

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Empower students to become independent learners, personally accountable, and responsible citizens.

### BELIEF STATEMENT:

Everyone in the community contributes to the education of the children in our schools. Therefore, we are committed to:

- Personal responsibility and accountability.
- Respecting others and maintaining an open line of communication in the district.
  - Providing opportunities and resources for individual success.
- Maintaining and communicating high academic and professional standards

#### CELLPHONE POLICY:

All electronic communication device policies are handled by the classroom teacher, and individual classroom rules will apply. Repeat offenders may be subject to grade deductions, detention, and possible in-school suspension. Students are allowed to use electronic communication devices in between and during lunch periods. Students who use the electronic communication devices improperly are subject to having them confiscated by teachers and/or administration.

#### ABSENCE POLICY:

If your child is going to be gone or is home sick, please either e-mail or call the Middle School/ High School secretary Mrs. Krause before 9 a.m. the day they are gone. If you know when they will be gone in advance, you are more than welcome to call in early. Mrs. Krause can be reached at:

[Taylor.krause@k12.sd.us](mailto:Taylor.krause@k12.sd.us) or (605) 874-2161 ext. 220

#### FRIDAY POLICY:

Any students with late work or that are struggling in a class are strongly encouraged to attend Friday morning help sessions. These sessions take place when teachers are in the building on Fridays at 10 a.m. If you are unable to attend, you must correspond with the teacher who requested your presence. If you are unsure which Fridays teachers are in, please look at the district calendar on the website.

#### GRADING SCALE:

- A- 100-91.5%
- B- 91.49- 82.5%
- C- 82.49- 73.5%
- D- 73.49- 64.5%
- F- 64.49-0%

#### SCHEDULER, SCHOOLGY, & INFINITE CAMPUS:

**Scheduler:** Students should use Scheduler every day and it serves two purposes. First, it shows students what class to attend each Seminar for each day of the week. There may be slight changes from day to day. Second, it allows student to select which Learning Lab they need to attend each day so they can get the necessary help from that teacher. Students may be "locked" into a specific Learning Lab if teachers feel they need some individual attention in their class.

**Schoology:** Schoology is the middle school's Learner Management System (LMS) and where teachers can share their class materials with students. Each teacher may use the program slightly different depending on their class.

**Campus:** Infinite Campus is a program where students overall grades will be posted. This is also the program you can use to check your student's fees.

#### WEEKLY E-MAILS:

As a way for students to take responsibility for their learning and communicate with their parents, they email their parents during homeroom every Thursday. The email should include what they have been learning about in each of their classes that week, what homework (if any) they need to complete, any late work they might have, and any other announcements relevant in the middle school. If students have late work, they should really try to take advantage of coming in Friday to get some help from the necessary teacher(s).

Please note the difference between homework and late work. Homework is an assignment that has been assigned but is not yet due; while late work is an assignment that was due prior to the email and usually even at least a week before the email.

#### COMPUTER/ CORD RENTALS:

New this year: to rent a computer or a cord students must pay a fee. The fees are as follows:

- \$5 per computer per day
- \$1 per cord per day.

# WELCOME TO DEUEL MIDDLE SCHOOL!



#### PRINCIPAL- MR. JORDAN LIKNES

Hobbies: Running, hiking, fishing, reading, and Netflix binge-watcher.

Years in Education: 12 years total, 8 years teaching, 4<sup>th</sup> year in administration and second year at Deuel.



#### SECRETARY- MRS. TAYLOR KRAUSE

Hobbies: Gardening, reading, being outdoors, spending time with family.

Years in Education: 4 years in education, 2 teaching middle school & high school agriculture at Sisseton, two teaching for DIAL virtual school, and starting year three as a secretary at Deuel.

#### HOMEROOM TEACHERS:



#### COUNSELOR: MS. SHANNA DAVIDS

Hobbies: travelling, live music, spending time with friends, family, and pets.

Years in Education: 8 years in education, 4 years at Deuel.



#### SCIENCE: MS. KATELYN CROOKS

Hobbies: enjoying the outdoors, traveling, and helping with 4-H.

Years in Education: 3 years in education, all in the middle school.

Coaches: MS Volleyball & MS Track



#### SOCIAL SCIENCE: MR. DUSTY HOURIGAN

Hobbies: watching children's sporting events.

Years in Education: 19, all at the middle school level.

Coaches: Varsity Football, Assistant Boys Basketball, Middle School Student Council.



#### ELA: MRS. CINDY KONOLD

Hobbies: spending time with family and five grandchildren, hunting, & ice fishing

Years in Education: 23 years at Deuel



#### MATH: MRS. AMY TVEDT

Hobbies: running and travelling.

Years in Education: 24 years at Deuel, 10 teaching middle school.

Coaches: Assistant Girls Basketball



#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION: MR. KRIS ULMER

Hobbies: playing sports & hunting

Years in Education: 18 years in education, 14 at Deuel, & 16 in Middle School

Coaches: MS Boys Basketball, Assistant Football Coach



**WELCOME MRS. YOUNG!**

Hi, My name is Rhonda Young and I am the new 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> special education teacher. I have taught for approximately 30 years (yikes!). I live in Brookings with my husband. I also have two adult daughters. I am very happy to be joining the Deuel School District this year!

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHERS:**



**READING: MRS. KAREN DOMINA**

Hobbies: spending time with grandchildren

Years in Education: 11 total, 8 at Deuel, & 8 in middle school

Coaches: Oral Interp, School Play



**ART: MRS. BROOKE HOCKETT**

Hobbies: graphic design, clay art, spending time with family

Years in Education: 2 years in education & at Deuel

Coaches: Summer volleyball

**MS SUPPLY LIST:**

- Zippered Trapper Keeper with folders and loose leaf paper for ALL classes or a 5 Star Notebook
- Pencils
- Black/blue pens
- 3 red pens
- Highlighters- multiple colors
- Colored pencils
- Dry Erase markers
- Glue Sticks
- Large erasers
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil pouch
- Scientific calculator
- Assignment book (any size)
- Headphones for computer (inner/outer ear)
- 1 large box of kleenex

**SEMINAR SCHEDULE:**

Time:	Class:
8:10- 9:00	Seminar 1
9:03- 9:48	Seminar 2
9:51- 10:36	Seminar 3
10:39- 11:24	Seminar 4
11:27- 12:12	Seminar 5
12:15- 12:30	Home Room
12:30- 12:55	Lunch
12:56- 1:26	Chorus/ Learning Lab
1:29- 2:12	Band/ Learning Lab
2:15- 3:00	Seminar 6
3:03- 3:40	Activities/ Learning Lab

**MUSIC TEACHERS:**



**BAND: MRS. ALYSSA CASSELS**

Hobbies: likes to be active outdoors & go on adventures with her husband & two dogs

Years in Education: 5 years, all in middle school

Coaches: JV Volleyball, MS Girls Basketball, Pep Band, Marching Band

**7/8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AG:**



**CHOIR: MR. DOUG DYK**

Years in Education: 28 years in education and teaching middle school. 7 years at Deuel.



**MRS. MARIE JAACKS**

Hobbies: Horses & spending time with family

Years in Education: 11 in education, 9 at Deuel

Coaches: FFA

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, & COACHES:**

\*All middle school sports are for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders\*  
\*Some 6<sup>th</sup> Grade sports teams will be announced later\*

**VOLLEYBALL:** Practice starts on the first day of school. Coaches are Katelyn Crooks & Stephanie Mattson.

**FOOTBALL:** Practice starts on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Coaches are Lynn Gudmundson & Carter Gordon.

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** Starts in November. Coaches are Kris Ulmer & Brent Krause

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Starts in November. Coaches are Alyssa Cassels & TBD.

**TRACK:** Starts in March. Coaches are Katelyn Crooks & Billie Jo Giesel.

**GOLF:** Starts in March. Coached by Hannah Swenson.

**ORAL INTERP:** Starts in the fall. Coached by Karan Domina.

**THEATER:** Starts in the Spring. Coached by Karan Domina.

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Starts in August and goes throughout the year. Coached by Dusty Hourigan.

**WRESTLING:** Practice starts in November. Coaches are Jerry Salanoa and Nick Salanoa.

**GYMNASTICS:** Starts in December. Coaches are Caitlin Steffensen and Billie Jo Giesel.

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHERS:**



**COMPUTERS: MR. SCOTT MITCHELL**

Hobbies: farming and enjoy hunting and watching/playing sports in my free time. Go Jackrabbits!

Years in Education: 14 years in education, 13 at Deuel and at the middle school level.

Coaches: Varsity Girls Basketball



**READING: MRS. LESLIE CUTSHAW**

Hobbies: spending time with family & camping

Years in Education: 15 years total, 7 at Deuel, 7 at the middle school level.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHERS:**



**COMPUTERS: MR. MIKE GOHRING**

Hobbies: Cubs fan, DJ-ing, drones and computers.

Years in Education: 21 in education, 17 at Deuel, and 16 at the middle school level.

Coaches: E-Sports



**INDUSTRIAL ARTS: MR. BRIAN TVEDT**

Hobbies: construction & hunting

Years in Education: 23 years, all at Deuel

Coaches: Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track