

Welcome back 7th and 8th grade families,

I hope each of you had a fun, safe, and healthy summer. I am very excited to be back together again. Just like previous years, I will be an 8th grade homeroom teacher as well as teaching 7th and 8th grade science and 8th grade social studies. Please read the following sections regarding classroom expectations and policies.

St. Antoninus Classroom Rules and Code of Conduct:

Students are expected to follow all rules/code of conduct set in place by the St. Antoninus Student Handbook*. If a student fails to follow the classroom rules/code of conduct they will face consequences, which could include receiving demerits. In junior high we are preparing our students for high school and beyond. We have set the bar high in our classrooms academically and behaviorally. We expect students to be respectful, responsible, and kind young people. Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.

Please refer to St. Antoninus Student Handbook for questions on rules/code of conduct located on the saintantoninus.org website

Homework/Absence Policy:

Homework is assigned as a means of giving practice, reinforcing concepts on the individual level, evaluating progress, and developing good study/work habits. These objectives are essential to our purpose. Parents should see that homework takes priority over “extra”-curricular activities. Homework teaches self-discipline because students must learn to budget their time and exert themselves to meet deadlines to best prepare for their futures. While children may not understand this, parents and guardians do. It is their responsibility to insist that each task be taken seriously and done carefully. Parents and guardians are not expected to help their child excessively, but interest goes far in encouraging a child. While many teachers utilize the school website to post homework, the plan book should be used as a means of communication with the teacher to help your child. It is the student's responsibility to complete the plan book daily. It is expected that each student will come to school with their homework completed. Not completing homework is NOT an option. Students may be required to do their homework instead of participating in recess. The plan book is marked appropriately, and parents may be requested to sign it. Students who have been absent may use this time to get their missing assignments completed. All homework is to be completed on time. If an emergency arises, and the student is unable to finish the homework, he/she should bring a note written by the parent. Extra-curricular activities do not

constitute an emergency. This is not a request to omit the assignment, but rather a request to postpone it for a good reason. Please remember that homework does not necessarily mean traditional, written work. Students may be requested to review class notes, read, work on projects, or study for a test, etc.*

In my classroom the student will receive 10% off for each day the assignment is late(ex: an assignment worth 30 points and is late one day will result in 3 total points off the assignment). If the student is absent they have as many days as they were absent to make up any missing work (ex: The student is absent for 1 day, the work is due 1 day after they return). It is the student's responsibility to come see their teacher when they are absent. We do not track students down in junior high in an attempt to prepare them for high school.

I will be posting homework on the homework webpage that can be accessed on www.saintantoninus.org. Teachers are human too and sometimes a teacher may forget to post the homework. It is important to stress to your child the importance of writing down their homework each day and not to rely completely on the teacher homework website.

**Directly from the St. Antoninus Student Handbook.*

Weight Breakdown:

7th/8th grade Science:

Tests/Projects- 40%

Quizzes/Labs- 30%

Assignments- 20%

Bio-Ety*- 10%

8th grade Social Studies:

Tests/Projects- 40%

Quizzes- 30%

Weekly Current Event*-20%

Assignments- 10%

- Bio Ety: Each week the students will be responsible for remembering 5 prefixes/suffixes related to science words and their definitions. The new words will be posted each Wednesday (on the classroom board) and the Bio Ety assessment will occur on the following Wednesday. Bio Ety can be a huge help on tests (such as the HSPT,ACT,SAT). It can help each student understand/figure out the meaning of a word they may not be familiar with. Please follow the link to the Bio Ety prefixes/suffixes Quizlet on my teacher webpage.
- Weekly Current Event: information will be going home with each student. This information is also posted on my webpage.

Contact Information:

Email is the best way to contact me throughout the school year. Please allow me 24 hours to respond (at minimum) to your email. You can reach me at bengert@saintantoninus.org. Do not hesitate in contacting me about any concerns or questions you may have.

Thank you all! I am looking forward to a great school year!

Mrs. Elizabeth Bengert

I (child print name) _____ understand the procedures and expectations for Mrs. Bengert's classroom for the 2021-2022 school year.

I (parent/guardian print name) _____ understand the procedures and expectations for Mrs. Bengert's classroom for the 2021-2022 school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please detach and return this slip no later than Friday, August 27th.

This letter will also be found on my Antoninus webpage all year.