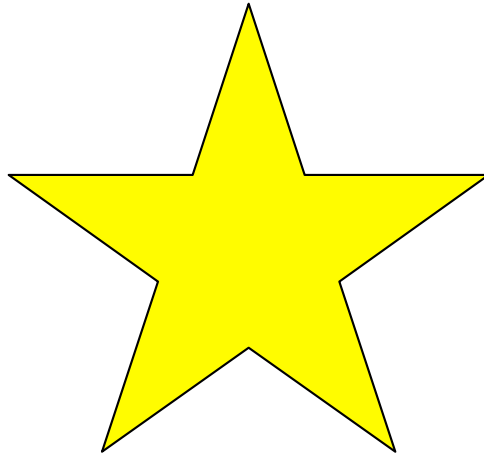


# **6 NORTH STARS**



# **PARENT HANDBOOK**

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# NORTH STARS TEAM INFO

**Binder & Assignment Notebook:** These two items are essential for organization as our sixth graders move from class to class. Please refer to your child's assignment notebook regarding homework and reminders. It is the student's responsibility to write their assignments down daily in the assignment notebook. (These are provided to each student by our generous P.T.A.) We advise that you and your child go over the assignment notebook nightly and call the Homework Hotline nightly to verify what the assignments are for the day. This system of double-checking (it's written in the assignment notebook & it's on the Homework Hotline) will help your child be confident that he/she knows exactly what needs to be done that night.

\*Please keep in mind that this beginning binder will probably not last all year. Your child may need a new one at some time this year. Also, please help your child remember to keep 2-3 pencils and notebook paper in their binder at all times.

**Homework Hotline & Team Website:** Each team teacher has the homework for the day written on their board (or NA for No Assignment) and students are instructed to fill in their assignment notebook as soon as they enter the classroom. In addition, a 6 North teacher will record the day's assignments for each of our team core classes as well as any team news & reminders typically by 4 p.m. on our Homework Hotline. You may check this at any time of the day. The number is 213-8900, ext. 5161. In addition, our team website has our daily assignments as well. Go to Holman's website ([ho.pedr3.org](http://ho.pedr3.org)), select Teams, select 6 North, and then click on Team Website above the pictures of the team (the site is in the process of being updated).

**Academic Progress:** The best way to stay up-to-date on your child's academic progress is to use our district's online program, PowerSchool. Using your child's password/code, you can check on their current grades in every class along with his/her attendance. If you have not received this information, call the record the Main Office to make arrangements to get this information. If you do not have access to a computer at home or at work, your local library will allow you internet access.

## Holman Grading Scale:

93 – 100 = A

90 – 92 = A-

87 – 89 = B+

83 – 86 = B

80 – 82 = B-

77 – 79 = C+

73 – 76 = C

70 – 72 = C-

67 – 69 = D+

63 – 66 = D

60 – 62 = D-

00 – 59 = F

**Late Work and Makeup Work for Illnesses:** Being responsible is key to academic success in school! Students will receive one "late homework" coupon for S.S., Sci., C.A., & Reading classes. There are no coupons for math. All math work is due the very next day it was assigned. In other classes, students will have the opportunity to turn in late work the very next day ONLY to receive credit as long as they attach one of their coupons to the completed late work. In addition, students will be required to fill out a form called "No Homework" as to why the work was not completed on time.

Students who have been absent have one day for each day absent to turn in missed work for full credit. Anything turned in after that time frame will be considered late work and may receive no credit or partial credit only. (For example, if a student misses 2 days, he/she will have 2 school days to complete the work.)

**Illness & Missed Work:** When a student is absent, it is imperative that several steps are followed:

- 1) Parent calls the Attendance Office @ 213-8032 by 9 a.m. Otherwise, our attendance secretary will be calling your home to check on your child's absence.
- 2) Parent makes arrangements with another Holman student to bring home the day's work for their child OR the parent calls/e-mails the **advisory teacher of the child** (you may have to leave a message) by 9 a.m. to request that work be gathered for their child & indicate whether the work should be sent to the Main Office for pickup by the parent or sent home with a child on our team/sibling or neighbor at Holman
- 3) Student does the work as soon as possible & turns it in to the appropriate teacher on time to avoid losing credit.

If your child is going to miss school for at least 2 days in a row, please call our Guidance Office @ 213-8205 to make arrangements for all of your child's teachers to gather his/her work. The work can either be sent to the Main Office for you to pick up or sent home with a friend/sibling.

If your child is only going to miss one day, please follow the steps above and contact your child's **advisory teacher** so that your child may get their work that day. It is often difficult for students to catch up and keep up if they get behind in our daily class activities. If you know ahead of time that your child is going to miss school or even just one class or two (ex. doctor's appt.), please have your child notify his/her teachers in advance so that work can be sent with your child. We strongly encourage parents to make doctor, dentist/orthodontist, & other appointments in the after-school hours but if that can't be avoided – please have your child at school for as much as the day as possible. We concur with this belief – You Miss School, You Miss Out.

**Tardiness & Supplies:** Students are responsible for bringing all needed supplies to class (textbooks, binder, novel of choice, pencil, paper, assignments, assignment notebook) each day. Students are also responsible for getting to class on time. We help students understand the quickest routes to get to and from classes that are “off team” (i.e. not in our team hallway), how to get needed materials for 2 classes in a row, and to use the restroom in the cafeteria at lunchtime & in the locker room before/after dressing out for P.E. Most tardies are the result of too much chatting with friends in the hallway although we are always on hall duty between classes to remind students to keep moving!

During each 6-week grading period, students are given reminders/warnings if they are tardy or don't have their supplies with them. Students have a team pass that keeps track of these warnings. Teachers initial the date & time of the tardy &/or the supplies missing (usually it's that the assignment is in their locker instead of in their binder & they need to use a “locker” warning). Once these warnings are used & no more are left, students earn an after-school hour detention. The fifth time overall that tardies/supplies missing occurs or the third time in one class (per grading period), a detention will be assigned.

#### **Team Expectations:**

1. **Show respect for others with your words and actions.**
2. **Be in the right place, at the right time, with the right materials.**
3. **Follow teacher/staff directions the first time.**
4. **Always strive to do your personal best!**

**Contacting Us:** We are fortunate to be able to communicate with you by e-mail. If you would like to share information with us about your child or have a question that doesn't require an immediate answer, and you have internet access, you may wish to use this method. This can often be the best way to contact us since we check our e-mail usually during our planning periods or at least at the end of the day.

We cannot take phone calls while we have students, of course. Uninterrupted instructional time with our classes is vital. If you would like to reach us by phone, call the Main Office @ 213-8032. A secretary will put you through to our extensions if we do not have students at that time. Otherwise, your call will be sent to our voice mailboxes. However, we don't receive immediate notification that we have voice

messages waiting so if it is imperative that your message reach us that day, please ask the secretary to leave a written message in our mailboxes. Our goal is to return your phone or e-mail message within 24 hours whenever possible.

**Here are our individual e-mail addresses:**

**Dr. Baner – mbaner@psdr3.org**  
**Miss Guth – jguth@psdr3.org**  
**Mr. Striebel - jstriebel@psdr3.org**

**Mrs. Chack - achack@psdr3.org**  
**Mrs. Leonard - jleonard@psdr3.org**  
**Mrs. Zangriles - lzanriles@psdr3.org**

**Team e-News:** We will send home a weekly team newsletter with curriculum updates, test notifications, and other reminders/info that parents need to know. Be sure to ask your child for this on Mondays. Parents who provide their home or work e-mail address will also receive an e-newsletter electronically with brief updates of curriculum and team information/reminders.

**Teaming:** Your child has 6 team teachers who strive to encourage team spirit, team bonding, and teamwork! 6 North Stars is your child's home base for their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year. We celebrate positive endeavors (100% Club Activities, Gold Star Club, Super Student, etc.), recognize positive effort, and demand that respect to be shown for one another. We will have team field trips and other activities throughout the year to foster this team unity. Our team of teachers meet daily to focus on students' progress both academically and behaviorally. Positive character traits (such as responsibility, honesty, compassion, & cooperation) plus academic achievement are goals for all 6 North Stars to achieve!

## **Important Things to Know!**

\*Our building principal is Mrs. Teisha Ashford. The Main Office number is 213-8032. (Fax # 213-8632)

\*Mr. Greg Schnatmeier is our team's administrator. His secretary is Mrs. Jan Grumke. Their office number is 213-8215.

\*Our sixth grade counselor is Mr. Nick Chandler. His number is 213-8206. He'll stay with our students until they complete the 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

\*Our school nurse, Betty Nelson, can be reached at 213-8220.

\*Parents are to call the attendance office at 213-8032 if their child will be absent. Please call before 9:00 a.m. You can also call the attendance hotline @ 213-8332 and leave a message. The attendance hotline operates 24 hours a day.

\*If your child arrives after 8:05, he/she is to report to the Main Office for an admittance slip. A note is required for this tardy to be excused.

\*If your child is to be picked up from school early, you need to send a note with your child that morning. When you arrive to pick him/her up, you must come in to the Main Office. A secretary will then page your child to come to the office. We cannot release students directly from our classrooms.



**Dr. Marisa Baner – Reading Specialist**

Dr. Baner is a sixth grade reading specialist. This is her 3<sup>rd</sup> year working with sixth grade students. Prior to this year, she taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading classes and was a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher at Holman. She is thrilled to be returning to one of her favorite grade levels and working with 6 North. Dr.

Baner completed her reading specialist certification through Lindenwood and received her doctorate from SLU in education in 2005. Some random Doc Baner facts are: she has three children (one set of twins), she trained two wild horses, she loves to play laser tag, and she has a cat named Pepsi.

**Mrs. Chack - Science**

Mrs. Chack is beginning her first year at Holman, right along with our sixth graders. Mrs. Chack grew up in Toledo, Ohio and attended her hometown university. She earned her bachelor's degree in 2001 and has taught for seven years in the states of Ohio, North Carolina, and Georgia. Mrs. Chack enjoys hiking, photography, and playing with her daughter, Vivian.

**Miss Guth – North Team Resource Teacher**

This will be Miss Guth's 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Holman. She brings five years of experience from the Normandy School District as a seventh grade resource teacher. She is very excited to be joining the team at Holman Middle! Ms. Guth loves to read and teach reading. She completed her master's degree in reading from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Some random Ms. Guth facts are: she knows how to scuba dive, is left handed, has an albino parakeet, and her favorite color is turquoise.

**Mrs. Jonna Leonard – Math**

Mrs. Leonard is beginning her sixth year at Holman and fifth year in the 6th grade. She grew up in Cuba, Missouri, and completed her bachelor's degree at University of Missouri-Columbia, receiving a teaching certificate for grades 5-9 in mathematics and business. She is currently working on her masters in education at Webster University. Some of her hobbies include singing, cooking, and playing volleyball.

**Mr. Jonathan Striebel – Communication Arts**

Mr. Striebel is proud to begin his third year of teaching here in the great district of Pattonville and hopes to be at Holman for years to come. His experiences include two stints in the United States Army, featuring a year overseas, and 18 months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Striebel received his bachelor's degree from Lindenwood University, graduating in June of 2006. He also has myriad other interests, including singing and playing guitar in his band, playing softball, following the Cardinals, and reading.

**Mrs. Lisa Zangriles – Social Studies**

Mrs. Zangriles is entering her 21st year of teaching. Her first years were with 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Kansas City and Clayton before coming to Holman 16 years ago. She's taught Communication Arts & reading in addition to Social Studies, her all-time favorite subject to teach & learn about! Mrs. Z received her BSE degree with an emphasis in history from NMSU (now Truman University in Kirksville, MO) and her master's degree specializing in history from Lindenwood. She and her husband Tom are the proud parents of two sons – Alex (11th grade at Ft. Zumwalt North High), and Connor (5th grader at Forest Park in Ft. Zumwalt). Her favorite thing to do with her family is traveling! This past summer you could find her parasailing in St. Thomas, hiking in the rainforest of Puerto Rico, or touring New York City.

This will be a fantastic year with our 6 North Stars!

(Please detach this back page and return to your child's advisory teacher. Thanks!)

6 North Student: \_\_\_\_\_

I have received the 6 North Parent Handbook & Students' General Team Rules Summary Guide.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date