**SWIFT CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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| **Competition Class Elective** | **Course Number: 17000200M** |

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| **COURSE INSTRUCTOR** | **NAME** | **Patrick Jeffries** |
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| **TELEPHONE CONTACT** | **Please leave your telephone number and a brief message with the school receptionist. Your request for a call back will be forwarded to the teacher by the end of each school day, and your call returned within 24 hours.** |
| **COURSE DESCRIPTION** | *What is a student expected to learn in this course?*  **Math Competition/ Critical Thinking**  Students must take a placement assessment to qualify for this math elective. This is an intensive course in math competitions designed for students to expand their math awareness while representing our school in local, state, and regional competitions.  Students in this course will need to dedicate many evenings, weekends, and extra hours in preparation for these academic activities.  The signature of your math teacher is required and students will be selected during the summer.  Transportation fees or registration fees may be required.  **1st 9-Week Grading Period Content Outline**  Math counts school level to include Sprint, Target and Team assessments  Quizdoms school level  Math Count tips for Beginners  **2nd 9-Week Grading Period Content Outline**  Math counts school level and chapter level when applicable to include Sprint, Target and Team assessments  Quizdoms school level  Math Count tips for Beginners  Math LeagueClick here to enter text.  **3rd 9-Week Grading Period Content Outline**  Math counts school level and chapter level when applicable to include Sprint, Target and Team assessments  Quizdoms school level  Math Count tips for Beginners and Lessons  Math League and Math Olympiad material/assessment  **4th 9-Week Grading Period Content Outline**  Math counts school level and chapter level when applicable to include Sprint, Target and Team assessments  Math counts state level when applicable  Quizdoms school level  Math Count tips for Beginners and Lessons  Math count assessments  Math League and Math Olympiad material/assessment  Note: During the second and third nine weeks our math competition team will attend multiple math competitions. We will also sponsor a mini-mu competition here at Swift Creek Middle School. | |
|  | **TEXTBOOK(S)** | None |
| **MATERIALS** | 1 pocket folder; Notebook Paper; 2 Pencils, 2 Composition Notebooks, 1 black grading pen  **No Calculators are permitted in the 6th grade.** |
| **FEES** | A fee of 75$ is required. Details will follow in the first few weeks of school asto which competitions and materials this fee will cover. |
| **Resources** | A collection of Math Counts, AMC 8, Math Olympiad and additional math resources will be used to teach and assess student learning. |
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| **COURSE/SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS** | **All Swift Creek Middle School teachers expect students to adhere to the Leon County Schools Attendance Policy and Student Code of Conduct, which includes the dress code, and expectations of academic integrity such as cheating and plagiarism. These policies can be found on the Leon County Schools website at** [**www.leon.k12.fl.us**](http://www.leon.k12.fl.us)**, the school website at** [**www.swiftcreek.leon.k12.fl.us**](http://www.swiftcreek.leon.k12.fl.us)**, and in the agenda book distributed to each student.**  **Specific Teacher Expectations:**  I expect all who enter our classroom to be open to participating in a community of learners by: 1. Arriving to class on time with all needed materials. 2. Showing respect at all times to faculty, staff, and fellow students. 3. Taking responsibility for all work. You are expected to complete work and turn it in by the due date.  4. Abiding by all LCSB, Swift Creek and classroom guidelines contained in the student handbook, LCSB code of conduct and rules posted in the classroom.  5. All students should be active, engaged learners on a daily basis.  Students who choose to not follow classroom and school expectations will receive the following consequences: 1st Verbal warning, 2nd Phone Call to parent and or removal from class 3rd Lunch Detention and Phone call to parent 4th Reported to Front Office, Contact parent via phone with possible referral written | |
| **GRADING POLICY** | *How and to what extent are assignments weighted toward determining the quarterly grade in this class?*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **PERCENT PER ASSIGNMENT** | **TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT** | | **30%** | Classwork/Homework | | **30%** | Team Collaboration/Projects | | **40%** | Test and Quizzes |   **Student classroom performance can be accessed through FOCUS. This on-line grade reporting service is updated by the teacher weekly. To use this convenient feature, the student information and a password are required. See the appropriate grade level counselor for this information.** | |
| **GRADING SCALE** | **In accordance with Leon County School Board policy, 9-week grades will be assigned as described below.**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **LETTER GRADE** | **NUMERICAL GRADE** | **MEANING OF GRADE** | | **A** | **90 – 100** | *Student displays mastery of course content.* | | **B** | **80 – 89** | *Student has a good understanding of course content. There is room for student improvement.* | | **C** | **70 – 79** | *Student is successful with most assignments. Gaps may exist in the understanding of difficult topics. Tutorials and/or attention to good study habits may be necessary.* | | **D** | **60 – 69** | *Student is having difficulty with course content, assistance is necessary for student improvement.* | | **F** | **0 – 59** | *Student has major difficulty with course content. Immediate intervention is necessary.* | | |
| **HOMEWORK** | *How often and to what extent should students expect homework in this course? How is homework evaluated?*  Students will have homework assignments. These assignments will usually be started in class where students can seek extra instruction as needed. Students should complete homework and be prepared with questions on problems that they may need help with the next school day. | |
| **EXTRA HELP OPPORTUNITIES** | *When can struggling students receive teacher assistance outside of class time?*  I am available before school on certain days from 8:45-9:15. These days will be determined and announced by the end of the second week of school. Students are required to sign the homework help log whenever they attend homework help. | |

**Special Note: Our Math club will meet after school one day a week. Students on our math team are expected to attend these club meetings to better prepare themselves for math competitions. We appreciate parental support to help us achieve this goal. The math club day will be selected the first week of school and math club flyers will go out the second week of school. Math club after school will start in early September and run through March. Please contact your Swift Creek Math club sponsor if you have additional questions.**

All ESE/504/ESOL student accommodations will be provided within the classroom.

**Disclaimer:** The teacher retains the right to amend or adjust this syllabus as needed to accomplish the standards/learning goals of the course.

**Nondiscrimination Notification and Contact Information**

“No person shall on the basis of sex (including transgender, gender nonconforming and gender identity), marital status, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, age, color, pregnancy, disability, military status or genetic information be denied employment, receipt of services, access to or participation in school activities or programs if qualified to receive such services, or otherwise be discriminated against or placed in a hostile environment in any educational program or activity including those receiving federal financial assistance, except as provided by law.” No person shall deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet to, or discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

An employee, student, parent or applicant alleging discrimination with respect to employment, or any educational program or activity may contact:

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A student or parent alleging discrimination as it relates to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may contact:

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