

Beginning of the Year Packet

Mrs. Bland, Mrs. Atterbury, Mrs. Desai, and Mrs. Hamilton

Dear CSMS Team Pride Student,

Welcome to the eighth grade, and welcome to Team Pride! We are delighted about the approach of a new school year and look forward to getting to know you and sharing many memorable and meaningful learning experiences with you and your classmates.

In this packet, you will find the following to help prepare yourself and us for a great year:

1. Team Pride Information Sheet
2. Student Data Sheet – This needs to be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian. Return to Mrs. Bland (history – room 213) on the first day of school.
3. Getting-to-Know-You – This is to be filled out by your parents/guardians and also returned to Mrs. Bland on the first day of school.
4. Team Pride Supply List – This lists all of the supplies you will need in your specific core subjects for Team Pride. Additional supplies may be requested by elective and fine arts teachers.
5. Binder for Team Pride – Please go ahead and organize your binder BEFORE the first day of school. Let's get off to an organized start!!!
6. Detention Policy
7. Cheating Policy

Feel free to e-mail if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on the first day of school.

The Team Pride teachers,

Mrs. Beth Bland, history (Team Leader)
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Mrs. Kasey Atterbury, English
katterbury@csisd.org

Mrs. Jennifer Desai, math
jdesai@csisd.org

Mrs. Alisa Hamilton, science
ahamilton@csisd.org

8th grade overflow:
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Joey Medlin, English
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CSMS BELL SCHEDULE

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| 1st Period | 8:25 – 9:15 |
| 2nd Period | 9:20 – 10:10 |
| 3rd Period | 10:15 – 11:05 |
| 4th (Advisory) | 11:10 – 11:35 |
| 5th Period | 11:40 – 1:05 |

A LUNCH: 11:35 – 12:05

B LUNCH: 12:05 – 12:35

C LUNCH: 12:35 – 1:05

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| 6th Period | 1:10 – 2:00 |
| 7th Period | 2:05 – 2:55 |
| 8th Period | 3:00 – 3:50 |



Team Pride



Information Sheet

Welcome to Team Pride! Academic teaming allows four academic teachers to teach a common group of students. This gives students a sense of belonging to a school within a school. The Team Pride teachers work closely together to monitor student academic progress and social development.

Our four academic teachers are:

Mrs. Beth Bland - U.S. History
room 213
bbland@csisd.org
conference period: **5th, 11:45 A.M. – 12:25 P.M.**

Mrs. Kasey Atterbury- English
room 217
katterbury@csisd.org
conference period: **1st, 8:30 – 9:10 A.M.**

Mrs. Jennifer Desai - Math 8/Algebra
room 215
jdesai@csisd.org
conference period: **3rd, 10:20 – 11:00 A.M.**

Mrs. Alisa Hamilton - Science II
room 512
ahamilton@csisd.org
conference period: **1st, 8:30 - 9:10 A.M.**

Parent conferences may take place by phone, through email, or during each teacher's **individual** conference period (see above periods/times). Do not hesitate to meet with us. We are here to serve you!

Team Rules

1. Be in your seat working when the tardy bell rings.
2. Follow directions the first time they are given.
3. Show respect to students, teachers, and property.
4. Wait to be recognized before speaking.
5. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
6. Follow all rules as stated in the Student Handbook.

Consequences for Breaking the Rules

First infraction: warning
Second infraction: 30 minute detention
Third infraction: 45 minute detention, call to parents, and a conduct grade of "N" for the grading period during which the infraction occurred.

All subsequent infractions will be referred to the grade level principal following parent notification. In addition, a conduct grade of "U" will be given during each grading period that an office referral is made. Please note: The record of disciplinary infractions continues all year.

Mr. Haas is the 8th grade assistant principal this year.

Tardies are handled separately, following the same progression of steps. The record of tardies start over at the beginning of the second semester.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY ASSIGNMENT TO ISS (In School Suspension) WILL LIKELY DISQUALIFY A STUDENT FROM ATTENDING FIELD TRIPS.



Grading Policy/ Make-up Work & Retests

Major work will count two-thirds (66.7%) of the six week grade, and daily work will count one-third (33.3%). (EXCEPTION for ALGEBRA – 75%: major & 25%: daily & SPANISH I – 70%/30%.)

Daily grades will be accepted ONLY one day late without a penalty. A working lunch detention to complete work may be assigned. A 30 point penalty will be assessed on the 2nd day a daily grade is late from the grade earned. MOST major grade assignments such as projects and essays may also be turned in late up to 3 days with a 10 point penalty per day. After the 3rd day, a zero will be given. History spirals MUST be turned in and graded the day they are due.

Test retakes must be arranged with the teacher and completed within one week of test failure notification. Failure to do so will result in retention of the original grade. **Algebra students may NOT retake failed tests or quizzes for a 75 because the class is Pre-AP/high school credit.**

Following an absence, students are responsible for obtaining missed work. Students will be given the number of days missed plus one day to complete make-up work. Failure to do so will result in zeros being given for missed assignments.

Team Pride teachers strongly encourage our students to seek assistance when help is needed.

Field Trips

* **Career Fair:** All 8th graders will go to the Youth to Career Fair on **October 18.**

* **CATE** (Career and Technology Education) **Tours:** All 8th graders will likely take a tour of the CATE classes offered @ CSHS. Date TBD.

* **8th Grade Field Trip:** TBD/End of May

* **ISS and/or Venture Center assignments may make a student ineligible for field trips.**

Written Work

All papers will have the following heading in the upper right hand corner:

Caroline Cub
Math 8
August 28, 2017

Cheating Policy

Cheating on school work is viewed as a serious offense by the Team Pride teachers. Should cheating occur, each instance will be examined carefully, and offenders will experience consequences for their actions. In most cases, the consequences outlined below will be applied; however, because situations regarding cheating vary greatly, there may be times when the punishment will be altered slightly to fit the severity of the situation.

Cheating/copying on daily assignments

(homework, daily work, quizzes, etc.)

- zero given on assignment to all guilty parties

Cheating/copying on major assignments (essays, projects, etc.)

This includes copying from another student or plagiarizing from a published work.

- zero given on assignment to all guilty parties
- parent notification and office referral

Cheating on a test

- zero given on assignment to all guilty parties
- parent notification and office referral



Team Pride Student Data

(FILL OUT in INK)

Student's last name _____ First _____ Middle _____ Name student goes by _____

Home telephone _____

Student's Birth Date _____

Home address _____ (Street Address/Apt. #) _____ College Station, TX _____ *ZIP CODE*

Mother/guardian name _____

Place of employment _____

cell phone _____

work phone _____

e-mail address (print clearly) _____

Father/guardian name _____

Place of employment _____

cell phone _____

work phone _____

e-mail address (print clearly) _____

Please indicate with whom your child lives (ie: mother and father, mother only, mother and stepfather, etc.) and offer any special calling instructions that will help us with parent-teacher communication: Child lives with _____

Special calling instructions, if any _____

***** I give permission for my child to view PG-Rated movies in Team Pride classes. *****
(initial one) _____ Yes _____ No

I have read the team information sheet, including the policies regarding cheating and detentions, and I understand the expectations set by Mrs. Bland, Mrs. Atterbury, Mrs. Desai, and Mrs. Hamilton.

Parent Signature _____

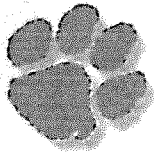
Date _____

Student Signature _____

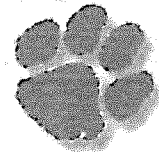
Date _____

Please sign and return this page to MRS. BLAND (History – Room 213) on the FIRST DAY of school. Thank you ☺!!!





Team Pride



Getting-to-know-you!

TO BE FILLED OUT BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN (INK PLEASE)

Student's name

Parent name(s)

1. Tell us about your child's strengths (academic, social, athletic, artistic, etc.) and interests.
2. Are there any health problems or special learning concerns that we need to know about your child?
3. Does your child need to wear glasses or contacts during school hours?
4. Do you have any special interests, abilities, or talents that you would be willing to share with the students on our team? What is your occupation? We might be able to use guest speakers for our classes in the areas of math, history, science, or literature.
5. Please supply us with any additional information that you feel would be helpful. Feel free to continue on the back of this sheet.

**Please return this page with the student data sheet on the 1st day of school to Mrs. Bland
(History Teacher – Room 213.)**



Team Pride Supplies



Mrs. Bland, Mrs. Atterbury, Mrs. Desai and Mrs. Hamilton

(Additional supplies may be needed for elective & overflow classes.)

🐾 Binders

- one 2 or 3 inch binder (for English, history and math)
- one 1 inch binder for science
- pocket folder w/brads for math (plastic lasts longer)
- pocket folder w/brads for homework (plastic lasts longer)

🐾 Dividers (you will need 4, total for Team Pride)

🐾 Notebook paper

🐾 Six 70-page spirals (Bound with metal spiral works best! NO multi-subject, please!!!)

- 2 for history, 1 for science, 1 for English and 2 for math/algebra. Bring one for each class @ the beginning of school and keep the second history/math/algebra spirals at home or in your locker for 2nd semester.
- Spiral covers will be decorated and labeled in class.

🐾 Pencil pouch to hold the following items:

- blue or black pens
- #2 pencils (if mechanical please bring extra lead)
- two red pens for editing and grading
- two highlighters, any color
- scissors (needed daily in science and history)
- one ruler (12"/30 cm)
- eraser
- four AAA batteries (give to Mrs. Desai or Mrs. Restivo)

🐾 To turn into Mrs. Bland for TEAM use

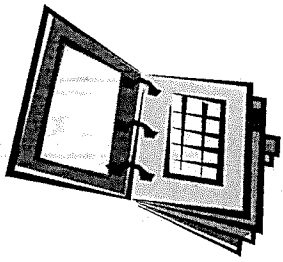
- two boxes of facial tissue (for all team classes)
- two rolls of paper towels (for science)
- fine point Classic Markers (for all team classes)
- broad tip Classic Markers (for all team classes)
- two basic sets colored pencils (for all team classes) – Keep one and turn one into Mrs. Bland.
- 12-count box of #2 pencils (for math)
- one 4 oz. bottle of Elmer's glue (for science)
- eight glue sticks (give Mrs. Bland 6 and keep 2)
- three to four packages of 3"x3' Post-it notes

🐾 WISH LIST (optional):

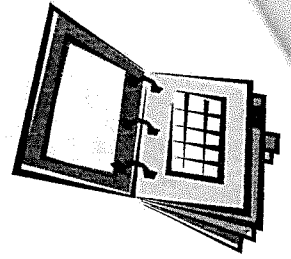
- One ream (500 sheets) of colored paper OR package of colored card stock (for various team assignments, projects, and forms – give to Mrs. Bland)

🐾 OPTIONAL for Math/Algebra/Pre-AP Algebra students: TI Graphing Calculator (TI- 84) (Students will be allowed to use calculators this year.) and 1 ream of colored paper or card stock.

🐾 Recommended: weekly planner or assignment notebook to be kept in binder



Binder Set-up for Team Pride



Mrs. Bland, Mrs. Atterbury, Mrs. Desai, and Mrs. Hamilton

Please place the following into your Team Pride binder for math, English and history (elective classes may also be kept in here if you'd like):

- Supply pouch with pens, red pens, pencils, glue sticks, scissors, highlighter, dry erase markers, calculator, and weekly planner, assignment calendar, or equivalent
- Team Information Sheet (you received this in the packet distributed at schedule pick-up)
- Team Detention Policy (you received this in the packet distributed at schedule pick-up)
- Team Cheating Policy (you received this in the packet distributed at schedule pick-up)

• Math divider (1)

• English divider (1)

• History dividers (2)

• Daily Work divider

• Review Sheets divider (helpful for semester exams)

• *notebook paper*

• pocket folder w/brads for math



* Science will require a separate, one-inch binder with no dividers. However, you will need to bring your Team Binder to science or create another pencil pouch with the same supplies that are listed above (pens, red pens, pencils, glue, scissors, highlighter, etc...)

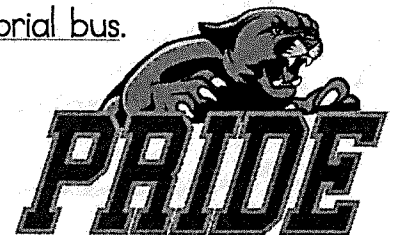
Team Pride Detention Policy


(Scheduled at the Teacher's Convenience)

1. While serving detention, students will not be allowed to talk, study, read, work on homework, text or sleep. Students will sit straight with their hands on the desk. No talking or sleeping will be allowed.
2. When a student is assigned a detention, his or her teacher will arrange a date and time. Once the date and time is agreed upon, the detention must be served on that day.
3. When a student is assigned a detention, he/she will receive a detention notice that **MUST** be signed by a parent and returned at the beginning of the scheduled detention.
4. Arrival time for detention is 3:55 P.M., sharp! Students with a thirty minute detention will be released at 4:25 P.M., and students with a forty-five minute detention will be released at 4:40 P.M.

Students **MUST** be on time; arrival after the scheduled beginning time (without prior notification) will result in rescheduling of the detention and necessary disciplinary action (see #6 or #7 below).

5. The student **MUST** bring his/her detention notice to detention, signed by the appropriate parent or guardian.
6. If a student does not attend a scheduled thirty minute detention, the time will be increased to forty-five minutes and the student's parents will be notified. A second failure to attend will result in an office referral.
7. If a student does not attend a scheduled forty-five minute detention, an office referral will be made. Students are not given a second chance on forty-five minute detentions because parent notification will have already occurred prior to the detention.
8. Students are responsible for making travel arrangements prior to the detention. Students who serve a detention are not eligible to ride the tutorial bus.





College Station Middle School

Team PRIDE

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- ~~Office-referral~~

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- Office referral

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Please know that the consequences of cheating may affect activities such as membership in NJHS, participation in Student Council, teacher evaluations and recommendations for high school activities, etc...