

August 14, 2020

Welcome to Robotics with Mr. Wallace!



*Please read, discuss with your student, and keep this information – thank you!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

As we embark on a new year of exploration and growth, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity 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 to 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.

Grading

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

- Projects & weekly activities 70%
- Engineering notebook, organization, code of conduct 30%

Competitions

VEX IQ League and Intramural robotics competitions have been temporarily suspended per county social distancing policy, however, I'm excited to be designing online engineering and VEX VR competitions within our Robotics 1 and Robotics 2 classes. This should be a ton of fun! More information about competitions will be shared in the coming weeks.

It is my goal to ensure that each one of my students has an excellent year 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

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

With Gratitude,

Mr. Wallace