7th grade News:

NJHS homework help table is available in the library every Tuesday thru Thursday morning from 8:05-8:45. Please help your child to keep textbooks covered.

Rules for acceptance to NJHS:

From the sponsor.

NJHS link: <http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/BMS/ActivitiesDocuments.cfm?ActivityIndex=12461>

Final Exams:

Exams cannot be taken early.  Do not plan family trips during exam days. Schedule is attached.

TAMSA:

Enclosed is a flyer with details about an important public meeting on Wednesday, December 12, featuring Texans Advocating for Meaningful Student Assessment (TAMSA).

Word Generation:

Resumes in 2013

From Math

**Basic Math-**

During class time we will be rotating through computers to use Academy of Math program.

Ms. Davis will offer tutorial sessions each Thursday morning from 8:00-8:45. Students should be aware that sessions can be cancelled due to meetings and other obligations. Ms. Davis will let them know in advance.

**Regular-**

Tutorials:

Mr. Ishaq will offer sessions each Friday from 8:15-8:45. He will be available for additional support each morning **except** Tuesday mornings. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Gomez will offer sessions each Wednesday from 8:05-8:45. Mrs. Gomez will also offer tutorials Thursday afternoon. Students should be aware that sessions can be cancelled due to meetings and other obligations. The teachers will let them know in advance if tutorials are cancelled.

Please ask your child about their homework and continue monitoring their student planners and organized notebooks which should contain sections (warm-up, notes, class work, homework/quizzes, test, and graded work).  Please encourage your child to take their time in showing work correctly with strategies provided in class. (No work=No credit.)

Teacher websites:

Mr. Ishaq-<http://ishaqmath.weebly.com/index.html>

Mrs. Gomez- <http://gomezmath.weebly.com>

Mrs. Green’s website, <http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bms/FacultyCourses.cfm?ExchangeIndex=167868>

**Pre-AP/GT-**

We have started our percent using percent bars unit. Please have your child figure the 10%, 15%, and 20% tip mentally the next time you go out to dinner.

There are no other major grades this grading cycle, but we will have a few daily grades.

Reviews for finals with due dates were given out today and posted to our websites.

We appreciate all the help you give your child with their work. The proportion and percent (next up) units will need to be done with particular shown work like we do in class. There are many ways which we as adults use to solve proportions and percents, but they don’t teach the relationship of the numbers or give an understanding as to why you got the answer you got. The methods we use as adults provide an answer, but your child is still learning and the process is just as important as the answer. Please patiently have them show you how we do it in class. The ‘easier’ method may only be used to check the answer.

Tutorials by Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Green are Wednesdays at 8:05 in their classrooms. Your child should have a sticker in the front of their agenda to get upstairs. They do need to let them know in advance that they are attending.

Mrs. Meyer’s website, [www.mrsmeyermath.weebly.com](http://www.mrsmeyermath.weebly.com)

Mrs. Green’s website, <http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bms/FacultyCourses.cfm?ExchangeIndex=167868>

From STAAR

Support of the regular math class. Final exam will be same material as the regular math class, so no extra review. We will review during class time.

From Science

**Regular and Pre-AP/GT -**

This week in science, students will conclude learning and exploring the characteristics of Genetics. There will be a short quiz to wrap up the unit rather than a unit test. By Wednesday students will receive their Review Sheets for the Final Exam and will receive class time to work on it.

For particular details regarding your child’s class, please visit their teacher’s website:

Ms. Adesina: <http://msadesinascience.weebly.com/>

Mrs. Ocanas: <http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bms/teacher.cfm?TeacherIndex=38723>

Mrs. Hattic: <http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bms/FacultyCourses.cfm?ExchangeIndex=167927>

For more detailed information on the upcoming week, please see your child’s teacher webpage below:

Ms. Adesina: <http://msadesinascience.weebly.com/>

Mrs. Hattic: <http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bms/FacultyCourses.cfm?ExchangeIndex=167927>

From Texas History

**Regular and Pre-AP/GT-**

Next week, students will continue discussing the major battles of the Texas Revolution, concentrating on the Alamo.  We will continue to look at how these events helped shape the history of Texas.  All students will have a TEST Friday over Chapter 7.  Semester Exam review sheets will be passed out Monday.  Please check your teacher’s website for a more detailed schedule of its completion.

Christine Carter- <http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bms/FacultyCourses.cfm?ExchangeIndex=23143>

Kathleen Flynn- [www.kathleenflynn.weebly.com](http://www.kathleenflynn.weebly.com)

Cynthia Humphries- <http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bms/FacultyCourses.cfm?ExchangeIndex=175436>

Jeffrey Krus- <http://campuses.fortbendisd.com/campuses/bms/teacher.cfm?TeacherIndex=39840>

From ELA

**Basic-**

We will be reviewing for the final. The topics of the review will include: Narrative Writing with Conflict; Expository/ How-to Writing; The Writing Process, Grammar, Usage and Mechanics; Sentences: Subjects and Predicates, Run-ons, and Fragments; Descriptive Writing (figurative language, and devices);Usage of synonyms and antonyms; and Applying the Pentad Method to texts.

**Regular-**

This week in ELA, **Ms. Kubeczka and Mrs. Smithson’s** classes will continue reading Bud, Not Buddy.

**Mrs. Buchanan’s** classes will continue reading the novel A Christmas Carol for both IDS and ELA.  The classes will be doing an in depth research project over the Charles Dickens time era and will be doing an expository project to go with the novel.  The students will also learn about literature circles and will be given their parts for their groups. Their presentations will be Thursday in the library.

**Mrs. Yoakum’s** students have just finished the novel *Full Tilt*. The students will be analyzing the themes in the novel, and take a closer look at the main characters and chart how they have changed over time. The final exam will be on Wednesday, December 19. Students will receive a review next week for their exam.

**Mrs. Garza’s** classes will continue readingRoll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.

Mrs. Buchanan’s class website is [http://teacherweb.com/TX/bainesmiddleschool/MrsBuchanan](http://teacherweb.com/TX/bainesmiddleschool/MrsBuchanan/update.aspx)

**IDS**-

Mrs. Buchanan’s class website is [http://teacherweb.com/TX/bainesmiddleschool/MrsBuchanan](http://teacherweb.com/TX/bainesmiddleschool/MrsBuchanan/update.aspx)

**Pre-AP/GT-**

Students will complete the novel *A Christmas Carol*  by the end of the week.  They will turn in answers to study guides for a completion grade.  They will be able to use these to study for the semester exam.

Final copies of the personal narrative are due in class on Friday, December 14.  Ms. Smithson’s students must also submit final copies to turnitin.com.

From Literacy (Goetzman and Yoakum)

Goetzman’s website: <https://sites.google.com/site/kerrigoetzman/>

From Health

**Mrs. Amsler-**

This past week the students completed their unit on Ch. 4 Nutrition.  We finished learning about the parts/functions of the digestive and excretory systems; learned to read and understand what is on food nutrition labels; and watched the documentary entitled, “Super Size Me”. I believe this opened up the students’ eyes to how fast food eating can impair your health.

Next week, the students will participate in the consequences unit with the Fort Bend County Sheriff’s office.  We will end next week with the drunk driving glasses activities that the kids have been looking forward to all semester.

Also, I have given out the review for the health exam for the students to get a head start on their studies.  This can be found on my teacher website on the Ft. Bend ISD web page.

**Mr. Yirgu-**

This week in health class the students completed covering our unit about Nutrition and Healthy Relationships.

Next week we will be going through our Consequences unit with the Local Sherriff’s Department Deputies coming in to speak to the students for the first 4 days of the week.  Starting on Friday the students will be given the time during class to use as a study hall and go over the review for my exam which will be posted on my webpage in mid-week and given to the students during class at the beginning of the week

Have a Great Weekend!!!

From Human Services

This week we will finish our cooking unit.  All the recipes that the students made are on my website under resources.  They really liked the recipes and I am sure they would love making them at home.  Students are also finishing their cross stitching.  If they paid their supply fee, they will be bringing them home this week.  On Thursday and Friday I will hand out their reviews.  They will work on them in class and we will go over the answers the following Monday.

From Production and Information Technology Systems

From Spanish

Please discuss this week’s objectives with your child, write your comments, and sign your child’s Reflections about my Learning (RAL) this week-end.

Tutorials: Tuesdays and Thursdays- 8:00 to 8:45 A.M.

For more information about lessons, homework, and assessments, please check your child’s Edmodo page.

From Broadcast Journalism

From Creative Performance

This week we finished up Characterization.  Next week we will work on the review sheet in class, since we only have a class set of textbooks.  If each student comes to class with their review sheet each day next week and finishes all of the questions, they will receive 10 bonus points on their final exam.  ***They must have their review sheet with them every day***.  If for some reason they lose it, they can find it on my website under Baines Faculty tab.  Both Creative Performance classes, will meet back up in my room next Friday and Monday to review for the final.  Please remind your child that there is only three more opportunities to improve their grades.  Their starring attraction for this week and their audience etiquette grade; which is based on their behavior in class during other performances.  Some of the students have not been turning in or completing their starring attraction. Again, all they have to do each day is write the date, the question and answer the question in complete sentences.  I am counting on all of the creative performance students to end the semester on a positive note.

From PE

Students are finishing up their last units of the semester and beginning to prepare for the final exam. Each exam will cover all units and activities we have covered in the fall semester. Students will get copy of the review to study in class and at home. The girls will not dress out next week, but will be cleaning out lockers, reviewing for their PE final and studying for their other academic finals during class time. The boys will dress out Monday through Wednesday of next week and begin to clean out lockers on Thursday and Friday. It is recommended that students hold on to their gym clothes as they will have PE during their 8th grade year. They can still purchase a new set at the beginning of next school year. Stay happy and healthy!

**FBISD PARENT PORTAL (Skyward)-Please sign up.**  
The new FBISD parent portal is up and running.  To obtain access, parents must complete a form and submit to the school counselor.  The login page and link to the form can be found at <http://www.fortbendisd.com/departments/technology/family-access>  
   
Family Access will provide you timely information to actively participate in your child's educational experience in Fort Bend ISD.  Family Access is a collaborative tool between educators and parents used to support and enhance each student's educational experience.  Family Access provides much more functionality than the previous Parent Portal and Fort Bend ISD is committed to collaboratively working with parents and students alike to ensure that Family Access meets the needs of everyone.

Mrs. Sharon Meyer  
Baines Middle School  
7th Grade Math

My webpage: <http://mrsmeyermath.weebly.com>

I can be reached most easily through email, [Sharon.meyer@fortbendisd.com](blocked::mailto:Sharon.meyer@fortbendisd.com). You can also leave a voicemail for me at 281-634-6962. This phone is in my room, but goes straight to voicemail at all times. I will attempt to return all emails and voicemails within 24 hours. Please check my webpage, <http://mrsmeyermath.weebly.com>, for up to date information about math class.

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