

WELCOME TO

THETA POD

2024/2025

Dear Theta Families:

We are excited to begin a new year in Theta Pod and we are pleased to have your student with us. As an introduction to 8th grade, we'd like to tell you a little bit about the classes we offer.

Math Mrs. Bartz

Mrs. Danielle Bartz is the Math teacher. Students will study algebra, learning about solving equations and inequalities, exponents, linear equations and functions, graphing lines on a coordinate plane, and other various super fun math topics!

Language Arts Ms. Lampton

Ms. Lampton is the Language Arts teacher. In 8th grade, we up the ante in your reading and writing skills quite a bit. You will read three novels, write a personal narrative, a persuasive paper, and a research paper. You will be writing daily to increase your writing fluency, so get ready! Finally, you will have A LOT of fun. My goal is to make your view of Language Arts, reading, and writing more positive even if you already love it!

Geography Mr. Johannes

Mr. Alexander Johannes is the Geography teacher. Welcome to world geography! We will be exploring topics regarding map skills, longitude & latitude, Africa, Asia, North & South America, Europe, Australia/Oceania, and the Middle East region. We will use the 5 geography themes (Movement, Location, Place, Human-Environment Interaction, and Region) to help us explore the world.

Science Mr. Dufault

Mr. Garrett Dufault will be teaching Earth Science. We will learn and explore the interrelationship between the earth, air, space, life, and water. Areas of emphasis are astronomy, oceanography, geology, meteorology, and the history and nature of science.

Special Education Inclusion Ms. Raman

Ms. Saras Ramen is the Special Education teacher. She will be in charge of the IEP's and the academic support in the classroom for these students. If you have an email address, that would be very helpful in communicating with her.

THETA POD Communication

Google Site: <https://sites.google.com/isd31.net/bms-thetapod/home>

Our pod Google Site provides information from the pod, weekly plans, and other various announcement information throughout the year.

Get Theta Updates Via remind

1. To receive messages via app:

- Download the remind app
- Choose +Join a class
- Enter @thetapod

2. To receive messages via text:

- Text @thetapod to 81010
- You may opt-out anytime by replying unsubscribe @thetapod

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For Personal Use

- **4 folders:** Please label - Science, Language Arts, Geography & Algebra
- **5 notebooks:** Please label - Science, Geography, Algebra (2→ 1 for notes, 1 for assignments), & CE (Current Events)
- **You may need more notebooks for elective classes**
- **#2 Pencils**
- **Pens – must be blue or black**
- **Highlighter**
- **Basic/simple calculator**

For Pod Use

- **2 boxes of tissues**
- **1 pack of colored pencils and/or**
- **1 pack of markers**
- **1-2 pack of #2 pencils**
- **2 glue sticks (Optional)**
- **1 ream of white printer paper**
- **Donation - \$10 science labs**
- **Optional - 4 pack of food coloring**



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<https://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/bms/>

Family Access / Skyward:

<https://parentweb.bemidji.k12.mn.us/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsFam/fwemnu01.w>