July 14, 2023

Dear HomeTech Families,

As the Principal/Superintendent of HomeTech, I would like to welcome you to the 2023-24 school year! We are pleased you will be part of the HomeTech Family this upcoming year. Our K-12 class schedule is attached. You will also receive a copy of class offerings at your individual appointment for enrollment/orientation which takes place starting on July 31st.

**Orientation/Enrollment Appointments (July 31 – August 11)**
Elementary enrollment appointments will be arranged directly through Julie Van Roekel. Enrollment for Grades 7-12 will take place by appointment through Signup Genius (like parent conferences). Please check your email for the link from “SignUp Genius” to sign up for a time that works for you and your student. During this time, you and your child will meet with a teacher to select classes, go over rules and expectations for the school year, review and sign the written agreement, tour the school if you are new to HomeTech and answer any questions you may have. Students will also take a relatively quick assessment in Reading and Math during the enrollment appointment.

**If you need assistance signing up for the orientation appointment, please contact Danielle at 872-1171 ext 10.**

**Introducing HomeTech Staff**
We still have a majority of the same awesome staff we had last year. However, we are pleased to announce the newest staff members of the HomeTech Family:

- Theodore “Teddy” Greenfield – Math Teacher for middle and high school - Teddy is a credentialed math teacher with experience in independent study. And, if you were with us last year, Max highly recommends him :)
- Jess Mercer – Elementary/Middle School Enrichment and Support Specialist - Jess has been a driving force in supporting students and the community the last several years. She has supported many schools on the Ridge. She will be offering individual and group social and emotional supports and enrichment for K-8.
- TBD - Academic Counselor/Advisor

**Ways to Connect**
HomeTech offers the following ways for families to connect with the latest school information:
- Calls/Texts/Emails – please make sure your phone number and email is updated with Danielle. If either your phone or email changes, please let us know as soon as possible. We send text messages with important information throughout the school year.
- Download our App – HomeTech Charter (available in the App Store)
- Webpage – www.hometech.org
- FaceBook/InstaGram – HomeTech has its Facebook and InstaGram Page which is updated regularly
- Aeries Parent Portal

**Exciting Things at HomeTech**

At HomeTech, we are continually refining the school experience based on your feedback. For this new school year, here are just a few of the new things:

- **High School Sports** - We are CIF-approved for co-ed Swimming and Cross Country sports! These are both fall sports. Danya Reynolds will be the swim coach and Danielle DiPietro-Hawkins will be the cross country coach.
- **Financial Literacy Class** - Based on parent and student feedback, we have replaced our Computer Literacy graduation requirement with Financial Literacy. We feel this will be a valuable class for all high school students. Gail Kemp will be teaching this class. Only 1 semester is required for those who have not completed Computer Literacy, but we will offer a full year. This class is also A-G approved for those students considering a UC/CSU right after graduation.
- **Chemistry Class** - Danya Reynolds will be teaching this lab-based chemistry class which is also A-G approved
- **Spanish II Class** - Danielle DiPietro-Hawkins will be offering an A-G approved Spanish II class
- **Health & Fitness Class** - Danielle DiPietro-Hawkins has also started a Health & Fitness class that will combine time at Paradise Stronger and traditional health topics
- **Middle School Enrichment** - Jess Mercer will be providing weekly enrichment which will include art and activities. Ceramics will continue to be provided by Autumn.
- **Elementary Workshops** - Elementary workshops will be condensed into one day per week - Wednesdays - but longer (10 - 3). Students will continue to enjoy enrichment activities, ceramics, ELA and Math support. The Elementary lunch period will be 1 hour allowing for some recess and social time with the whole group.

We at HomeTech hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you in August! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 530-872-1171.

Sincerely,

![Julie Crandall](signature.png)

Julie Crandall
Principal/Superintendent