



Welcome Visionaries!

There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?

–Robert F. Kennedy



Team Teachers

- Ethan Regan--Science
- Caleb Hankins--Math
- Walter Hood--Social Studies
- Sharman Banks--Writing
- Tatiana Pronina--Reading



Building Expectations

1. A book to read
2. Chromebook
3. Planner

Backpacks will be used to transport all items to and from classes since we will not be using lockers.



Building Expectations

- Clear (non-tinted) Water bottle - water fountains off
- No head coverings (except for religious reasons)
- No blankets, slippers or pajamas



Building Expectations

- Chromebooks

⇒ Students will be given a Chromebook during the first few weeks of school. There will be forms, including an insurance form this year, coming home that must be signed by both student and parents.

- **Cell phones** are not the best way to reach your child during the day. Please call the office and have a message sent to them. If your child is not feeling well, he/she must go through the nurse for that issue, not contact you directly. Cell phones should be stored in backpacks for the entire school day. We recommend that you seriously consider whether or not to send the cell phone to school since students will not be using lockers.



Visionary Expectations

- Students will treat everyone with respect everywhere.
- Students have the right and the responsibility to learn.
- Students must be on time to classes, have all necessary supplies, and be prepared to start class.



Visionary Expectations

ASSIGNMENTS

“It’s a funny thing, the more I practice the luckier I get.” -*Arnold Palmer*

There is a direct correlation between completing assignments and progress. This is practice for the assessments and we, as Visionary teachers, will be assigning a variety of tasks or activities to be completed as instructed.



Teacher Availability

- Phone-(573)659-3250 and leave a message
- Email- firstname.lastname@jcschools.us
(Preferred contact)
 - sharman.banks@jcschools.us
 - walter.hood@jcschools.us
 - caleb.hankins@jcschools.us
 - ethan.regan@jcschools.us
 - tatiana.pronina@jcschools.us
- Team time - 12:15-12:50 on M, W, F
- Individual Plan time - 1:10-1:45
- After school-by appointment



Communication

- **Infinite Campus / Parent Portal**

We encourage you to check your student's progress throughout the term using Parent Portal. In most cases, grades will be updated the week following the assessment. If you need access to Parent Portal, please email portalhelp@jcschools.us. We do not have the ability to connect you from TJ.

- **Assignments**

Visionary team assignments and announcements will be posted in Google Classroom and our teacher webpages. You will also be able to see assignments on Parent Portal.



Assessment For Learning

To help prepare our students for high school the following grading system will be used at Thomas Jefferson Middle School for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Grading categories and percentages

- A. Assessments (tests, quizzes, performance events, labs, etc.) will be **60%**.
- B. Coursework (assignments, projects, homework, activities, participation, bell ringers, etc.) will be **30%**.
- C. Final (may not be lengthy) will be **10%**



Behavior

- The Visionary team participates in the school wide BIST (Behavior Intervention Support Team) program to manage classroom behavior.
- Teachers will intervene proactively and often with any and all inappropriate behavior.
- Behavior interventions such as safe seats, buddy seats, success plans, restorative conferences, and team focus will be determined on an individual basis.



Character Building

- We will be spending time throughout the school year discussing manners and character with students, building relationships, and team building and then working with students to help them become citizens of character.
- Bullying - Encourage your child to let an adult know, so we can help them identify the difference between bullying and kids just being mean. There is a digital form for reporting incidents of bullying.



Helpful Hints

- Sign up for Parent Portal to access current information!! portalhelp@jcschools.us
- Encourage your child to read every night!
- Help your child get plenty of rest.
- Check nightly for assignments.
- Restock supplies during the school year.
- Organization is critical and they are still learning; please **HELP THEM!**