

2024-2025 Academic Year

Welcome to Robotics 1 with Mr. Wallace!



\*Parents, please read and discuss this information with your student – thank you!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

As we embark on a new semester of exploration and growth, I'm thrilled to work with each of my students in the journey ahead. I believe a strong partnership between teacher, student, and parent, is vital to building a positive culture of academic success and character leadership. Please know that I welcome your input and involvement in your student's education experience.

Building on the notable achievements Thompson Middle School Robotics has garnered through the years at multiple championship levels, I believe the following expectations will ensure continued success:

Student Expectations:

1. Join class on-time, prepared, and ready to learn.
2. Be respectful of other yourself and others.
3. Participate, follow directions, and ask questions as needed.
4. Take responsibility for your own actions, assignments, and grades.
5. Achieve at your very highest ability and be prepared to learn from mistakes.

Rewards & Consequences:

\*Both positive as well as corrective feedback will be given to students in a timely manner. Parent communication will also be provided as needed.

\*I always look for opportunities to recognize excellent student work and behavior, but repeated negative behavior will be addressed with administration and parents per the TMS student handbook behavior policy. Serious infractions could result in the student being removed from this class.

## Grades:

Each of the following categories plays an important role in student learning and will make up the indicated percentage of the final grade.

- Projects & engineering notebook 70%
- VEX code of conduct & organization 30%

## Engineering Foundations: VEX IQ Robotics

All robotics 1 students will explore the fundamentals of engineering and programming by utilizing VEX IQ robotics resources. Students will challenge themselves and document their learning while building community within collaborative teams. Upon completing robotics 1, students may join the yearlong robotics 2 class where they will have opportunities to compete in district intramural competitions and VEX league events.

It is my goal to ensure that all my students have an excellent semester of academic and personal growth during their time in my class. Please don't hesitate to contact me if your student is experiencing any personal or home concerns that may impact their school performance or behavior.

I can be reached at school by phone (951) 696-1410 Ext. 4501 or email [bwallace@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:bwallace@murrieta.k12.ca.us)

Thank you for entrusting me the privilege of working with your student!

With Gratitude,

Mr. Wallace