



Please Note: The following information is liable to change based on unforeseen schedule changes. The best place to access assignments continues to be your child's agenda. If you have any questions, please email your child's teacher directly.

Penguin Weekly News!

Announcements:

- **New APS Policy:** Students will now be charged for power supplies that are requested from the county. The cost is \$27.08. If they prefer, they may purchase power supplies elsewhere. If you would like to TJMS to provide an additional charger, please make checks payable to Thomas Jefferson Middle School.
- Penguin Activity Fee - \$25 - is due on **Friday, September 20th** to Ms. Larson.
- Back to School Night is **Thursday, September 19th**.

ELA:

[Ms. Larson:](#)

This week we are taking all of the cumulative work we have created over the last few weeks to create a "Me Magazine". Students will be compiling their letter to Ms. Larson, Identity Map, Personality Test results, I believe list, and other documents to create their magazine. Also this week, students will be participating in a one-on-one conference with Ms. Larson about their letter. We will be RI testing Thursday and Friday and students will need to bring their iPads to class.

Civics and Economics:

[Mr. Musto:](#)

Our focus this week will explore Andrew Johnson's role in reconstruction, the ratification of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments and the strategies used to diminish the intent of the amendments. We will take a close look at the Plessy v. Ferguson Supreme Court decision and its impact on society. Key terms will include segregation, discrimination, and Jim Crow laws.

Science:

[Mr. Golden:](#)

Student science project ideas due in two weeks (Oct 2nd)!!! Please encourage your child to choose what they are going to change (their I.V.) and what they are going to measure (their D.V.). We have been talking about this in class just about every day so each student should know exactly what to do. If you have any questions, please contact me for clarification. In addition, we will be starting our unit on Ecology soon.

Ms. Bell:

This week in Ms. Bell's Life Science class we will be wrapping up our metric system review. On Monday the students will be taking a formative assessment on the metric system. This assessment will be scored but will not affect their overall grade. On Thursday, there will be an IB summative assessment on the metric system. Study guides will go home on Tuesday.

Math 7:

Mr. Carter; Mr. Dow; Ms. Jenks; Ms. Williams; Mr. Somerville:

This week Math 7 will continue our exploration of the order of operations, incorporating absolute value, and perfect squares and square roots. We will apply our knowledge to real-world problems and take a test on Thursday.

Pre-Algebra 7/8:

Mr. Carter; Mr. Dow; Mr. Somerville:

Pre-Algebra 7/8 will continue to focus on combining terms and applying the distributive property to algebraic equations.

Algebra 1:

Mr. Busby; Ms. Kramer

Intensified Algebra 1 will be continuing with Unit 1: Law of Exponents from Tuesday through Thursday. Quiz over exponents and expressions will be on Friday.

