



# Welcome to Sigma Pod

As the new school year approaches, we would like to welcome you to Bemidji Middle School and the Sigma Pod community. By working together, our hope is that each child will have a positive and successful 7<sup>th</sup> Grade experience.

## Sigma teachers' names are:

Joel Brockway (Social Studies)

Nate Wollak (Pre-Algebra)

Caitlin Djonne (Science)

Rebecca Skipper (Language Arts)

## Supplies to Give Teachers at Orientation or During First Week

- 1 pkg. colored pencils
- 1 pkg. thick colored markers
- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 1 composition notebook for science
- 1 ream of copy paper
- 1 pkg. pencils
- Clorox wipes
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- \$10 lab donation to science (Cash or checks made to BMS)

## Materials Students Are Expected to Have Each Day

- Buy 2 packages of looseleaf paper, keep some in your math folder
- 2 pkg. pencils (replenish as needed)
- 4 single-theme notebooks (different colors)
- 5 pocket folders (different colors)

Trapper keepers are NOT advised in Sigma Pod.

## Sigma Pod Remind App - Please sign up

Sigma Pod uses the Remind App for communication with families. PLEASE SIGN UP for Remind App messages as soon as possible by texting @sigma232 to 81010. Students 13 or older can also join. This is for announcements only; if you need to contact teachers or have a question, please use the above email addresses.

**Family Access - Parents: Sign up now (if you don't already have an account).**

Sign up for Family Access to monitor your child's progress throughout the school year. This portal allows parents and guardians to view information related to their student's school experience (grades, attendance, missing assignments, discipline, food service info., and the ability to get email notifications from the pod). To sign up call (218)333-3100 ext 31134 or go to <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/parent/family-access/>

**Contact information - Parents: Please make sure your contact info is up to date!**

We will send out pod parent emails when necessary, and will also send updated progress reports for each class by email. To make sure you are getting emails and that we have correct phone numbers to contact you this year, please call the district office at 218-333-3100 and go to extension 31134. They can help you update emails, phone numbers, and addresses.

We look forward to meeting our new students on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 6th. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sigma Pod Teachers,  
Joel, Nate, Caitlin and Becky