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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the Fusion! team! We are looking forward to a great year as we grow into a strong and mutually supportive community of learners. Our hope is to continue to build upon the foundation created last year for your 6th grader and to create a team environment and culture of safety, respect, learning, and fun! We are confident that this 7th-8th grade loop will prove to be the best!



Cam Basden has been teaching at FHTMS on Fusion! since 2019 and is going into his 13th year teaching middle school social studies. Cam and his wife have two young boys; Oli at age 8 and Griff at age 6. Mr. Basden enjoys cooking, golfing, hiking, camping, skiing, paddleboarding/kayaking, snowboarding, chopping wood and spinning it on the lathe. Growing up, Mr. Basden played a range of sports and was active in choir/a cappella groups.



Wynne Poleman returns as Fusion's math teacher for her fourth year. Ms. Poleman is also the FHTMS Field hockey coach and after-school math tutor. Ms. Poleman grew up in Richmond, VT and now lives in Burlington with her boyfriend. She loves the sun and can often be found at Oakledge, North Beach or swimming holes soaking up rays. She loves interior design and to decorate - you can expect her whole classroom to transform with each new math unit!



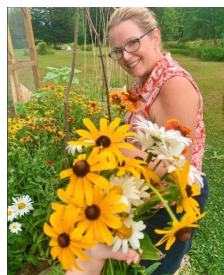
Lori Centerbar returns as Fusion's ELA teacher. This will be her 19th year at Tuttle, but her 36th year of teaching. She is as in love with teaching today as she was her first year! She lives in Burlington with her husband, and son. Her two older boys are out of the house and thriving in their own careers! When she is not teaching, she loves to read, write, listen to music, spend time with her family, do Jazzercise, and find glorious treasures when thrifting!



Erin Wysolmerski is joining the Fusion team as the science teacher. This will be her first year at Tuttle and her 7th year of teaching. She lives in Colchester and enjoys riding her bike out to the bay to swim and read. Ms. Wysolmerski has a passion for learning and loves to read, especially young adult dystopian novels! She is also an avid viola player in her church choir. Ms. Wysolmerski loves to play pickleball in the warm weather and xcountry ski in the winter. You can also find her working in the zebrafish lab at UVM.



Ben Clark is the Special Education case manager for students with IEP plans on the Fusion! Team, and the intensive literacy teacher for the whole 7th grade. Mr. Clark comes with over 20 years teaching experience, 15 years in South Burlington at Tuttle Middle School. Mr. Clark lives in Waterbury, with his wife and three kids- ages 13, 15 and 19. His hobbies include computers, skiing, snow shoeing, reading middle school fiction and space-based science articles. In school, Mr. Clark played football, theater and was in the diversity club.



Heather Horrigan is a Paraeducator on the Fusion! Team. This year will be her 11th year on the team. She lives in North Hero Vermont on Lake Champlain, with her husband. Heather has two children Sarah (and her husband David) and Molly. Her hobbies are reading, gardening, taking care of her many animals and enjoying life on the lake.

Chromebooks: Students will be receiving a laptop. They are required to have a **13" sleeve** in which to carry their laptop for travel inside the building.

Required Supplies for Core Classes:

1. **Binders for each of the four core classes:** We require four (4) 1" three-ring binders with dividers.

2. **An ample supply of pencils for the entire year!**
3. **A water bottle - Students will not be allowed to leave class for drinks or bathroom unless written into a plan.**
4. **Two sets of earbuds (mandatory that at least one set be a corded set for state testing).**

Language Arts -

Center is expecting students to read a minimum of **three books** over the summer. Here is a link that will take you to the [Vermont Golden Dome Reading Nominees](#). This is a fantastic resource for students looking for some great summer reading opportunities. Be prepared to share these summer books in the fall!

World Language Teachers Supply List:

Poulin: 2-inch binder with a pencil pouch and a box of pencils.

Connors: A composition notebook

Kelestura/Friedman: One composition notebook, one plastic two pouch folder, and a box of pencils.

Health Ed Supply List:

1. A two-pocket folder with three hole tab inside
2. Lots of pencils!!

Art Supply List

1. Pencils, pencils, pencils!!!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you for an exciting and challenging year on Fusion!

Sincerely,

The  Teachers