

# Moorhead Junior high

The image shows the main entrance of Albert B. Moorhead Junior High School. The building is constructed of brick with a prominent portico supported by four columns. Above the columns, the school's name is inscribed. The roof is red, and there is a small tower with windows on top. The scene is set against a blue sky with light clouds, and a green lawn is in the foreground.

ALBERT B. MOORHEAD  
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

# Information Meeting

Welcome to  
Moorhead  
Junior High!





# Administration

- Principal – Mr. Robert Garcia
- Assistant Principals
  - Brenda Bishop
  - Robert Jackson
  - Dusty Joiner
- Counselors
  - Cheryl Bracken
  - Theresa Randall



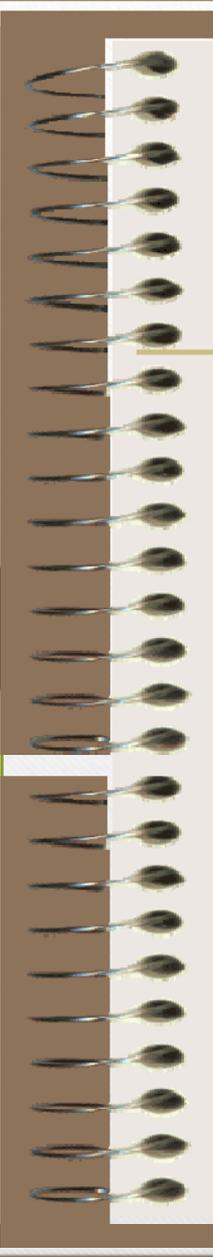
# This Presentation

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- **Comprehensive**
- **Honest**
- **Transparent**
- **Helpful**

# This Presentation

- **This presentation is given from the perspective that this will be your first child in secondary education.**
- **The presentation will answer almost any question you could have and I believe you will feel better when you depart.**
- **All information will be located on our website and in the district Program of Studies.**



# I Will Share With You in This Presentation My Perspective

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- **That of a(n):**
  - **Principal of Moorhead for 2 years**
  - **Administrator for 19 years and a principal for 7**
  - **Educator in three different school districts over 23 years**
  - **Parent of four children who attend school and one that will attend Moorhead next year.**
  - **Father of a college freshman that has gone through the entire k – 12 school process.**

# Important Dates

- **Meet the Teacher Night - August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**
- **First day of school- August 14<sup>th</sup>**
- **Moorhead Fall Fest – Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm**
- **First semester exams- Begin December 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Spring break- Week of March 9th**
- **Final semester exams- Begin May 26th**

# Goals of MJH

- Student Involvement

- Develop Character(hard work, good choices)

- All means All



# Welcome

- **Looking forward to a new year**
- **New challenges for students in secondary education**
- **New responsibilities**
- **New opportunities**



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Top 2 Predictors for  
Student Success According to Research

- **Attendance at school**
- **Involvement in a school activity**

# Good Attendance

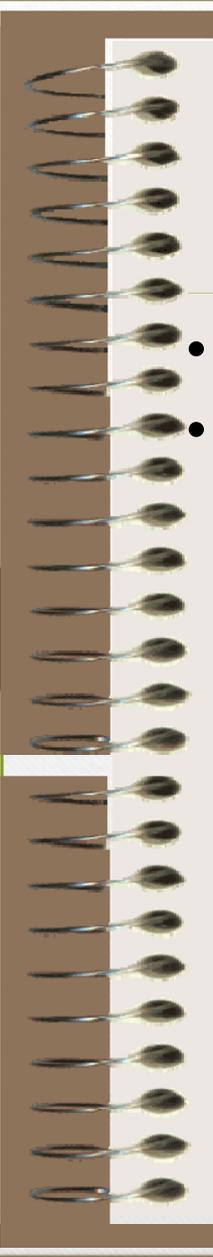
## The Key to Success

- Attendance now is a major factor not only for student academic success, but also Texas Education Agency (T.E.A.) school distinction ratings for campuses.
  - School ratings
  - The value of your home- State distinction awards for Texas school campuses
- *Texas State Law*
- Excused absences include:
  - Personal illness
  - Death of a family member
  - Student health services
  - Authorized school activities
  - Court appearances
  - T.E.A. recognized religious holidays

# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Student Council
- NJHS
- Live Wire
- Science Bowl
- UIL
- MTV
- Yearbook
- Many more!



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## *Easy* Things to do to Help your Child be Successful at Moorhead

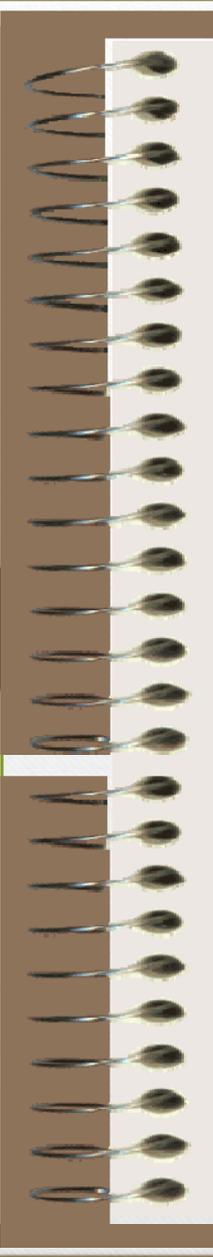
- **Encourage students to eat breakfast.**
- **Monitor the amount of *sleep* they *really* get.**
  - **Is the TV, smartphone, PlayStation 4, iPad, and/or computer in their bedroom?**
    - **If they are, children may not be *really* sleeping or getting effective sleep.**

# How Parents

## Make the Difference!

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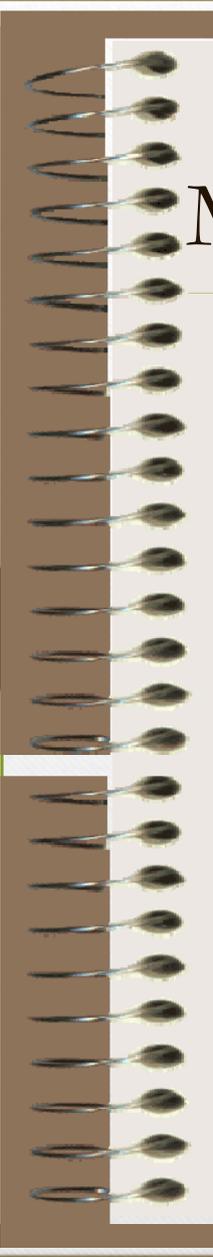
- **Talk to your child.**
- **Know where they are in the evenings and on weekends, who they are with, and why.**
- **When you have a question, go to the source and e-mail the teacher if the child was unsuccessful in resolving the issue.**

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# How Parents Make the Difference!

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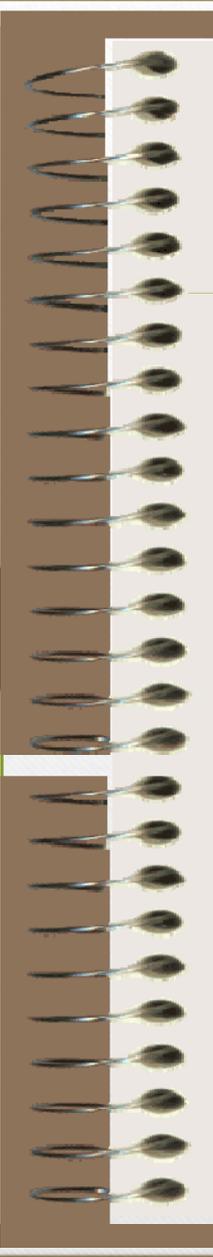
- **Hold students responsible for their actions (behaviorally and academically).**
- **Give your child a chance to work out some problems on their own.**
  - **Studies show students who self-advocate do better in high school and beyond.**



# Ongoing *Make A Difference* Monthly Anti-Bullying Program

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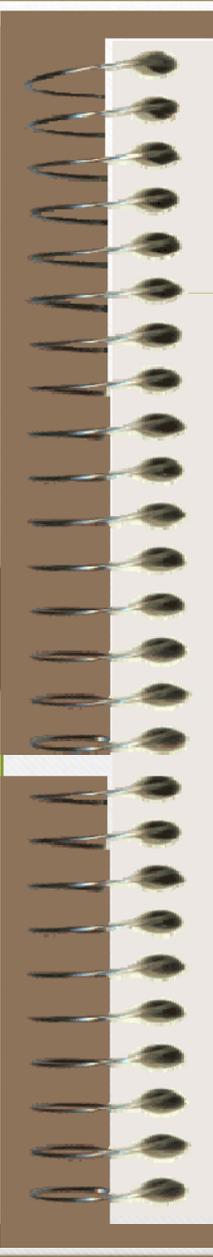
- **Bullying on campus? - Let your child's assistant principal know**
  - Email addresses for all administrators are at our website
  - Anonymous Alerts
  - Kid Chat
- **Full discipline information is available for you on your child 24 hours a day at Parent Access Center**

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## *Easy* Things to do to Help your Child be Successful at Moorhead

**Is your son or daughter's cell phone in their room at night (charging??) when you go to bed?**

- **Every day more research comes out clearly articulating the critical aspect of sleep for adolescent growth and success in school.**
- **The phone never sleeps in 2018.**
  - **If the phone does not sleep, *the child probably does not either.***

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# Ongoing *Make A Difference* Anti-Bullying Program

- **We personally meet with kids during the first week of school to address issues, prevention, and consequences revolving around critical topics including, but not limited to:**
  - **Bullying prevention**
  - **Drug awareness**
  - **Social media and texting pitfalls, laws, and best practices**
  - **Who to seek out for help**
  - **Legal and school consequences**



# Communication

- **Conferences**
  - **Most are at 8:05 a.m.**
  - **Numerous tools are available for you to follow your child's progress making this largely unnecessary**
  - **Important to have your child present**
  - **Most center around a young person not turning in assignments**

# Blackboard Email/Phone Notification System

- **Blackboard is our system that calls your phone or emails you.**
- **We try to limit messages to *really* important items.**
- **We will email when breaking news happens or information becomes available you need to know.**
- **It helps to have your correct phone number and email address in our database system.**



# Questions I Really Get # 1

## What is The Policy on Phones?

- **Students can have phones**
- **Electronics, including phones, must be OFF from 8:40 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the exception of students' 30 minute lunch**
- **Vibrate is not off**
- **Outside of the school day, call or text away**
- ***Please* do not call and/or text your child in school (except during their lunch period which is fine and largely why students use phones during this time)**
  - **We constantly deliver messages to kids**
- **Please do not come get your child when they self-diagnose themselves with Scurvy or Beriberi with an illegal phone call from a bathroom during school hours!**
  - **Nurse Toni will contact you and we are glad to send the child home**

# Cell phones

- Before school
- After school
- Lunch
- Cell phone ISS/Detention
- ISS

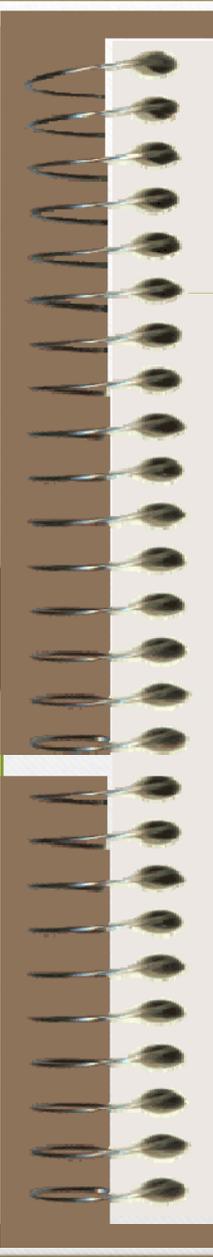


## Questions I Really Get # 2

### Did You Find My Phone?

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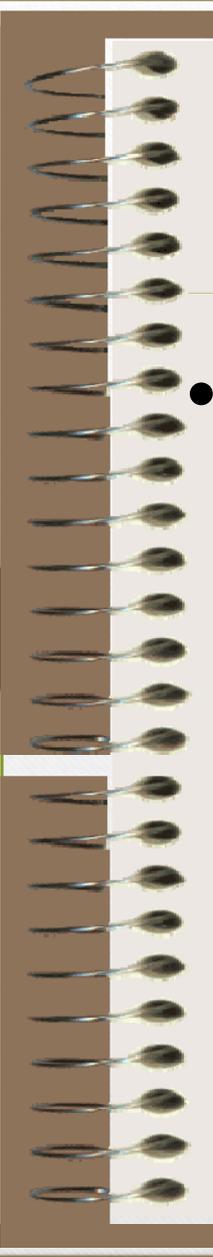
- **Probably, maybe, perhaps**
- **Theft of electronic devices- What usually (but not always) really happens that your child does not tell you is:**
  - **Kids leave their valuables out in the open.**
  - **Phone is left on the floor, cafeteria table, or bench**
  - **Rarely, if ever, is a phone actually stolen**
- **Name on items is invaluable**
  - **We have enough lost Clothing and Vera Bradley lunch kits to start our own store.**



## Concerning Sites, Apps, or Uses of Smartphones Parents/Guardians Need to Know About

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- **Instagram**
- **Snapchat**
- **Texting and/or sexting**
- **Gaggle (recently renamed Street Chat) , YikYak and other apps like them**
  - **Particularly disturbing as these are used by children all the way through college students to ridicule others anonymously, including students and teachers, in their area by using location services on the phone**
  - **YikYak**
  - **Gaggle/StreetChat**
  - **Kik**

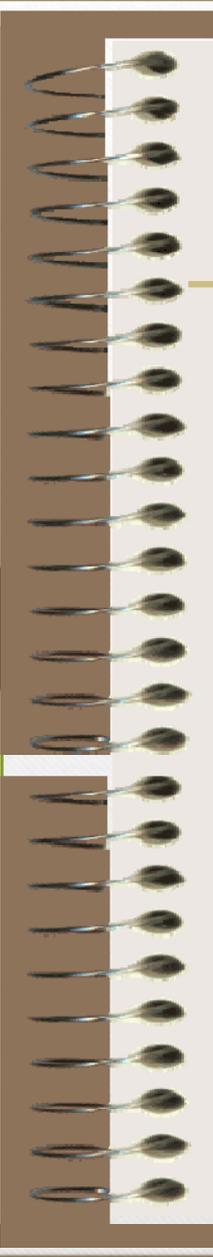


# Smartphones and Off Campus Cyberbullying

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- **A major problem U.S. schools face on campus is inappropriate use of smartphones “off-campus”**
  - Do you have a filter on your child’s phone?

**Soaring Safe**



## **Forgive Me**

**(This is What We Actually Deal With in the Real World Daily)**

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- **If you do not really know what is on your child's phone, it is difficult to really know what is going on in their lives**
- **You pay for the phone**
- **You own the phone**
- **Equal opportunity danger**
- **Encourage you to review apps on their phones- many are "fake" fronts for other apps**

## Concerning Sites, Apps, or Uses of Smartphones Parents/Guardians Need to Know About

- **New wave of students using apps *disguising* what really is on their phones**
- **Apps are disguised as fully functional calculators that when a secret passcode is entered it unlocks areas to hide pictures, videos, and other items**
- **Some examples include**
  - **Calculator Percent**
  - **KyCalc**
  - **Best Secret Folder**

Cell Phones County Legal Consequences  
What Parents/Guardians Need to Know

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- **Rarely has there been any case on our campus of inappropriate cell phone use.**
- **Do realize that when inappropriate use occurs outside of school and this is brought to our attention we are required by law to investigate and report to legal authorities.**

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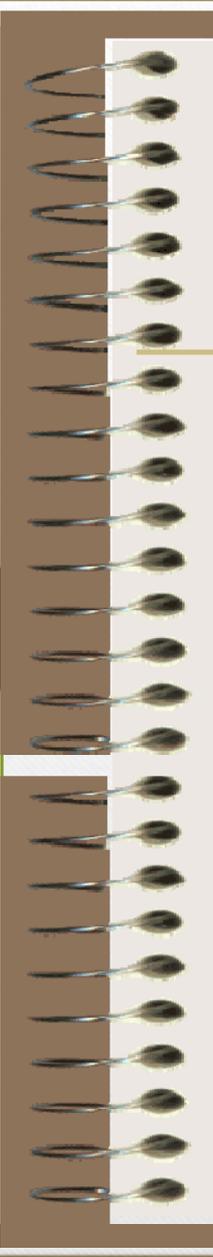
# Communication with Staff

- **Email is the easiest, quickest, and preferred way to communicate between teachers and parents.**
- **Please give teachers a day or so to respond as we are with students, as opposed to in front of a computer.**
- **Teacher e-mail addresses are provided on our website.**

# Parent email

- Automated system
- Blackboard Connect
- Canvas - Calendar





# Discipline Expectations and Consequences

- **Classroom expectations are high so that all children can be successful.**
- **Expectations of our parents/guardians are high**
- **Much more is on the line than when most of us went to school.**
- **We do *everything* humanly possible to prevent a situation before it happens.**

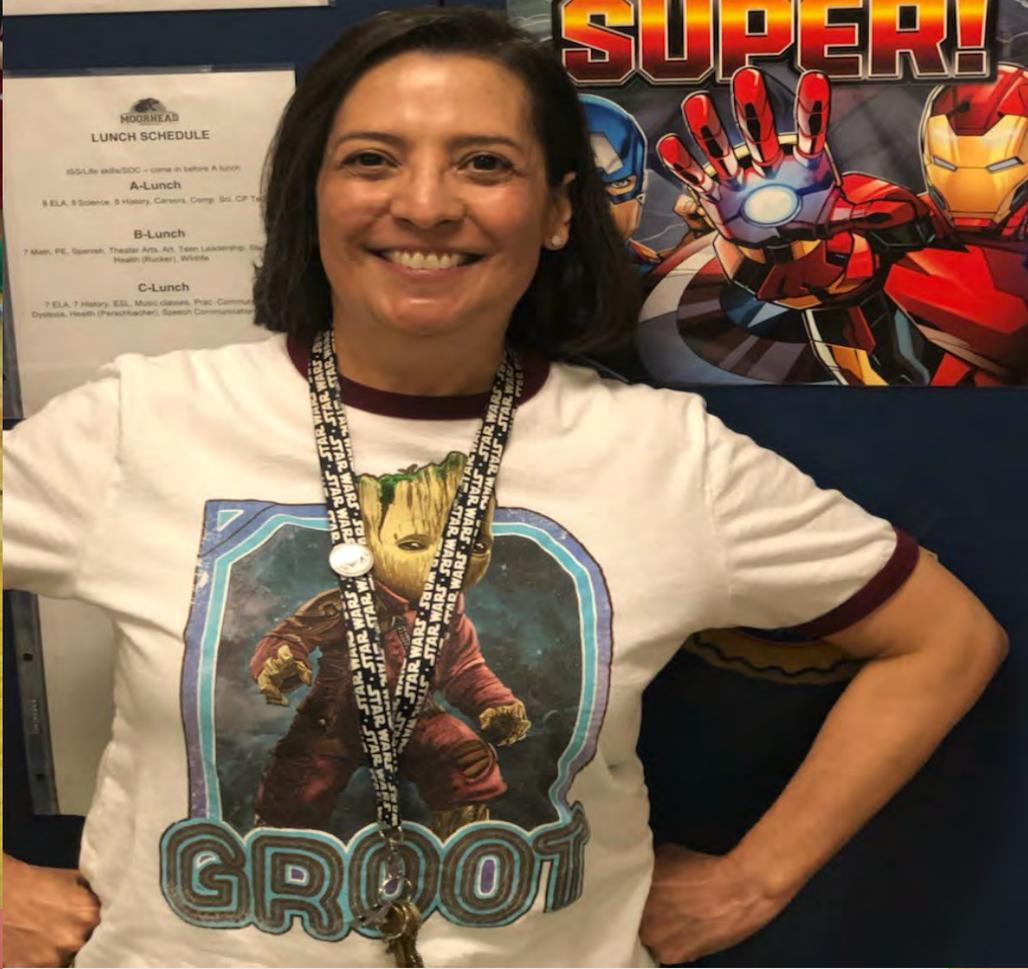
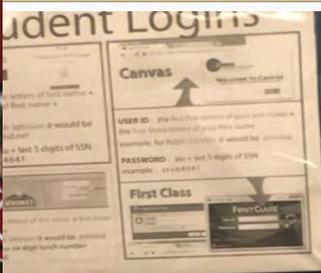
# Tardies

- **Email notification is delivered to your Parent Access account when the tardy is processed by the administrator.**
- **Normally the tardy notification email comes to you the same day.**
- **Being in class for the first five to ten minutes of instruction/review/plan for the day is critical to academic success.**
  - Plans for the day
  - How it is to be done
  - What is on the exam
  - When is the review

# Discipline Investigations, Consequences, and FERPA

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- **All offenses are taken seriously and investigated.**
- **Understand in advance, due to FERPA and common sense, we cannot discuss consequences given to students, criminal or administrative, with anyone other than the individual child's parent or guardian.**
- **In other words, just as we cannot discuss consequences given to your child with another parent/guardian, we cannot discuss the consequences of an individual kid with you, the media, or anyone else.**



# Dress Code

- **Critical**
- **Worth the battle if you are a parent**
- **We have to and will enforce**
- **Impacts the way a student feels about education and success.**
- **The self fulling prophecy.**

# Dress Code

- **One of the first steps to caring in any area of life is to *dress like you care*.**
- **Always feel free to drop in with food at lunch to see what they are actually *wearing* four hours later after leaving your house.**
- **At the end of the day we are a junior high of mostly 12-14 year old children.**
- **For the most part, a non-issue with our students and parents/guardians.**

# Dress code

- Applies to school and school-sponsored events
- If out of dress code, will have to stay in ISS until they can find something school appropriate.
- 4" rule
- Holes in jeans
- Leggings





# Bell Schedule

- **Students can enter building at 7:45 a.m.**
  - *Please* do not drop your child off prior to 7:45 a.m.
  - Breakfast available for purchase
- **Students report to tutoring, if needed, at 8:15 a.m.**
- **Students report to grade level hallways at 8:15 a.m.**
- **Students wait in the cafeteria until 8:35 a.m.**
- **Go to class at 8:35 a.m.**
- **School begins – 8:40 a.m.**
- **Dual Release next year**





# Lockers

- Students will be issued a locker at the request of the student.
- Typically, very few lockers are issued.
- Backpacks are allowed throughout the day





# Lunch

Outside time

Microwaves

Bringing lunch to your student?







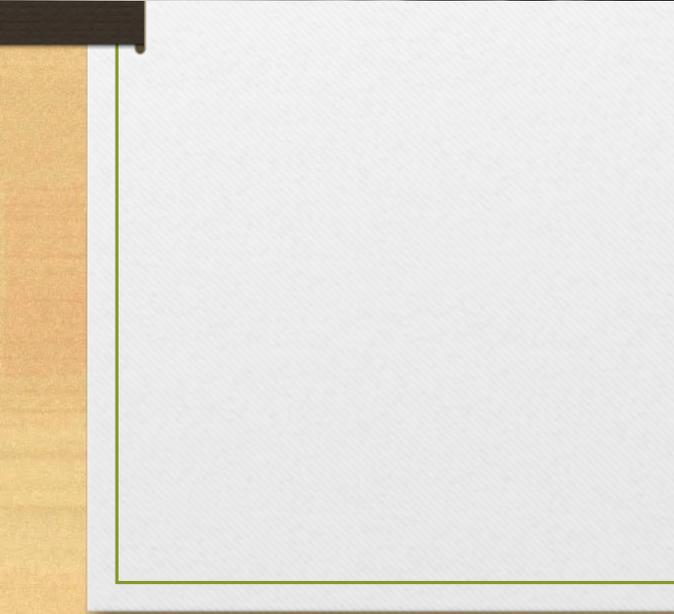
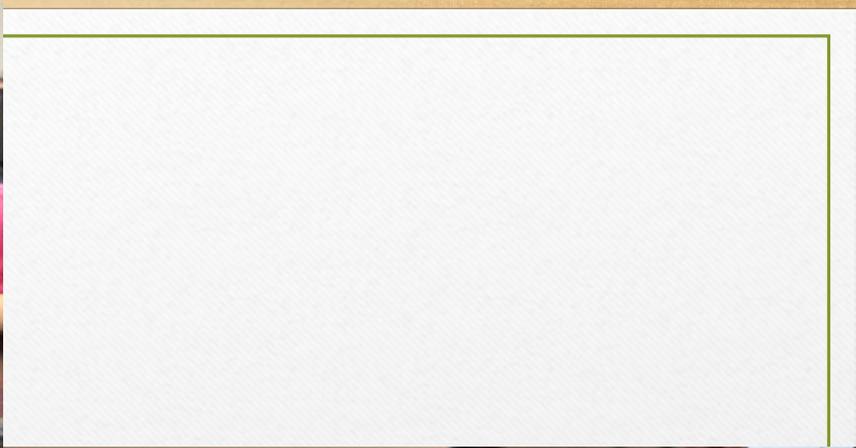
# TextBooks

All courses have class sets of books, so students will not be issued books of their own.

Science receives write-in workbooks

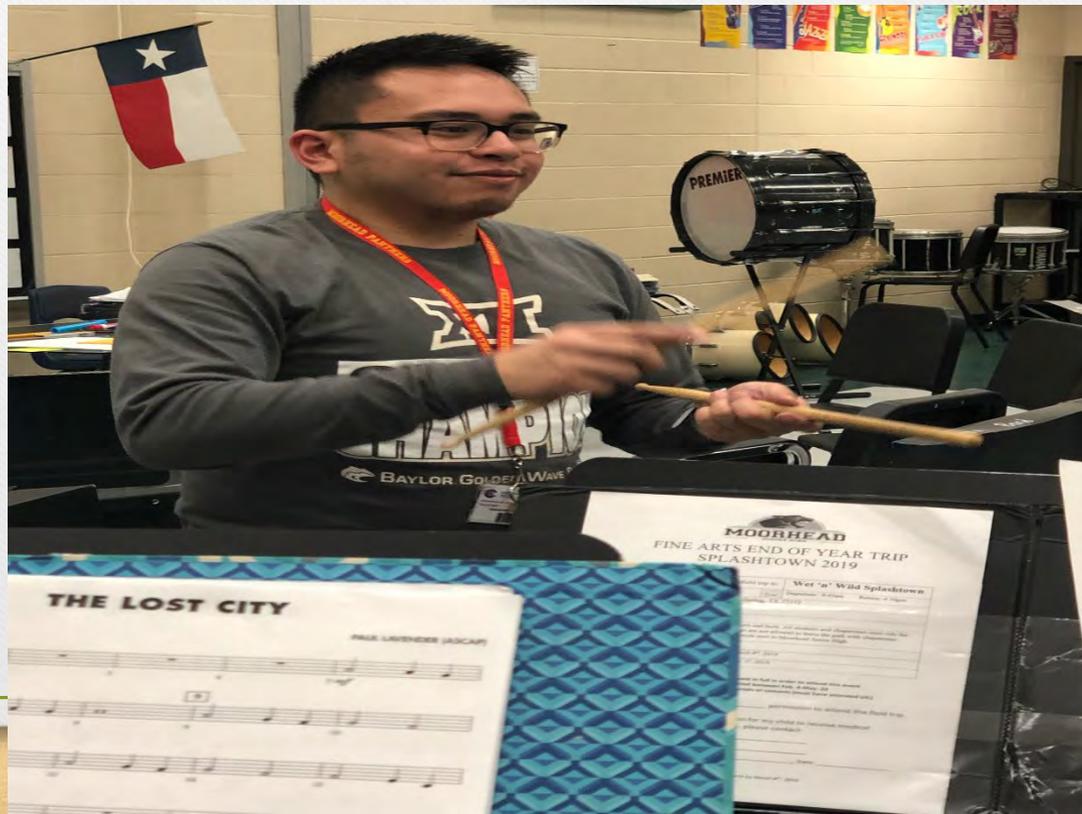
Parents can check out a set upon request. (ELA / History)





# Car Rider lines

- All cars form one line on right side of road.
- No left turn into school during pick-up time.



# Car Line Safety

- We have one independent car drop-off and pick-up location.
- Please make sure your student only enters and exits the car on the curb (right) side of the car.
- If you are picking your child up after 5:00 please pick up your child on the side of the building.
- Cell phone use prohibited by law in both the school zone and within our parking lot boundaries.



# Bus Dismissal

- **Around 45 buses will roll out at about 4:05 p.m. *ish* each day.**
- **All buses have normally departed by 4:35pm.**
- **Bus ride – privilege**



# Late bus

- We will have a late bus system for students staying after school for school based activities.
- These buses will leave at approximately 5:15pm Monday through Thursday.





# STAAR TEST – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Writing - March
- Reading - May
- Math - May





# YOU'RE INVITED Project LIT Community



<https://amzn.to/2d23Gt6>

**WHEN**  
MARCH 26, 2019 4:15-5:00  
in LIBRARY

**WHAT TO DO**  
Buy (or borrow)  
AND  
read the book before we meet!!!

**WHO:**  
Students, teachers,  
administrators, parents, siblings

**What to expect:**  
snacks & a drink  
discussion  
an activity

**What to read:**  
*All American Boys*  
By Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely

We joined the Project LIT community, and started our chapter, Project LIT MJH, Fall 2018 to increase access to high-quality, culturally relevant books and promote a love of reading in the Moorhead community. Now, we're partnering with passionate educators and students from over 500 schools and communities around the country so that ALL students have the opportunity to become lifelong readers. Be sure to follow @ProjectInMJH @ProjectLITComm and #ProjectLITBookClub on Twitter for updates and announcements! You can also email [projectlit@moorhead.k12.mn.us](mailto:projectlit@moorhead.k12.mn.us) with any questions.



# SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- Student of the Month Award
- SAE's / TAE's
- End of Year Award Ceremony
- Friday Prize Patrol





**PANTHER TERRITORY!!**  
**WERE #1** HUSTLE, HIT  
DONT QUIT!



# Pep Rallies

- CCHS spirit days (dress-up days) will be honored and encouraged at MJH.
- We will have two pep rallies in the fall.





- Homecoming
- Winter
- St. Valentine's
- End of Year



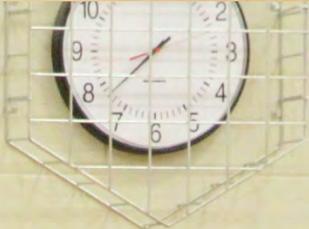


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# School supplies

- Find on website
- Separate lists for each subject
- Bring them on “Meet the Teacher” Night





# Athletic Events



- Caney Creek
- Transported to the game by their coaches.
- All students must go home and return with a parent to watch a game.



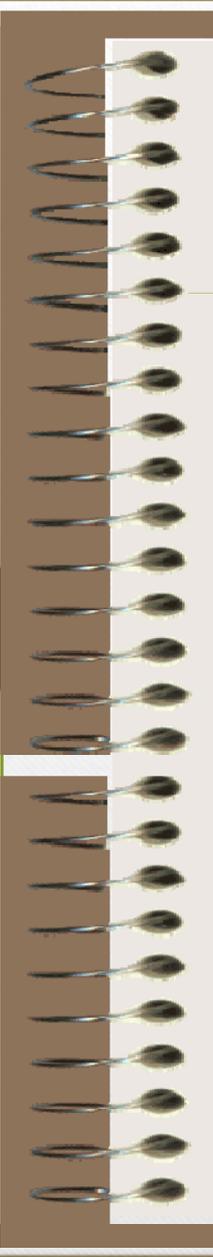


# PRE AP

- The most successful work hard.
- More than ability
- Not required for next grade
- Why?
  - Earn college credit
  - Save \$\$\$\$
- Pre AP Science – need to make sure your child understands the real rigor and expectations of independent student prior to making a year long commitment

# Homework Considerations

- **How much time is it going to take?**
- **Consider activities outside of school**
- **There is homework in our regular classes albeit less than Pre-AP.**
- **Homework ranges from 30-45 minutes per night. They always have a book.**



## Homework Scenarios We See and What You Can Do to Help

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- **Students who get it done**
- **Students who struggle to physically get the assignment from home to the classroom but did actually do the work at some point**
- **Students who obsess and need to know when to say when and go to bed**
  - **This is where you jump in**

# Organizational Skills

- **Leading cause of parent conferences**
- **If students do not turn in their work, it is difficult to help them**
- **Reward system at home is a positive**

# Assistance and Grades

- **We have a huge group of staff working to assist your child in being successful**
- **Encourage you to take advantage of all the free available help**
- **Takes effort to make an A in secondary**
- **It also takes an *incredible* lack of effort to fail**

# Student success center

- Located in the library
- After school tutorials / make-up testing
- Monday – Thursday 4:10pm – 5:00pm
- Starts the fourth week of school

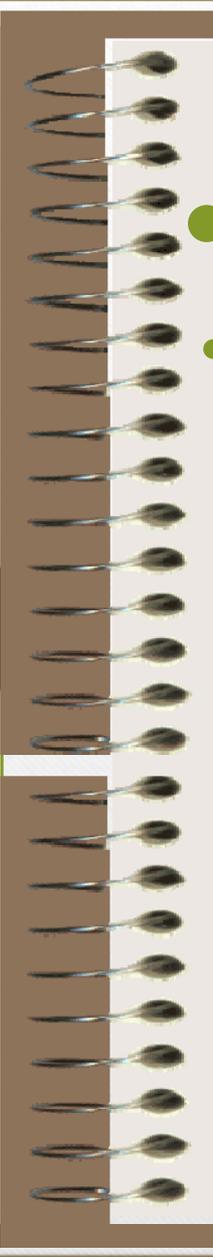




# Free Academic Assistance *Before School*

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- Tutoring- Most days of the week with classroom teachers in the library.
- 8:15 a.m. until 8:35 a.m.



# Free Academic Assistance *After School*

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- SSC Homework Help-
  - **Monday through Thursday**
  - – 4:05 p.m. until 5:05 p.m.
  - **Late buses – 5:15 in front of school**
  - **Car rider pick up on the side of the school**

# Semester Exams

- **Last week of each semester**
  - *So that your child can do his/her best, please do not plan vacations during this time.*
- **Prior week students will complete review materials and prepare in the classroom**

# Semester Exams

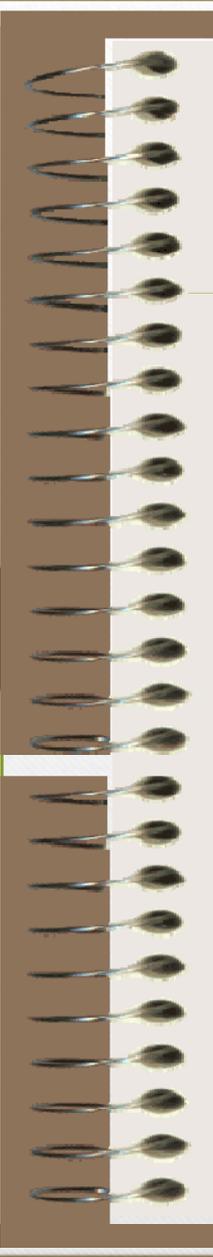
- **Modified schedule during exams**
- **Grading percentages**
  - **Junior high finals - 10 percent**
  - **High school finals - 15 percent**
- **We will help kids prepare!**
- **Your help in guiding your child through the process and helping relieve anxiety is appreciated!**



# Immunization Requirements to Start School on the First Day of School for the Texas Education

- **Incoming Seventh Grade Required Immunizations**
- **Parents of current sixth graders: Please make sure your student is prepared for seventh grade by ensuring his/her immunizations are current. All seventh graders are required to have a Tetanus booster, Meningitis, and Chicken Pox booster **BY THE FIRST DAY OF SEVENTH GRADE**. If your student has already received the vaccines, please have the nurse on your current campus update the record.**



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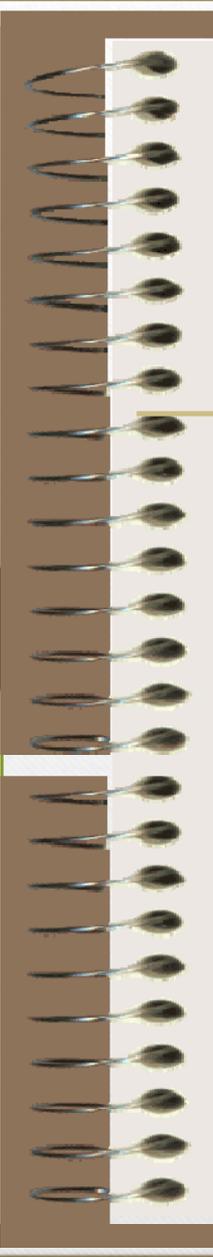
## Parent Access Center Student Access Center

- **Free opportunity to view grades, attendance, discipline, STAAR, etc.**
- **Places you on a school e-mail list to receive breaking news and routine e-mail communication**
- **View on computer, Android, iPhone, iPad, tablet, etc...**

# Canvas

## Learning Management System

- Available for both students as well as parents/guardians
- Access at [www.conroeisd.net](http://www.conroeisd.net)
- App is also available at both iTunes and the Google Play Store.
- Your parent/guardian login is the same as your Parent Access login
  - Note Canvas is case-sensitive and Parent Access Center is not
  - Parents/Guardians can see everything their child submits and when they submitted the assignment
- *Student* login is first five letters of your last name and the first three of your first name
  - i.e. garcirob
  - Password is stu and then the last five digits of your SS#



# Canvas

## Learning Management System

- **Students can:**
  - view, keep up with, and/or download assignments
  - see due dates
  - note upcoming events
  - take online quizzes
  - follow all course activities
  - view textbooks in some instances
  - participate in class discussions
  - setup notifications to their phone and/or email notifying them of class announcements

**What do I need to do  
now?**



# Information Website

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- Moorhead Website
- Student/Parent Resources
- Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

# Summer assignment

- Mrs. Raverty
- Sent home with students
- Can be found on website

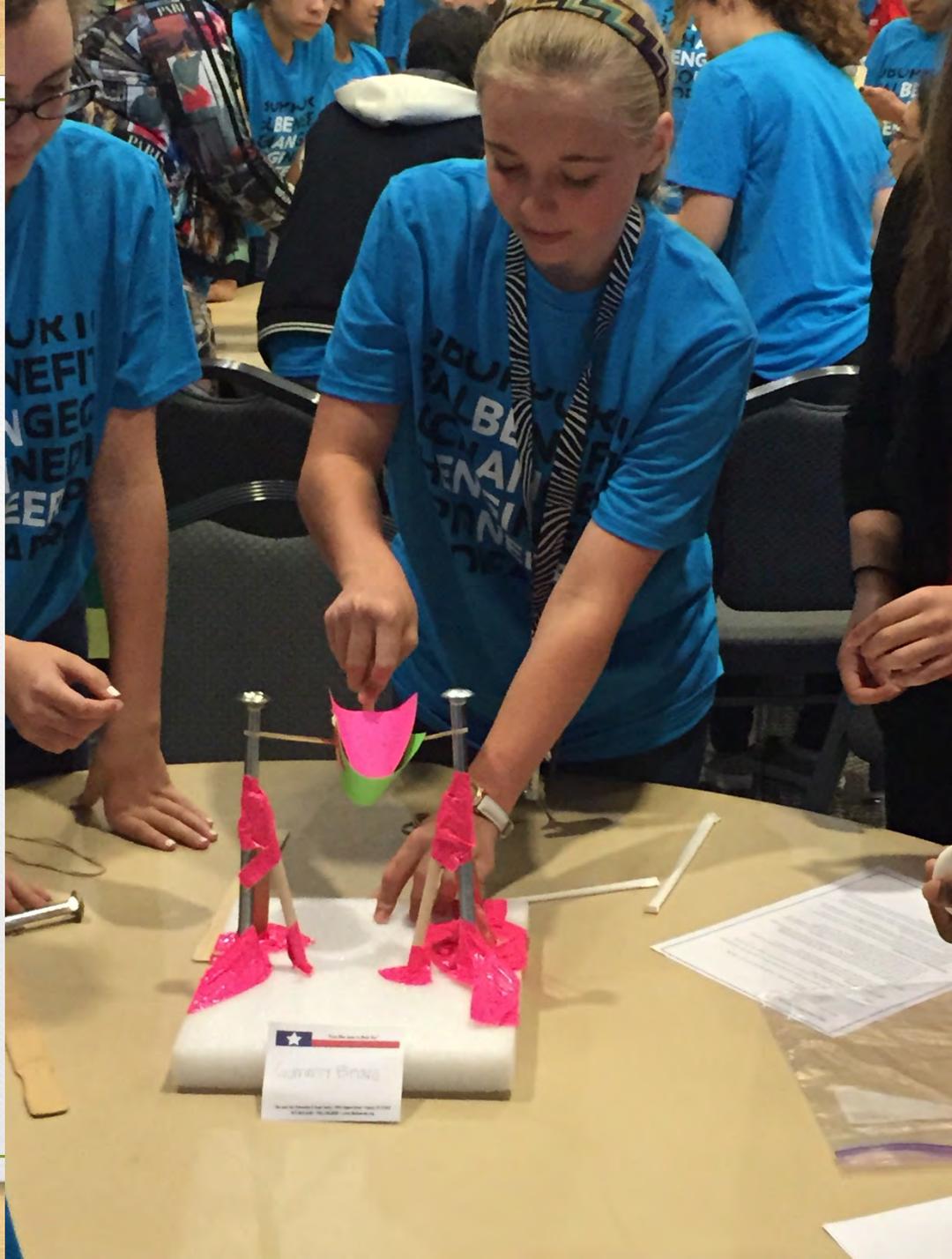


# Class of 2025 T-Shirts



Show your school pride! Only \$10







# Summer hours

- 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Monday – Thursday
- Closed week of July 4<sup>th</sup>





# PTO

- President –Stacie Jahn - Opportunities to join PTO and volunteer throughout the school year!

Moorheadjrpto@yahoo.com



# Contact information

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# Thanks for coming!

