

Meet your Gamma Teachers

2023-2024

Dear Gamma Student Families:

We are excited to begin a new year in Gamma Pod and we are pleased to have your son/daughter with us. As a helpful introduction to seventh grade, we'd like to tell you a little bit about the classes we teach.

American History



Mr. **Kyle Fodness** will teach American History, focusing on the Pre-Civil War Era through modern times. Students will investigate our nation's past and how it has shaped America into the country that it is today through a variety of means that will include: projects, discussions, notes, tests and written assignments.



Mathematics

Tori Warne is the math teacher. Students will study geometry, pre-algebra, fractions, decimals, percents and graphing. Students will also have the opportunities to work in groups, on projects, and learn through games.

Special Education Inclusion

Mr. **Corey Boen** is the Special Education teacher. He will be in charge of the IEP's and the academic support in the classroom for these students. If you have an email address, that would be very helpful in communicating back and forth with him.

Language Arts



Mrs. **Dannon Kietzman** teaches Language Arts. Students will read short stories, novels and essays. Students will study poetry and complete a variety of writing assignments, including the five-paragraph essay. We will work toward completing the Common Core Standards in Language Arts.



Science

Ms. **Chelsea Knutson** teaches Life Science. Life Science will emphasize the study of the environment, cell, genetics, human anatomy, the kingdoms of living things as well as how living things interact in our world. Students will be exploring science by doing a number of hands on activities such as labs and projects.

Materials



For Personal Use

- Pencils, blue or black pens
- 2 red correcting pens
- Five college-ruled notebooks
- 5 pocket folders or trapper
- 3 composition notebook
- 4 pack of highlighters

For Pod Use

- 1 ream of paper
- 2 boxes of facial tissues
- 24 pack of colored pencils
- pack of #2 pencils
- Donation - \$10 science labs

contact us

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BMS Website:

<https://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/bms/>

Family Access / Skyward:

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

Get Gamma Updates Via Remind

What is Remind?

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Subscribe by Remind app or text.



TO SIGN UP FOR GAMMA REMIND

1. To receive messages via app:

- Download the remind app
- Choose +Join a class
- Enter @gamma23-24

2. To receive messages via text:

- Text @gamma23-24 to 81010
- You may opt-out anytime by replying unsubscribe @gammapod

Attendance and Make-up Work

Students are encouraged to be in class every day. Assignments are posted on the Gamma Pod bulletin board at the end of every week. Students should ask their teacher for any handouts, instructions, and deadlines necessary to complete the make-up work on time. Parents and students can also access work assigned on a daily basis using Remind.

Information for Google classrooms for each class will be provided in the fall.

GAMMA
DAILY SCHEDULE

1st hr. AA/AE 8:35 – 9:35

 **locker/bathroom break

2nd hr. Basic 9:40–10:41

 **No Break

3rd hr. Basic 10:42–11:43

 **Locker/bathroom break

4th hr. AA/AE 11:47–12:47

 **Locker/bathroom break

LUNCH *12:50–1:15*

 **Locker/bathroom break

5th hr. Basic 1:19–2:19

 **No Break

6th hr. Basic 2:20–3:20

Gamma Pod information:

*As you can see from the daily schedule above the students are never in the pod for more than 2 hours without a break, so we limit the bathroom breaks they get besides the times listed on our schedule.

*Also we provide each student with a planner that they are to fill out each hour. This planner also has 6 bathroom passes they can use for emergencies throughout the quarter. They get a new one each quarter.

*We also sometimes use these planners as a graded assignment as well as partial qualifications for our end of the qtr. rewards.

*We post our daily assignments on the REMIND APP which we encourage you to get signed up for.