

GRADE 9 TEAM SCHOLASTICS

Team Scholastics at Kingsway Regional High School is an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning. An interdisciplinary team consists of teachers from different subject areas who share a common group of students who they instruct. Team teachers plan, coordinate, and evaluate curriculum and instruction across their shared academic areas. For students and parents, these teams offer stable teacher and peer relationships and secure practices that assist with the transition to high school while cultivating meaningful and regular communication with families. For teachers, teams provide a collaborative and supportive collegial community.

MEET THE TEAM

Hello! Welcome to the Freshmen Team Scholastics Monthly Newsletter. This newsletter ensures that all parents and guardians have access to monthly updates about events, field trips, and course progression.

Mr. Barnshaw - Scholastics Seminar Elective
Ms. Fisher - Counselor
Mrs. Roberts - Algebra I
Mr. Behringer - World History
Ms. Agriesti - English I + Scholastics Seminar Elective
Ms. Taylor-Ritter - Biology



A LOOK AHEAD

Team Scholastics Elective- Students have been building strong organizational habits by consistently using their binders and planners. We are now moving into focused note-taking and practicing different levels of questioning to strengthen study and thinking skills.



English I- We have been exploring conflict, plot, and literary devices in our short story unit, reading "The Interlopers" and "A Poison Tree" before writing a comparative analysis. Next, they will dive into unreliable narrators, figurative language, and theme as they continue developing their analytical skills.

History- Students are wrapping up their first unit about "The Old World" and the motivations for Europeans, like Christopher Columbus, to go exploring [our next unit]. Next week, they will take their first test and set themselves up for a successful year!

Biology- Biology will be focusing on Photosynthesis and Cellular Respiration, exploring how energy is captured, stored, and used by living organisms. Students will also continue refining their "Superorganism" project, applying these concepts to show how their imagined organism obtains and utilizes energy!

Algebra- We began by reviewing prerequisite math skills before starting Unit 1 on Linear Equations and Inequalities. We've also focused on collaborating in random small groups, building group norms, and strengthening organization and routines, with the goal of finishing Unit 1 by mid-October.



SPOTLIGHT STUDENT

Sophia Flores has stood out in our first month together for the way she models true teamwork. She not only takes on a leadership role in group work but also makes sure every voice is heard, often inviting others into the conversation. Her positive and inclusive approach inspires her classmates to collaborate, stay engaged, and put their best foot forward. Sophia is a wonderful example of how teamwork can build both confidence and community in the classroom.

UPCOMING EVENTS



10/14: Field Trip to Stockton
(must wear polo)

10/22: Team Scholastics
Family Night @6:30

10/25: Homecoming