WELCOME BACK!

Miss Murga

7th Grade Tech
8th Grade Digital Photo
8th Grade Computer Programming
8th Grade Community Leadership

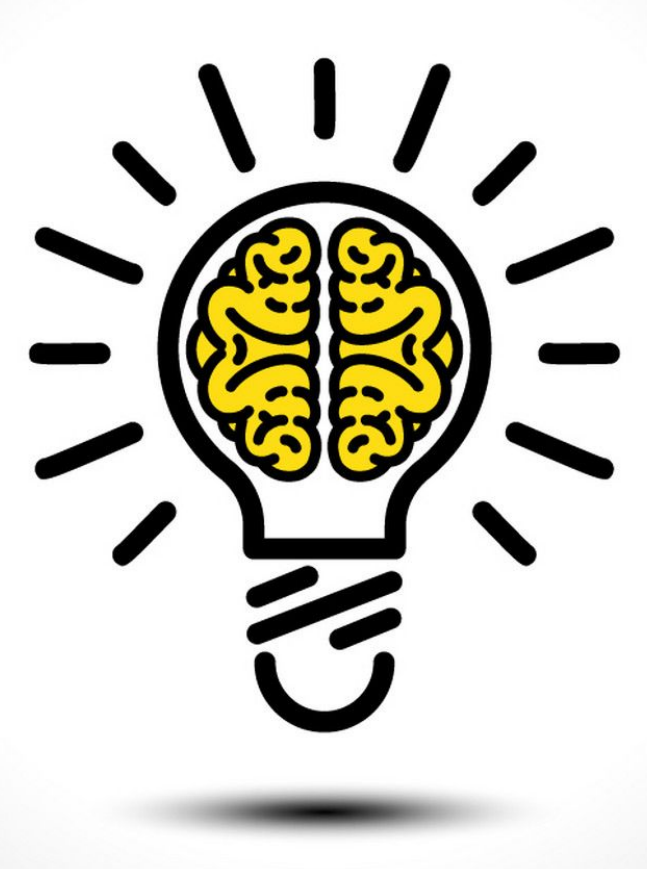
Welcome parents and guardians!

I’m Miss Murga; it’s so nice to meet all of you.

This will be my seventeenth year teaching and my tenth year at Goetz Middle school in the Technology Department.

Course Descriptions:

<u>7th Grade Tech</u> - This course focuses on invention and innovation including product development, design and marketing.



Course Descriptions:

<u>8th Grade Digital Photo</u> - This course introduces students to the basics of Digital Photography, including camera handling and functions, image editing, visual aesthetics and composition.

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Course Descriptions:

<u>8th Grade Computer Programming</u> - This course introduces students to the basics of computer programming vocabulary, skills and techniques that incorporate critical thinking and problem solving using simple coding language blocks to create interactive media. Students will use a web based program called Scratch to design original animated stories, games, simulations and more.

Course Descriptions:

<u>8th Grade Community Leadership</u> - This course introduces students to real world social issues and works to expand problem solving skills, to develop an action plan and to verbally present a potential solution. This course will expand one's ability to research, debate, work collaboratively and present their plan of action.

Google Classroom:

All rules, policies, grading information, assignments, instructions and due dates will be available in Google Classroom.
Students must check Google Classroom daily.
Students should review all rubrics and requirements carefully prior to submitting work.

Genesis Parent Portal:

You are encouraged to check the Genesis parent portal for grades and/or missing assignments regularly.
I update grades at least once per week.
Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a zero.
Students must adhere to all deadlines.
Late work will receive only partial credit.

Grading:

50% Project Assessments
30% Classwork Skills
20% Participation
(On time, prepared and on task)

Tech classes are primarily project based. Many projects will be assigned over the course of several days. Students are provided ample class time to complete all assignments, but are encouraged to work on assignments for homework should they need additional time.

Expectations:

Students are expected to come to class on time, prepared and ready to work each day.
Any student that misses class for school related activities is responsible for making up all work and meeting all required deadlines.
Any student that is absent from school is responsible for completing all missed work.

Check Google Classroom!

Any student that is disruptive or chooses not to follow school and classroom rules will face disciplinary action.

Remote Learning:

Students are expected to check Google Classroom and school email daily for announcements, assignments and important information.

If at any time school should close and go to full remote, learning will continue in Google Classroom via Google Meet.

Extra Help:

The quickest and easiest way for students to reach me is via email at jmurga@jacksonsd.org

After school help is available Monday through Thursday by appointment for any student requiring additional assistance. Students should contact me to schedule after school help.

I look forward to a great year with everyone. Please reach out via email if you have any questions or concerns.

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BYE!