on my cell (397-0559). If I am not able to answer just leave a message, and I will return your call ASAP. You may also email me at brhodes@bannerchristian.org or call the school and leave a message (276-5200).

Each week in **Bible** we will have a memory verse as an important part of our studies. Please make sure your child practices the verse for the week each night. Students will need to be able to recite them by Tuesday of the following week. We will be having a Bible test every Tuesday, unless otherwise announced.

We have speed drills in **math** at least two to three times a week. These drills are focused on review of addition and subtraction facts now and will also review multiplication and division facts later. Most nights, students will have a math worksheet to complete. We will have a test in math about every two weeks. We will also have a practice test/quiz prior to each test.

There will be daily **spelling** homework, and **every Wednesday**, there will be a **spelling test**. Soon students will be bringing their **journals** home to write at least five sentence entries once or twice a week. Sometimes I will give them specific topics, but many times I will encourage them to use the creative minds God gave them. The entries may be ongoing stories. They will also need to read 20 minutes a night from a book of their choice or from a novel we are reading in class and hand in a reading log every Monday (graded). Let me know of any questions.

In **history** we will be studying communities around the world. We will also be reviewing and learning basic map skills (latitude, longitude, compass rose, etc.).

In **science** we will start with a look at the scientific method and go into our study on cold-blooded and warm-blooded animals. I am looking forward to some cool experiments and awesome observations of God's wonders during the school year.

Our resource schedule and lunch time for this year is as follows:

Lunch (daily) 12:35-1:05

Mondays: Computer 10:00-10:45

Tuesdays: Drama 9:10–9:55, Library 2:00–2:30

Wednesdays: P.E. 10:00–10:45

Thursdays: Music 9:00–9:55, Spanish 10:00–10:30

Fridays: Art 10:00–10:45

Thanks for your support. It is God's will that I am here at Banner Christian School, and I always rejoice in the fact that He has placed me among brothers and sisters of Christ.

Have a great first week and let's have an amazing school year!

In Him,
Bert Rhodes

FYI:

- Always check student planners daily for homework updates. Please sign the planner as these will be checked each morning.
- Late assignments will receive a 10-point deduction from the starting value for each day they are late for the first 3 days. After 3 days, late homework will be assessed as a "0".

All About Mrs. Rhodes

My name is Martha Rhodes but everyone who knows me calls me "Bert". I have been married to an amazing, hardworking man named Steve for 33 years this September and we have two beautiful girls Ashlyn (29) and Katie (26). We also have an adorable granddaughter, Brooklynn, who thinks she is 3 going on 30. This is my 35th year teaching and my 14th year here at Banner. I absolutely love working with kids and watching them grow in both their learning and walk with Christ! Even during the summer I spend time tutoring, babysitting and directing Vacation Bible School at my home church Woodland Heights. Looking forward to an awesome 3rd grade year! :)

SUPPLIES

Bible- ESV Required

Eraser tips- 2 packs

#2 pencils- 2 packs of 24 count each

Red pens- 1 package

Washable markers- thin or regular tip-1 box

Highlighters- 1 multicolored package

12 colored pencils- 2 boxes

5 x 8 supply box or pouch

Pocket folders- 2

Tissues- 3 boxes

3 x5 ruled index cards

Note card holder/box

Hand held pencil sharpener- Fiskars preferred
Crayons- 24 count
12" ruler- non-flexible (w/ inch and centimeter)
Glue sticks- 4
Pair of scissors- Fiskars preferred
Marble Composition Book
Wide ruled notebook paper - 2 packs of 200 count each
Disinfectant wipes- (Clorox/ Lysol)- 1 container
3 Ring Binder- 1 1/2 inch preferred/ 2 inch okay
Standard size book socks (book covers)- 2
Jumbo book socks- (book socks)- 2
POCKET dividers for binder- 2 sets
Dry erase markers- 4
Small/medium/large binder clips
Pink Pearl erasers- 4
Additional information
Grading
90-100 E
80-89 S
70-79 P
0-69 N

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Welcome to Fourth grade!

Mrs. Reyes

[Click here to check out our Google Classroom!](#)

Supplies

1-ESV Bible
3 packs #2 pencils (standard or mechanical)
1 box - 12 colored pencils
1 box - washable markers
2 highlighters
4 thin dry erase markers
whiteboard eraser
1 pair - scissors
1 - 12 inch ruler (non-flexible) with inch and centimeter measures
1 pencil case
3 - red pens
4 - erasable blue pens
2 - glue sticks
3 - packs wide ruled notebook paper
1 - 1 inch-3 ring binder
1 set subject dividers
3 hard back composition books
Graph paper- loose leaf or graph paper notebook

Grading

93-100 A
85-92 B
77-84 C
70-76 D
0-69 F

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Welcome to Fifth grade!

I am looking forward to another exciting year in 5th grade! This will be my 4th year teaching at this level, however I have experience teaching all levels from K4 through 12th grade. I have a degree in education from Liberty University. It is at Liberty where I met my husband. We have a daughter, McKinley (17), who attends the University of Tennessee and Michael, (15) who is a sophomore at Banner. We also have the privilege of housing international students. Throughout the years we have had 3 students from Venezuela, 1 from Hong Kong, 1 from Germany, and 5 from China that have lived with us while attending Banner.. This year James (China) will be with us for the 4th year. He is a senior at Banner. We will also house Lily (China). She will be with us for the first time and will be a junior.

5th grade will be an action-packed year where students build on the foundation they have received while learning to become more independent thinkers and learners in preparation for middle school. In Bible, our study focuses on the Old Testament where we will study many priests, prophets, judges, and kings. In math, we will delve deeper into higher level skills while reinforcing things that students have learned in the past. Fact Practices will occur most days to keep math facts fresh in the minds of the students. They begin with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, but move on to fractions and percentages as the year progresses. In the Language Arts, there will be a weekly spelling test, a focus on grammar and developing writing skills, and reading poetry, short stories, and novels. A highlight each year is the Living Wax Museum that 5th grade hosts each February. Our studies in Science include minerals and rocks, fossils and dinosaurs, matter, energy and heat, weather, biomes, interactions in an ecosystem, changes in an ecosystem, sound, and light. World history and map skills will be the focus in Social Studies. We will begin in Mesopotamia and journey through the ancients lands of Egypt, Israel, Greece, India, China, and Japan. We will also examine the Middle Ages, the Age of Exploration, the Renaissance, the Reformation, and Oceania. I am looking forward to watching each child grow as they strive to reach their potential this school year.

Mrs. Burkett

Supplies

ESV Bible

3 packs #2 pencils (standard or mechanical)

1 box - 12 colored pencils

1 box - washable markers

2 highlighters

4 thin dry erase markers

whiteboard eraser

1 pair - scissors

1 - 12 inch ruler (non-flexible) with inch and centimeter measures

1 pencil case

3 - red pens

4 - erasable blue pens

2 - glue sticks

3 - packs wide ruled notebook paper

2 - 1 inch-3 ring binder

1 set subject dividers

3 hard back composition books

3 spiral notebooks

Additional information

Grading

90-100 E	93-100 A
80-89 S	85-92 B
70-79 P	77-84 C
0-69 N	70-76 D
	0-69 F

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Welcome to Geometry!

Welcome to my geometry class! This year you will learn about points, lines, angles, surfaces, solids, and logical reasoning. "Math works because God faithfully holds everything in place. Math is not independent from God. It is not neutral. Math's very existence and ability to work is dependent on God's faithfulness in holding everything together!" I look forward to educating you in both geometry and God's faithfulness to all of us.

Mr. Wolf

Personal

I am married and have two kids and live on the north side of Richmond.

Education

B.S. James Madison University

M.A. Virginia Commonwealth University

Supplies

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

A graphing calculator

A binder with loose leaf paper (this will be used for problem solving and note taking)

Graph Paper

Pencils, Eraser, and Protractor

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Your books being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

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Category weights

75% Tests

25% Homework

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Welcome to Honors Anatomy!

Course Description: This course is designed for students who plan to enter careers that require extensive knowledge of human anatomy and physiology. Focus is centered upon the orientation and organization of the human body, the support and movement of the human body, regulation and maintenance of the human body, and the integration and control systems of the human body. *A lot of reading and memorization is necessary to do well in this class.*

Recommended Prerequisites: Students should have successfully completed biology before taking this course. Students either should have also successfully completed chemistry or be taking it concurrently with this course.

Mrs. Arnold

I'm excited to begin my fifteenth year teaching at Banner! Let me tell you a little bit about me . . . I grew up in Miami, Florida, and trusted Christ as my Savior at an early age. My first degree, a B.A., was from Florida Bible College in Hollywood. I met and married my husband George there, and we had four children, two boys and two girls, who now have their own families. We have six grandchildren along with several grand-cats and -dogs. After our kids left home to go to college, I went back to school to get my M.Ed. at Columbia International University in South Carolina. And now, look forward to having you in my class this year!

Supplies

Textbook (Banner provides this)

Lined notebook paper

Section in a binder or separate binder

Sharpened pencils or pens, including a red or colored pen for grading quizzes

Index cards

Colored pens or pencils

Reminders

Be sitting in your desk ready to learn when the bell rings.

You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class.

Homework must be completed before the beginning of class. Since this is an honors class, during the first semester, late homework receives a ten-point deduction the first day it is late, and then it's a zero. Late homework cannot be accepted at all during second semester.

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

** Please bring a bottle of water to class. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

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Category weights

34% Tests & Projects

33% Quizzes & Participation

33% Homework, Labs, & Classwork

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Welcome to History 7!

I am looking forward to a great year and am excited to have you in class learning about our History. This course will cover the time period from the Civil War to the present day. This is an interesting subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. As I will allow students to make suggestions at the beginning of the year, please be thinking of history topics you would like for me to cover during the course. There will be topics that are necessary for us to cover, but I would like to pay particular attention to those topics, events, or eras of interest to students.

I will be expecting a lot from you this year, including the areas of class behavior and conduct towards other classmates. You will be challenged academically and spiritually, but I know you are able to do all that will be asked of you.

I invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at nbalducci@bannerchristian.org.

Mr. Balducci

This will be my second year as a teacher at Banner Christian School. Prior to Banner, I graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor's degree in Government/Public Administration. I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Educational Leadership. I am the fourth of five children in my family; I have three brothers and a sister. My hobbies include sports, spending time with friends, the beach, hiking, the mountains, and spending time with my family and significant other.

I am very excited about this year and hope you are, too. It's going to be a great year.

Supplies and Class information

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook

A small three ringed binder or section in a larger multi-class binder (for notes and handouts)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

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Category weights

34% Tests & Projects

33% Quizzes & Participation

33% Homework & Classwork

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Welcome to United States Government!

I am looking forward to a great year and am excited to have you in class learning about our Government. This is an interesting and challenging subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. As I will allow students to make suggestions at the beginning of the year, please be thinking of government topics you would like for me to cover during the course. There will be topics we have to cover, but I would like to pay particular attention to those topics of interest to students.

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Supplies

An ESV Bible

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook AND PAPER (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.

A pencil or pen

Reminders

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes
25% Homework

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Welcome to Music Production and Recording Arts!

This class combines two things that students love, music and technology. Students will experience all styles and genres of music. Students will also learn about recording technology in general. Students will learn how to record "studio" and "live" music, make commercials, radio segments, create and record music for video games, movies, and so much more. This class is intended to be a way for students to learn about and have fun with the science of sound and technology. Students will not only learn how to record, but also use computers and programs to mix and edit all types of music and even create sound effects. This is an introduction to music technology so no musical background is needed just a willing mind ready to experiment, create, and have fun.

Mr. Baugh

Music is my passion and my calling. I have been teaching for 14 years, 9 of those years being at Banner. I graduated from Virginia State University with a Bachelor's degree in Music. I have been the Minister of Music and Praise and Worship leader at Agape Christian Center Church for 17 years. I have 4 beautiful children, Zoe, Zion, Zach, and Zander. I have been married to my lovely wife Elwanda for 12 years. In my free time, I love to write music, learn to play other instruments, and spend time with my family. I love to see students grow and develop in their gifting and musical skills. I enjoy seeing students performing at their most optimum level. I am very excited about what God is going to do through each of you in our class this year.

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.

A pencil or pen

A USB flash drive (this will be used to store all of your sound recordings and projects)

A set of headphones

Reminders

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Middle School Music!

Middle School Music allows students to transfer prior knowledge and skills to explore and develop their musicianship through various courses of study and performance opportunities. These courses include but are not limited to keyboard/piano training, guitar class, drumming, music technology, music theory, and composing and improvising music. Students will lead the music during praise and worship once a week. This has been newly added to our music program and has become a great experience for students and those who hear them. The purpose of Middle School Music is to develop comprehensive musicianship with a focus on musical literacy. As a music educator, I believe all students are musical by nature, and have tremendous potential to learn and enjoy music. My driving goal is to help students become more enlightened and truly alive through a balanced, comprehensive, and sequential program of study.

Mr. Baugh

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Supplies

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking)

A binder (you will receive numerous handouts and sheet music during the year and they should be stored in your music binder)

A pencil (You are expected to bring a pencil to class everyday)

Reminders

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Category weights

60% Test, Projects, Performance

40% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

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Welcome to Grammar 7!

This Grammar 7 class is designed to increase communications skills through writing, speaking, and the study of the English language. Our primary focus in grammar class will be mastery and demonstration of the rules of grammar and the ability to express ideas both orally and in writing.

This year you can expect to review grammar skills previously learned and be introduced to some new usage and mechanics rules and skills. Students will model many writing styles and incorporate the grammar and usage skills mastered through writing. Writing assignments will include timed responses, journal writing, essays, critiques, and creative pieces. Because we are a community of learners, please also expect to work periodically in group situations and to present information to your peers in groups or individually.

Mrs. Mireles

I am looking forward to another blessed and productive year at Banner Christian School working with new and returning students. My first year was amazing, and I'm anticipating an abundance of blessings from God during the 2017-2018 school year.

I started at Banner last year after teaching 20 years in the public school systems, 10 in Chesterfield County at the high school level and 10 in Henrico County at the middle school level. I love working with young people and helping them achieve all they possibly can.

I started my undergraduate studies at Liberty University in the fall of 1985 and finished my undergraduate degree in English at a small Southern Baptist college in Clinton, Mississippi called Mississippi College. I earned a Master's in Education from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1995 and a Post Master's Certificate in Leadership and Supervision in 2010.

If you have any questions about the new school year and this course, please feel free to email me at cmireles@bannerchristian.org.

Supplies

A Bible (necessary especially, but not solely, on test days)

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

A 3 Subject spiral-bound notebook with pockets and a marble composition book for journals.

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

Pens, pencils, highlighters, loose-leaf paper, colored pencils/markers, at least 1 red pen, post-it notes, thin point dry-erase markers.

Reminders

Be in your SEAT ready to learn when the bell rings.

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Begin the bellwork assignment on the board immediately after the bell rings. You don't need me to start the class.

Normally we work from bell to bell; if students finish work early, they should ALWAYS have an outside reading book (novel...no magazines, newspapers, etc.) to read in class.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

There will be some homework. It will always be checked and graded.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Respect yourself; respect others; respect the class community.

Mrs. Mireles will follow all rules and regulations in the Banner Student Handbook in terms of penalties for late work. Please read over those procedures in the handbook as well as the syllabus supplied at the beginning of the school year.

All rules in the Banner Code of Conduct apply at all times!

1 Corinthians 10:31- "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Additional information

- There is absolutely no eating in the classroom; students may have a CLEAR water bottle with water to drink.

- It is important that students learn to write in complete sentences, capitalize the first word of each sentence, and place an end mark at the end. Each time a student does not do one of these things, he or she will lose a ½ point up to 10 points on one assignment. If the directions indicate that complete sentences are not necessary, this will not apply.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

30% Quizzes & Participation

20% Homework & Classwork

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Welcome to American Literature! (English 11/12)

Welcome to American Literature! Throughout the course of the school year, we will take a chronological voyage through our nation's history through the lens of literature. Although some of the selections will be well-known titles, others will be more obscure. Poems, novels, short stories, and selections from longer pieces will make up the bulk of the readings; we will use the textbook as well as novels as resources.

A corresponding Google Classroom has been established for this course, and will be used regularly as a tool for communication and responding to readings throughout the school year; look for the invitation link in your Banner email inbox!

Will we begin the school year by reading a novel: *Love and Hate in Jamestown: John Smith, Pocahontas, and the Start of a New Nation* by David A. Price. We will start reading this on the second day of school, so please have the book by then. Here is a link to Amazon's listing, although it does not matter where you get the book: <https://www.amazon.com/Love-Hate-Jamestown-Pocahontas-Nation/dp/1400031729>

I am excited to take this journey will you! Feel free to reach out to me for any questions or concerns you may have.

tmoores@bannerchristian.org.

Mr. J. L. Moore

The small Virginia town of Lexington is where I grew up, which makes the small-ish city of Richmond seem large to me. I have two children; Landon Lee, who many of you know, and Emery, who is not yet old enough to grace the halls of Banner with her presence.

In my "free time" (and I use that term loosely) I love being in the outdoors, and am generally MIA during the weekends during hunting season! I am also fond of watching (and debating about) various sports.

I received a B.A. from Virginia Commonwealth University and then an M.Ed from Liberty University back in 2014. I very much love to learn and enjoy reading nonfiction.

Supplies

A Bible

Textbook (Provided by Banner)

A one-subject spiral notebook for journaling purposes.

A section of a three-ring binder with access to loose-leaf paper.

A copy of the novels that we will be reading throughout the school year (*Love and Hate in Jamestown*, *Huckleberry Finn*, and *The Great Gatsby*)

A black or blue ink pen.

Reminders

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

30% Quizzes & Participation

20% Homework & Classwork

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Welcome to United States History!

Welcome to US History! Many of you have been exposed to our nation's history at the middle school level, and learned the "whats" regarding our nation's history. This course is geared towards discovering and thinking about the "whys." The narrative will begin in the pre-colonial times on the North American continent with a study of native cultures, and the progress into modern times by May.

A corresponding Google Classroom has been established for this course, and will be used regularly as a tool for communication and responding to readings throughout the school year; look for the invitation link in your Banner email inbox!

Feel free to reach out to me for any questions or concerns you may have. tmoores@bannerchristian.org.

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50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to English 8!

Dear Parents,

I consider it a privilege that you have entrusted Banner and me to help educate your son or daughter. We will focus on grammar, writing, public speaking, and literature. I will attempt to make it very clear what to study for tests and quizzes and I will often give the students the opportunity to redo essays and writing assignments for partial credit. If you have any questions, please email me at dmurrell@bannerchristian.org and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs. Murrell

I am a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and I love to see my students learn to love and appreciate the English language and its roots and, hopefully, mature in their relationship with our Lord through reading and discussion.

Supplies

Textbook (I will provide this to you)

A marble composition book for journals.

A folder to keep all tests and important papers

Black or blue pens and paper (NOT college ruled)

Books you will need to acquire:

- *I Am Malala*
- *The Diary of Anne Frank*
- *The Slave Dancer*, by Paula Fox

Reminders

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization must be ended when the bell rings. You should begin working on the class opener, which is usually posted on the front board. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

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Welcome to Bible 6!

I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you learning more about our Amazing Savior's love letter to us. This life changing class covers the most important subject you will ever learn and I hope that together we can grow even closer to our Wonderful Lord through it.

You will be challenged academically and spiritually, but I know you are able to do all that will be asked of you. And, by the end of the year you will know more about yourself, your classmates, and the God who created you to be who you are.

I encourage you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Below is an overview of the school policies and expectations. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at

rmyers@bannerchristian.org.

Ms. Myers

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Supplies

An ESV Bible

A workbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

A pencil or pen

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you studying Algebra I. This is an interesting and challenging subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. Please see below for an overview of the information about school policies and expectations.

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects
25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes
25% Homework

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Algebra 2!

Welcome to Algebra 2 at Banner. I am excited to have you in my class and am looking forward to working with you. I will be praying for you and your success in Algebra 2. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email at stignor@bannerchristian.org or by calling the Banner office at (804)276-5200 and leaving a message. I will return your call or respond to your email as soon as possible. I am looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Tignor

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Supplies

A textbook (will be provided the first day of class.)

Loose-leaf paper

Graph paper (if desired)

Pencils

Scientific calculator that does sine and cosine, preferably Texas Instruments. (You do NOT need a graphing calculator.)

Book cover

Reminders

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Category weights

60% Tests

40% Homework

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Welcome to Honors Advanced Math!

I am looking forward to having you this year in Honors Advanced Math. I will be praying for you and your success in my class. Feel free to contact me by email jpace@bannerchristian.org or by calling the Banner main office (276-5200) and leaving a message. I will return your call or respond to your email as soon as possible. Have a great year!

Mrs. Pace

Class Structure:

- One lesson will be taught each day. Students must complete the entire lesson each day for homework. There is usually time in class to get started.
- All work must be done in **pencil** on loose-leaf paper.
- Homework is due at the **beginning** of class the following day and is usually a completion grade.
- Random homework assignments will be graded for accuracy.
- Homework turned in after the beginning of class will be considered late. In case of an emergency such that you are unable to complete your homework, please bring a note from a parent.
- Each student is allowed one grace day per quarter for one homework assignment.
- Tests will usually be given on Thursdays.

Supplies

Textbook (The school will provide this on the first day of class.)

Loose-leaf paper, NO SPIRALS

Graph paper (if desired but not necessary)

Pencils

Graphing Calculator (TI-83 or 84)

Section of a binder

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Complete all assignments prior to class doing your best work.

Homework must be completed prior to the start of the class on the date it is due.

Be aware of homework rules for honors classes.

First Semester: daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment.

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Grading category weights

75% Tests

25% Homework

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Welcome to Marine Biology!

Just as the class name states, we will be studying many concepts related to the ocean, its make up, and the life that makes its home there. We will look at the usual and the unusual found in the sea.

We study some creatures in depth (and yes, I'm planning on doing the shark dissection this year!), and study the effects the ocean has on our life here on dry land, the moon's effects on tides, as well as how we impact the ocean with how we live in today's world.

Mrs. Wolfe

Some students may know me as the teacher who does smelly dissections. Well, I do that and more. We have a great time with hands on labs, projects, and everyday activities.

This will be my third year at Banner. I've been teaching for 30 years, give or take. My favorite subjects are, of course, the sciences. I consider labs a fun thing to do!!

I will tell anyone who will listen about my twin sons and my 5 grandchildren. I enjoy volleyball, reading, sewing, and crafty things. (That may be why I like labs!)

So come ready to learn about the living part of God's World and how it impacts us. Hopefully, you will find an area of Biology that you really like.

Supplies

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

A 1 " binder with at least 5 dividers

Dark Blue or Black pens, pencils

One package baby wipes

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Category weights

40% Tests & Projects

15% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Quizzes

20% Lab

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Welcome to History 8!

I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you studying the field of History. This is an interesting and challenging subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. This is an introductory course in the study of U.S. government.

This course is divided into two semester studies--Civics and geography.

I invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at jyoung@bannerchristian.org.

Mr. Young

This will be my 6th year at Banner and previously I have taught at two other Christian Schools in the area. Prior to Banner, I graduated from Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee with a Bachelor's degree in Bible with a minor in History. I am married and have two children; and three grandchildren. My hobbies are reading history and enjoying my grandchildren.

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35% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

15% Homework

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60% Tests

40% Homework

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Welcome to Honors World Literature!

Dear Parents,

I consider it a privilege that you have entrusted Banner and me to help educate your son or daughter. We will focus on grammar, writing, public speaking, and literature. I will attempt to make it very clear what to study for tests and quizzes and I will often give the students the opportunity to redo essays and writing assignments for partial credit. If you have any questions, please email me and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs. Murrell

I am a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and I love to see my students learn to love and appreciate the English language and its roots and, hopefully, mature in their relationship with our Lord through reading and discussion.

Supplies

A black or blue pen

Books we will be reading year:

- *The King's Shadow*, Elizabeth Alder
- *I, Juan de Pareja*, de Treviño
- *Night*, Elie Wiesel

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Socialization must be ended when the bell rings. You should begin working on the class opener, which is usually posted on the front board. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

First Semester: daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. • After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

• **Second Semester: No late homework will be accepted.**

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone or any type of computer into the classroom. Leave it turned off and in your locker or with a staff member until the end of the day.

Category weights

45% Tests & Projects

30% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Middle School Computer class!

Welcome to Computer Class! This class will be fun but challenging. In this class you will be focussing on computer coding. We will learn to use HTML to build simple websites and will be introduced to the Javascript language. By the end of the course, students should have a solid understanding of coding concepts (loops, if statements, functions, etc).

Mr. Murrell

I grew up in the era when home computing was born. I started tinkering with computers in the late 80's and have loved technology ever since. I graduated from V.C.U. with a degree in Graphic Design and received my master's degree in Educational Technology from Concordia University and love when others share their creativity. I am married and have two sons, both of which attend Banner Christian. I can be contacted at: bmurrell@bannerchristian.org

Supplies

USB thumb drive (64 GB minimum)

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Your books being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class. If you drop your books off and leave, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Let me know if you don't understand.

Do not be shy. Do not be embarrassed. If you have a question . . . ASK IT, Please!

Additional information

** Please use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

33% Tests

33% Quizzes

33% Homework

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Welcome to Middle School Typing class!

Welcome to Typing Class! Most of you use a keyboard on a daily basis. Others of you use one only when you need to type a paper or complete an assignment. Either way, the more efficient you are in front of a keyboard, the more productive you will be. I will manage your progress in this class using a software package that records your typing speed, rate of error, and improvement over time. I look forward to helping you master the keyboard!

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Supplies

Nothing other than a great attitude!

Reminders

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Additional information

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Category weights

33% Tests

33% Quizzes

33% Homework

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Welcome to Bible 7- Mr. Baugh

Welcome to seventh grade Bible! We will be using *Route 66* as our text this year. It is a survey of the Bible from cover to cover, and a really good background for heading into upper school Bible classes. I am looking forward to working with you!

Mr. Baugh

Music is my passion and my calling. I have been teaching for 14 years, 9 of those years being at Banner. I graduated from Virginia State University with a Bachelor's degree in Music. I have been the Minister of Music and Praise and Worship leader at Agape Christian Center Church for 17 years. I have 4 beautiful children, Zoe, Zion, Zach, and Zander. I have been married to my lovely wife Elwanda for 12 years. In my free time, I love to write music, learn to play other instruments, and spend time with my family. I enjoy seeing students performing at their most optimum level. I am very excited about what God is going to do though each of you in our class this year.

Supplies

An ESV Bible

A textbook/workbook (I will provide this on the first day of class.)

Loose-leaf paper

A binder or section of a binder

A pencil, no pens allowed

Reminders

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Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of class. Work completed after class has begun will be subject to a loss of 10 points per day ("late" being defined as after the first bell of the class period in which it was due). Late work will not be accepted during the second semester.

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am so excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

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** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

34% Tests & Projects

33% Quizzes

33% Homework and Classwork

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Welcome to History 7 - Mr. Young

I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you studying the field of History. This is an interesting and challenging subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned.

I invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at jyoung@bannerchristian.org.

Mr. Young

This will be my 6th year at Banner and previously I have taught at two other Christian Schools in the area. Prior to Banner, I graduated from Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee with a Bachelor's degree in Bible with a minor in History. I am married and have two children; and three grandchildren. My hobbies are reading history and enjoying my grandchildren.

I am very excited about this year. Please come on the first day with anticipation and a positive attitude about the material we will learn and the activities we will do together. It's going to be a great year!

Supplies

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts or other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

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Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

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Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

35% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

15% Homework

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Welcome to World Literature! (English 9)

This course is designed to help students become college and career ready through the study of world literature. Students will read texts from our own region as well as works from other parts of the world. Students will also focus on writing, speaking, and on research elements that correspond to common standards of instruction. Therefore, students will thematically study, analyze, interpret, and critique various genres of literature and other media based on the historical and cultural context of the author and his or her culture, as well as through a Biblically-based Christian lens. Through this study, students will explore how the resilience of the human spirit is reflected in literature from around the world. Student reading selections will include a variety of worldviews; however, the students will be learning to read and write critically, applying a Christian worldview to each assignment.

Mrs. Arnold

I'm excited to begin my fifteenth year teaching at Banner! Let me tell you a little bit about me . . . I grew up in Miami, Florida, and trusted Christ as my Savior at an early age. My first degree, a B.A., was from Florida Bible College in Hollywood. I met and married my husband George there, and we had four children, two boys and two girls, who now have their own families. We have six grandchildren along with several grand-cats and -dogs. After our kids left home to go to college, I went back to school to get my M.Ed. at Columbia International University in South Carolina. And now, I look forward to having you in my class this year!

Supplies

A Bible

Textbook (Banner provides this)

A five-subject spiral-bound notebook with pockets and a marble composition book for journals.

A binder (this will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as class handouts and other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

Pens, pencils, highlighters, loose-leaf paper, colored pencils/markers, at least one red pen, post-it notes, and thin-point dry-erase markers.

Books that need to be purchased this year are *The King's Shadow* by Elizabeth Alder and *Night* by Elie Wiesel. Library copies are acceptable.

Reminders

Be in your SEAT ready to learn when the bell rings. Being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class; you must be in your seat starting the bellwork assignment. If you drop off your books and leave the classroom,, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Begin the bellwork assignment on the board immediately after the bell rings.

Normally we work from bell to bell; if students finish work early, they should ALWAYS have an outside reading book (novel...no magazines, newspapers, etc.) to read in class.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the beginning of class. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Major projects, presentations, and journals cannot be late.

Respect yourself, others, and our class. All rules in the Banner Code of Conduct apply at all times!

1 Corinthians 10:31- "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Additional information

- Please bring drinking water with you to class (in a clear container). Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.
- Use the restroom before coming to class; leaving the classroom after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.
- It is important that students learn to write in complete sentences, capitalize the first word of each sentence, and place an end mark at the end. Each time a student does not do one of these things, he or she will lose a ½ point up to 10 points on one assignment. If the directions indicate that complete sentences are not necessary, this will not apply.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects
30% Quizzes & Participation
20% Homework & Classwork

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Welcome to Bible 2 - Mrs. Myers

I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you studying God's Word. This is our most important subject and I hope you enjoy the lessons and activities I have planned. Please see below for an overview of the information about school policies and expectations.

You will be challenged academically and spiritually, but I know you are able to do all that will be asked of you. And, by the end of the year you will know more about yourself, your classmates, and the God who created you to be who you are.

I encourage you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at rmyers@bannerchristian.org

Ms. Myers

I greatly look forward to getting to know each student through the course of the year. This will be my first year as a teacher at Banner Christian School. Prior to Banner, I graduated from Pensacola Christian College with a Bachelor's degree in Science with an emphasis in Physical Therapy. I am the third of four children in my family; two brothers and a sister. My hobbies include outside activities, sports, playing piano and singing, as well as spending time with family.

I am very excited about this year; I know God has big plans and I cannot wait to see them unfold. We have representatives of both genders so that should make our role plays and other activities more fun. Please come on the first day with anticipation and a positive attitude about the material we will learn and the activities we will do together. It's going to be a wonderful year!

This will be an amazing year for God to show Himself strong. I look forward to seeing Him do just that as we cling to His promise as given in 1 Thessalonians 5:24:

"Faithful is He that calleth you who also will do it."

Supplies

An ESV Bible

Experiencing God book (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (I will provide this to you, but you need to bring it to class every day)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook and other class work/handouts. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

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Please come in promptly and begin the Welcome Work immediately. I don't want to waste a minute of time with you!

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects
25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes
25% Homework

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Welcome to Bible 2!

I am looking forward to a great year and am so excited to be able to spend time with you studying the most important subject in the world. The Bible is our glimpse into the heart of God. It tells His stories, demonstrates His character, and introduces us to the beginning of the world, animals, people, sin, destruction, and redemption. It shows us our hopeless and depraved situation and presents us with the awesome miracle of God-in-flesh who died to save us from it all. Jesus shows us the way to live in a manner that pleases God and invites us to follow in His footsteps. Together we will explore this amazing Book and discover how participating in a relationship with the God who breathed it can transform ourselves and our lives.

I invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to call me at the school number (276-5200) or email me at bdehaas@bannerchristian.org.

Mrs. de Haas

Many of you were in my 7th grade Bible class and I cannot tell you how excited I am to spend another year in God's Word with you. For those who are new to Banner or were in the other section of Bible 7, I welcome you and am thrilled to have the opportunity to teach and learn more about God with you. Prayerfully we will all grow closer to the Lord and deepen our relationships with Him through the course of the year.

For those of you who are new to me, I'll share a few things about myself. This will be my 12th year at Banner and in that time I have worn many hats. Currently I am transitioning from teacher/counselor and adding the role of Upper School Principal. Prior to Banner, I graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Master's in Social Work. I am currently taking classes through Liberty toward a Master's in Education. I am married and have four children; two of whom have graduated from Banner and two who are still attending (one in this class, in fact). My hobbies are reading, running, scuba diving, and doing anything with my family.

Please come to class with an open heart, anticipation, and a positive attitude. It's going to be a great year!

Supplies

An ESV Bible

***Experiencing God* book** (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (I will provide this to you, but you need to bring it to class every day)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook and other class work/handouts. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

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Please come in promptly and begin the Welcome Work immediately. I don't want to waste a minute of time with you!

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

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Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Additional information

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Category weights

50% Tests & Projects
25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes
25% Homework

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Welcome to Honors United States History!

Welcome to Honors US History! Many of you have been exposed to our nation's history at the middle school level, and learned the "whats" regarding our nation's history. This course is geared towards discovering and thinking about the "whys." The narrative will begin in the pre-colonial times on the North American continent with a study of native cultures, and the progress into modern times by May.

A corresponding Google Classroom has been established for this course, and will be used regularly as a tool for communication and responding to readings throughout the school year; look for the invitation link in your Banner email inbox!

Feel free to reach out to me for any questions or concerns you may have. tmooore@bannerchristian.org.

Mr. J. L. Moore

The small Virginia town of Lexington is where I grew up, which makes the small-ish city of Richmond seem large to me. I have two children; Landon Lee, who many of you know, and Emery, who is not yet old enough to grace the halls of Banner with her presence.

In my "free time" (and I use that term loosely) I love being in the outdoors, and am generally MIA during the weekends during hunting season! I am also fond of watching (and debating about) various sports.

I received a B.A. from Virginia Commonwealth University and then an M.Ed from Liberty University back in 2014. I very much love to learn and enjoy reading nonfiction.

Supplies

A Bible

Textbook (Provided by Banner)

A one-subject spiral notebook for journaling purposes.

A section of a three-ring binder with access to loose-leaf paper.

Reminders

Be in your SEAT ready to learn when the bell rings. Being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class; you must be in your seat starting the bell-ringer assignment. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung, you will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Begin the bellwork assignment on the board immediately after the bell rings. You don't need me to start the class.

Normally we work from bell to bell; if students finish work early, they should ALWAYS have an outside reading book (novel...no magazines, newspapers, etc.) to read in class.

Complete all homework assignments prior to class using your best work.

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. This is true for all homework, even if the assignment was simply to read.

First Semester: daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment.

After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Second Semester: No late homework will be accepted.

Respect yourself; respect others; respect the class community.

It is YOUR responsibility to know what is in the Student Handbook at Banner Christian School. You will be held accountable to the policies outlined there.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Bible 8!

The Lord be with you this year in Bible 8! I look forward to really delving into the life of Christ with you, concentrating on the Gospel of John. I hope we will learn many things together - I know we are coming from many different Protestant Christian traditions, and we will want to share our customs and traditions as we discuss together what it truly means to follow Christ. My prayer is that you will understand what you believe and will be able to defend your faith. I also desire you to be aware of what other Christians (and Jews) do when they worship, even if we do not follow the same traditions.

This class is largely lecture and discussion. We will not be using a workbook, but I will be giving you many handouts on our discussion topics. We will be discussing Israel's history and its situation at the time of Christ, and how His life impacted people at all levels in His time. I hope you will find it as interesting as I do to realize Christ lived in a real place with ordinary people like us. I will be asking you to do some devotional activities at home and some group projects in the classroom. I will also ask you to lead some of our daily prayer times. Although I do not expect this class to be too taxing academically, I hope you will use this opportunity to strengthen your relationship with Jesus.

Mrs. Smith

This may be the third year I have had some of you as students, or perhaps this is your first year at Banner. In either case, I hope to develop a relationship with you in which we can be truthful and encouraging of one another. Some of you will have strong faiths, while others may just be thinking about what you truly believe. I hope our class will help you in either situation, that it will help you deepen your relationship with Jesus, and that you will also develop strong relationships with your classmates. We will truly pray together every day, we will sing together as time allows, and most importantly, we will study the Word of God.

I have been teaching at Banner since day one. It has been a great joy of my life to watch Banner grow and develop into a wonderful school. I have studied at Grove City College, Cleveland State University, the University of South Carolina, and Liberty University. I enjoy reading and studying Biblical/Christian history as well as history in general. All of these experiences have given me a wide ranging interest in many things, which I hope will enrich our classroom time together. I was baptized in the Church of the Brethren, belonged to Methodist and Baptist churches, worked as a church musician in Moravian and Episcopal churches, and for many years have belonged wholeheartedly to Crestwood Church (a Presbyterian congregation in the ECO, a new evangelical denomination).

I invite you to contact me if you have any questions. Please feel free to call the school number (276-5200) or email me at rsmith@bannerchristian.org

Supplies

A Bible (The ESV Bible is our only textbook.)

Binder A small three-ring binder for Bible or a section in a large binder. I will be giving you many handouts which you will need to keep. It is also wise to keep tests and quizzes.

Regular school supplies. (Paper, pens, etc.)

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when Praise and Worship is over.

Please quickly take care of personal issues on your way. If you have an emergency, ask me to leave after you have arrived in class. I allow students to go one at a time only when it will not disrupt class or your learning. I will not rush back to class after Praise and Worship, but if I am there, I assume you can be too, and it will be time to start class. If you are not there, I believe you are tardy.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

The majority of our homework will be memorizing verses or learning facts and information from our class discussions and lecture. Much of this material will be assessed several times, so cramming for a quiz or test will not help you truly learn the material. Be prepared in advance!

Homework must be completed before the start of the class in which it is due. Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction each day it is late for the first three days following the due date of the assignment. After three days, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions and presentations.

Discuss, sing, and join in group and individual presentations. I will try to teach you many things you did not know about the Bible and the life of Christ. Studying God's word is a pleasure and a privilege! Be prepared to enjoy!

Additional information

** If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Please use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is reserved for emergencies only.
** Do not bring a cell phone to class. Leave it in your locker or in my phone basket until the end of the day.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

40% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

10% Homework

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Welcome to United States History!

Welcome to US History! Many of you have been exposed to our nation's history at the middle school level, and learned the "whats" regarding our nation's history. This course is geared towards discovering and thinking about the "whys." The narrative will begin in the pre-colonial times on the North American continent with a study of native cultures, and the progress into modern times by May.

Mr. Young

This will be my 6th year at Banner and previously I have taught at two other Christian Schools in the area. Prior to Banner, I graduated from Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee with a Bachelor's degree in Bible with a minor in History. I am married and have two children; and three grandchildren. My hobbies are reading history and enjoying my grandchildren.

I am very excited about this year. Please come on the first day with anticipation and a positive attitude about the material we will learn and the activities we will do together. It's going to be a great year!

Supplies

A Bible

A textbook (I will provide this to you)

A one-subject spiral-bound notebook (this will be used for note-taking and homework)

A binder (will contain the spiral-bound notebook as well as other class work kept for test review purposes. A section in a larger, multi-class binder is fine as well, provided there is room for the notebook and a folder.)

A pencil or pen

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Your books being in the classroom does not mean that you are on time for class. If you drop your books off and leave for any reason, returning after the bell has rung will be counted as a tardy. You will receive a warning for your first tardy and a demerit on your second and subsequent offenses.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

Daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

Actively participate in class discussions.

We learn much more about a subject when we engage in discussion as well as make class much more interesting and fun. I am so excited about having you in my class and hope that you will engage, participate, and enjoy it as well!

Additional information

**If you wish to have water in class, please bring it with you. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom after class has started to get it. Snacks/food items are not permitted except under special, pre-arranged circumstances.

** Use the bathroom before coming to class; leaving the room after class has begun is to be reserved for emergencies only.

** Do not bring a cell phone into the classroom. Leave it off and in your locker until the end of the day.

Category weights

50% Tests & Projects

25% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Honors World Literature!

Dear Parents,

I consider it a privilege that you have entrusted Banner and me to help educate your son or daughter. We will focus on grammar, writing, public speaking, and literature. I will attempt to make it very clear what to study for tests and quizzes and I will often give the students the opportunity to redo essays and writing assignments for partial credit. If you have any questions, please email me and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs. Murrell

I am a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and I love to see my students learn to love and appreciate the English language and its roots and, hopefully, mature in their relationship with our Lord through reading and discussion.

Supplies

A black or blue pen

Books we will be reading year:

- *The King's Shadow*, Elizabeth Alder
- *I, Juan de Pareja*, de Treviño
- *Night*, Elie Wiesel

Reminders

Be in the classroom ready to learn when the bell rings.

Socialization must be ended when the bell rings. You should begin working on the class opener, which is usually posted on the front board. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Terminate conversations when the bell rings and prepare to begin class.

Socialization may be permitted at the end of the class period IF all class material has been presented and class work has been completed. You will receive one verbal warning per class period before a demerit will be issued for extra-curricular talking during class time.

Complete all assignments prior to class using your best work.

First Semester: daily homework that is late will receive a 10 point deduction the first day following the due date of the assignment. • After one day, late homework will be counted as a zero (0).

• **Second Semester: No late homework will be accepted.**

Actively participate in class discussions.

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Category weights

45% Tests & Projects

30% Classwork/Participation/Quizzes

25% Homework

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Welcome to Kindergarten!

Mrs. Van Horn

THANK YOU! Thank you for entrusting your precious Kindergartner to us. We look forward to getting to know you and your child, as well as partnering with you in growing your little one into someone who will truly put *Christ First*, while receiving an *education that is second to none*.

About me: I graduated from Longwood University in 2003 with a Bachelors in Liberal Studies: Elementary Education. I then went on to get my Masters in Education: Teaching and Learning from Nova Southeastern University. I am married to a wonderful man named Kenny and we have a 4 year old boy named Corban, a little boy named Evan who will be 4 months old at the end of this month, and a 8 year old puppy named Shelby. This is my third year teaching Kindergarten here at Banner, but roughly my 14th year teaching in both traditional and non-traditional settings. Prior to coming to Banner Christian School, I taught 3rd and 4th grade at Cornerstone Christian Academy and, before that, I taught Gym, Art and Music classes to children between the ages of 3 months to 6 years old at Romp N Roll. Safe to say, I have quite the grasp on where your children have been and where they are going – academically and developmentally, and have great plans of moving along this path with enthusiasm, encouragement, and lots of singing! :)

Supplies

1 box - 24 crayons (Crayola preferred)

3 boxes- washable markers

1 pack- Crayola watercolors

1 bottle hand sanitizer

2 large glue sticks

2 boxes of tissues

2 containers of wet wipes

1 plastic or vinyl pocket folder

1 pair safety scissors (Fiskars preferred)

1 change of clothes (in a Ziplock bag)

lunch box

back pack

clear water bottle (Nalgene or Camelback or otherwise "indestructible" recommended)

dry erase markers

1 foldable rest mat

Additional information

Please join our class Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162808647589931>

Grading

90-100 E

80-89 S

70-79 P

0-69 N

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