

WELCOME BACK!

THE VPREP MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM:

Welcome to a new school year! We're so excited to begin this journey with your student as they grow, explore, and take on new challenges—all in our dynamic virtual learning environment.

Middle school is a time of big changes and new opportunities, and we're here to guide and support your student every step of the way. Our virtual classrooms are designed to be interactive, engaging, and supportive—providing a safe space for students to ask questions, try new things, and connect with peers and teachers. We're committed to helping every student feel seen, valued, and challenged in all the right ways.

Even though we're from all over the state, our Shark spirit is stronger than ever! We're proud to be part of a community that values curiosity, kindness, and resilience. Together, we can make this a year full of discovery and success.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

- ✓ **Be Present** – Log in on time and be ready to learn each day. Attendance and participation matter!
- ✓ **Be Prepared** – Come to class with the right materials, charged devices, and a focused mindset.
- ✓ **Be Respectful** – Treat teachers, classmates, and yourself with kindness. Use appropriate language and behavior in all virtual spaces.
- ✓ **Be Responsible** – Turn in assignments on time, check messages regularly, and ask for help when needed.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR STUDENTS:

- 💡 Create a dedicated learning space that's quiet, organized, and free from distractions.
- 💡 Keep a planner or digital calendar to track assignments, due dates, and class times.
- 💡 Take short movement breaks between classes to stay energized and focused.
- 💡 Speak up! Participation and communication help us all stay connected.
- 💡 Don't hesitate to reach out to teachers—we're here to help and want every student to thrive!

MEET THE TEAM

RANDI ALBRITTON **8TH GRADE MATH & ALGEBRA 1**

This is my second year at VPrep and my thirteenth-year teaching. I strive to provide students with the tools and support to take ownership and pride in their educational journey. Outside of teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family, hunting, and helping my husband ranch our cattle.

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JOSH CABAN **6&7 SCIENCE**

I'm so excited to be here with you, ready to dive into the amazing world of science and explore awesome new things together!

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LISA GNAPP **PE & HEALTH**

This is my 21st year teaching, and my 11th in virtual education. In addition to teaching PE, I am a cheerleading judge. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, vacationing to new places with my family, and attending my kids' sporting events.

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KHADY HARMON **8TH SCIENCE**

I'm excited to start my second year at VPrep! With a background in chemistry and almost 15 years in education, I focus on making math and science practical and relevant. I love to travel, and spend time with my husband and children. I look forward to guiding you on this learning journey!

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JUDITH LOPEZ **6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES, LAW STUDIES, & PSYCHOLOGY**

Hi Sharks! This is my 2nd year here at V Prep and my 6th year teaching social studies. I am so excited to get to know all of my 6th grade students! When I'm not teaching, I love to play video games or plan my next trip.

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BRIANNA MCKINZIE **6TH & 7TH GRADE MATH MS MATH FOUNDATIONS**

Hello, sharks!! I am so excited to join the team at VPA Florida. This will be my fifth year in teaching. Math has always been my passion, and this year I'd like to focus on celebrating student wins and growth over the school year. When I'm not teaching, you can find me hanging out with my puppies. It's going to be a great year :)

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BETH MILLER ESE LEAD TEACHER

Welcome back to a new school year! This is my 25th year in education. I'm excited to continue supporting our students, families, and staff as we work together to create inclusive, engaging learning environments for every learner. When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy paddle boarding, snorkeling, and off-roading—activities that keep me refreshed and ready to tackle each day. I look forward to a year full of growth, collaboration, and success for all!

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SAMANTHA PERINI ENGLISH 8 & 10, JOURNALISM I

Hello, families! This is my 3rd year at VPrep and my 12th year teaching English Language Arts. My primary goal is to activate my students' interest in literature and writing through engaging lessons and discussions. When I am not teaching, I am likely at the t-ball field or at Disney with my family. I also proudly run our school's social media accounts - make sure to follow us!

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ILINKE ROYSE SPANISH/ INTENSIVE READING/GIFTED EDUCATION

¡Hola! This is my third year at Vprep and my 23rd year teaching. I am just as excited about this school year as I was back in 2002. Each year, I strive to create an environment where students are challenged AND supported. If I'm not teaching, I'm likely playing with my two Yorkies, training for a marathon, or reading.

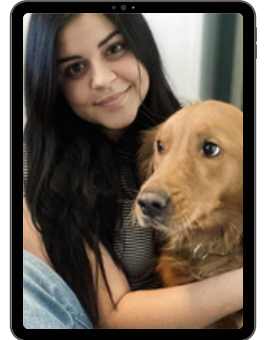
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JOCELYN STYLES SOCIAL STUDIES & LEARNING STRATEGIES

Hello shark families! This will be my 3rd year with V-Prep and my 7th year teaching Social Studies. My goal this year to cultivate a classroom where your student feels seen, valued, and capable of growth! I plan to celebrate all of our successes this year, no matter how small. My pup Sadie will also be there to support us!

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CODY SWOBODA ENGLISH 7 & 9, MS JOURNALISM

Greetings, Sharks! This is my 2nd year at VPrep and my 6th year as an ELA teacher. This year, I hope to help students think critically about the world through literature, discussion, and writing. When I am not teaching, I spend time with my family, visit theme parks, play hockey, cook, or read. I am excited to see how we will grow this year!

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MARIANA SUAREZ STUDENT SUCCESS COACH

I'm going on my 5th year in education and live in Tampa. I also speak Spanish.

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MEET THE TEAM

SUSAN THOMAS ART

I began teaching in 2005 after graduating from UF--Go Gators! This will be my fourth year at VPA (but I started teaching virtually in 2009). I love the growth opportunity that virtual school can provide for students both in and out of the classroom. As an art teacher, I hope to show you that art is all around us and help you develop as an artist. Outside of the classroom, I love being with my family whether it's together on a church pew, at a ballpark, on an adventure, or simply at home on the farm. Books, plants, and an occasional coffee also make me smile.

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DONNA VITEK CIVICS/CAREER EXPLORATION/ASCEND

Hello Shark Families! This is my second year at VPrepFL. I teach Civics, Career Exploration, and First Grade ASCEND. My goal this year is to cultivate a culture of virtue and critical thinking, interest in our country's founding, interest in our Constitution, and interest in community issues that affect our society. I am dedicated to helping students discover careers that would best suit their interests.

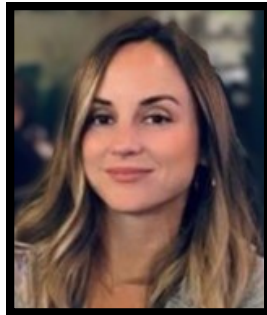
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MEGAN VOGEL ESE

Hello! This is my third year with V Prep and 15th year as a special education teacher. I love building relationships with and supporting students to help them increase their confidence and success. Can't wait to work together this year!

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CHELSEA ZANT ELA 6 & INTENSIVE READING

Hi, Sharks! This is my third year teaching at V Prep and my 8th year in the classroom. I wholly believe each and every student can harness the power of communication to reach for the stars-which is why I love what I do! Looking forward to a fun year ahead.

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HAVING TECH ISSUES?



Call the VPrep Help Desk
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KELLIE BOLE
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

My name is Kellie Bole. I am a wife and mother of 3 boys. I have been in education for nearly 20 years and a School Counselor for over 13 years. I am enthusiastic about education and believe with knowledge comes opportunity. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns at kbole@vprepfla.org or (689) 204-2136.



KIMBERLY GOOLSBY
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Hello, I am Kimberly Goolsby. My background includes a BA in Social Studies from Florida State University, MA in School Counseling from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, and Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. I have 33 years of work experience in public education. I have a passion for assisting students/families to problem-solve academic and social challenges to achieve their goals. I look forward to working with all the students and families attending VPrep this school year. Contact me at kgoolsby@vprepfla.org or (904) 302-5079.

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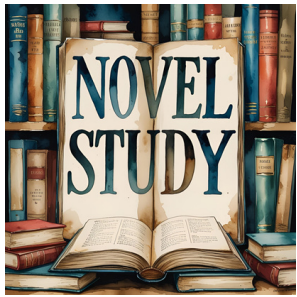
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VPA OF FL GRADES 6-12

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL:
AUGUST 11TH - 15TH

<p>MON 8/11</p>	<p>8:00AM- SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 8:30AM- HOMEROOM 9:00AM- NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ORIENTATION 11:00AM- NEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORIENTATION ATTEND SCIENCE AS LISTED ON YOUR SCHEDULE</p> 
<p>TUES 8/12</p>	<p>8:30AM- HOMEROOM ATTEND MATH AS LISTED ON YOUR SCHEDULE</p> 
<p>WED 8/13</p>	<p>8:30AM- HOMEROOM ATTEND ELECTIVES AS LISTED ON YOUR SCHEDULE</p> 
<p>THURS 8/14</p>	<p>8:30AM- HOMEROOM ATTEND ELA AS LISTED ON YOUR SCHEDULE</p> 
<p>FRI 8/15</p>	<p>8:30AM- HOMEROOM ATTEND SOCIAL STUDIES AS LISTED ON YOUR SCHEDULE</p> 
<p>NOTES</p>	<p>PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING, HAVE YOUR COMPUTER CHARGED, AND TURN YOUR CAMERAS ON! GO SHARKS!</p> 

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:



PROJECTS



guest
SPEAKERS

CLUBS



LET'S HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR! GO SHARKS!

