

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2022/2023 school year! I am excited to have your child in my class!

Some background information about me: I live in Navarre, am married to a firefighter, and have 3 sons-- ages 26 (who will be giving me my first grandchild in October!!), 18, and 13 (who attends HHMS). I like boating in the summer and watching football in the fall-- Go Noles! And Go Bucs! I have been at Holley-Navarre Middle School since October 2016 where I began as a paraprofessional in the Behavior Unit. I love the family atmosphere of this school and am excited to be teaching here!

Our classroom will focus on Academics and life/social skills. Your child will be taught the four core subjects (math, language arts/reading, science, and social studies). In addition, we will work on life/social skills such as cooking, laundry, and interacting with others using proper communication and social skills. We will also attend the PAES lab (a job skill training lab) twice a week and art once a week. We will be doing cooking projects, so if your child has any allergies, please let me know as soon as possible. I set aside a time later in the afternoon for a snack. If you would like to send a snack for your child (or one to share with the class), please send a healthy snack and drink. You may also provide a water bottle for your child to keep at their desk. We will be taking some CBI (Community Based Instruction) field trips throughout the year. You will receive information about those trips soon. If you would like to attend, you must fill out the volunteer paperwork which can be found on the District website under "Parents and Community". Our schedule is attached, and we will try very hard to adhere to this. I am also attaching a class "syllabus" that explains the ACCESS classroom as well as the grading scale and rubric.

I have included a "Getting to Know Your Child" form and a movie permission slip form. Please have these forms filled out and returned to me no later than Friday of the first week of school.

I am looking forward to a great year! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/concerns or information about your child.

Thank you,

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