

**Mr. Johnson**  
Social Studies

September 2, 2015

## ***ON TO A GREAT NEW YEAR!***

I wanted to welcome you and your child to our school - and my class on **U.S. History**. I also want to make you aware of our homework and class work policies.

The teachers at STEM Charter try very hard to maintain constant communication with our student's parents - we truly try to keep a teamwork spirit so as to help in the education of your children. Please feel free to contact us anytime with questions or issues.

In Social Studies, I manage a BLOGSPOT for each of my classes. I use these for keeping my students up to date on deadlines, assignments and reading (we do not have textbooks but I do assign weekly reading that my students read directly off the blogspots - and some even printout copies to put in their notebooks). There is **ONE CHANGE** this year - I will be updating the blogspot monthly instead of weekly (unless a specific assignment or resource is provided - in which case your child will be told to go to the site). For your child the address for the class blogspot is:

*<http://northidahostem-8th.blogspot.com/>*

I require the following:

- A copy of the Constitution - that is mandatory and must be brought to class daily.
- A spiral notebook for note taking - I do grade their notebooks occasionally
- 3 x 5 notecards
- Eager minds!

We will be working on a project for **National History Day (NHD)**. Depending on their decision on their topic and project design, there may be additional supplies needed. I am more than happy for your child to use what I have available in class, but generally, I **WILL NOT PROVIDE SUPPLIES**. I will be asking your child to create a supply list in January. The regional contest will be held here this time in February of 2016. The possibility of advancing to state and/or national competitions will be discussed later. More details will follow on the NHD project.

We also encourage working with our parents to help educate your children. With that in mind, we ask for your help in encouraging your child to complete their work effectively and on time.

We give time in class for completion of assignments. We do not give homework, except math and language arts. All assignments must be completed and turned in on time. *There is no late work at our school.* Any assignments not turned in on time will receive a zero. All assignments are due at the beginning of class.

PLEASE CHECK FAMILY LINK OFTEN to be aware of your child's grade - and feel free to contact me with questions. Getting away to make phone calls is a challenge, but I do check my email daily - ***djohnson@northidahostem.org***.

I'm looking forward to another wonderful, informative, exciting year!

WELCOME!

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Social Studies



Dear Parents,

We would like you to be aware of our discipline policy. We truly believe it is in all students' best interest to help maintain a class room environment conducive to learning.

Please read the Parent/Student hand book. Please pay special attention to the Uniform section of the Policy. Then fill out and sign the slip on the bottom of this page to confirm you have read the Parent/Student hand book. The handbook can be found on the North Idaho STEM Charter Academy web site at northidahostem.org.

I expect every student to follow the rules set forth in the Parent/Student Handbook. With your help we can reinforce the expectations of every student, but for students that choose not to follow these rules the following will occur:

- The **first** offense will be given a warning.
- The **second** offense will result in being removed from class and a Pink Slip will be given. Parents will receive an email from me if this occurs.
- The **third** offense will result in the student having lunch time detention and I will be contacting you for help in guiding your child.
- A **fourth** offense will result in a conference with the principal.

**NOTE-** Severe behavior may revert directly step #4.

A process called the "Pink Slip" is a way of communicating with parents and resolving discipline infractions. If a Pink Slip is issued to your student, your student will be required to bring it home to notify you of their mistake and have it signed and returned to school the morning of the next school day. Failure to accomplish this will result in the student attending detention.

Your cooperation in all these areas is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to a wonderful year! Please sign and return the bottom of the letter to the school.

Thank your support,

Mr. Johnson

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**Please detach and return with your child. Thank you.**

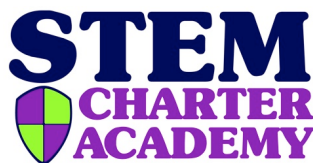
I have read and understood the discipline policy.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

The email address is greatly appreciated for quick communication.



Dear Parents,

We would like you to be aware of our homework and classwork policy. We truly believe it is in all students' best interest to develop a good work ethic. This is something that they will carry through life.

Some homework assignments are graded, while other assignments are corrected and a grade is not taken. Homework may include studying or preparing for a test. Although the amount of work will vary, we feel it is important for each student to complete all assignments and turn them in on time. In addition, homework assignments must show an honest effort and meet the assignment's guidelines. We understand that emergencies and illnesses do occur however, on a daily basis, we will not accept late work.

Class time is provided for working on assignments. These assignments must be turned in on time when given a reasonable time to complete. However, **some** assignments that are not completed during this time **may** be considered homework. Work missed due to an absence is not considered late, but still needs to be completed. The district policy for late work due to an absence is one day for each day absent.

Therefore, the following rules will be in effect this year:

- All homework assignments will be completed.
- All assignments will be turned in on time. **NO LATE PAPERS!**
- A zero will be given for assignments not turned in on time and a homework slip will be sent home to communicate that you are aware of the situation.

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