

# New Student Orientation



*Create, Believe, Dream, Achieve*



"This is my face."  
Mr. Atkins

#### Quick Facts

- I have four kids
- I have a face
- I graduated from Summerville High
- I taught History and English
- I lived in China
- I

Greetings and welcome to Connections Academy!

My name is Mr. Atkins and I am your grade level coordinator. My job is to help support you and your journey through Connections Academy. If you have a question that a friend, parent or teacher can't answer please send me an email at [datkins@summbears.net](mailto:datkins@summbears.net) or call 209-928-4228 ext 6229.

We have a great team here at Connections and Summerville! Below is the rest of the admin team who can reach out to as well.

- Mrs. Osterhout – 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, sports
  - [josterhout@summbears.net](mailto:josterhout@summbears.net)
- Mr. Sweitzer – 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
  - [ssweitzer@summbears.net](mailto:ssweitzer@summbears.net)
- Principal; Kellene Ditler
  - [kditler@summbears.net](mailto:kditler@summbears.net)

# Connections and Summerville Staff

We handpicked the best teachers in the state for you!

Humanities- Mr. Brull [jbrull@summbears.net](mailto:jbrull@summbears.net)

Language Arts- Mrs. Caldera [ecaldera@summbears.net](mailto:ecaldera@summbears.net)



Choir- Mr. Wells [jwells@summbears.net](mailto:jwells@summbears.net)

Drama- Van Gordon [vgordon@summbears.net](mailto:vgordon@summbears.net)

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- Academy Math- Ms. Gissler [lgissler@summbears.net](mailto:lgissler@summbears.net)

Academy Math 1- Mr. Kamada [ckamada@summbears.net](mailto:ckamada@summbears.net)



Math 2- Mr. Lillie [slillie@summbears.net](mailto:slillie@summbears.net)



Band- Mr. Johnson [jjohnson@summbears.net](mailto:jjohnson@summbears.net)

Science- Mrs. Alomia [palomia@summbears.net](mailto:palomia@summbears.net)

Dance/Ballet- Mrs. Spurrier [dspurrier@summbears.net](mailto:dspurrier@summbears.net)

- [Link to all other staff contact info](#)

# Crisis Counselors

Meet your  
School Counselors!



If you or a friend needs counseling  
please reach out to our two amazing  
crisis counselors!

- Kevin Wychopen
  - [kevinw@summbears.net](mailto:kevinw@summbears.net)
- Monique Nelson
  - [mnelson@summbears.net](mailto:mnelson@summbears.net)



# \*GET INVOLVED! (hopefully soon!)

- Look for opportunities
- Sports (Fall sports have been postponed to December)
  - Cross Country, Cheer, Football, Golf, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track
  - What to do- Get a physical, [Register](#), Concussion Test
- Clubs
  - Service, Ecology, Sporting, FFA, World, Ski, Robotics, Walk-the-Talk and more!
  - Club Week- held when students return to campus



# \*Get Involved



- **Drama**

- We offer a beginning and advanced drama course
- In a “normal” year we will have a fall play and spring musical- we hope to pull these off later in the year!

- **Music**

- Orange Crush Band! Jazz @8! Jazz Band! Guitar! Piano! Varsity Choir!

- **Student Government (ASB)**

- 0 period

- **Learning**

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# School Rules- yes, there are still schools for distant learning:)

- **Positive Climate**
- **Strict Rules and Consequences**
- **Students do their part**
- **Common Sense**
- **Attendance is required, schedule... Clear absences**  
**928-4228 x6223**
- **Disruption**
- **Language**
  - **Detentions, Saturday School, exclusion from meetings**
- **Serious Offenses: Drugs, Alcohol, Fights**
  - **Be smart**

# Discipline

- ***Remote Learning – Online Behavior***
  - *You are accountable for online behavior*
  - *Respectful interactions – prepare for your future*
  - *See Something, Say Something*
  - *THINK before you post – any social media*
    - *True*
    - *Helpful or Hurtful?*
    - *Inspiring or illegal?*
    - *Necessary*
    - *Kind*



# Vaping- DO NOT DO THIS!

- “Epidemic”
- JUUL, Dab, Mods, Drops
- Student victims- Customers, Addicts
- Addiction doesn't go away
- Mood swings
- Searching



# Cell Phone Policy

- Make “offline, unplugged” time every day!!
- Research says
  - depression, mood swings, anxiety, mental health risks
  - not allowed on campus for 7-8th graders
  - manage iPad use as well
    - Set hours, charge overnight in kitchen, devices off at ...
- New, strict campus policy
  - Not during class time (period)
  - Consequences follow

# iPads

- Never leave it unattended
- No one else should use it
- Keep it charged
- Repairs- contact GLC and Mrs.Clark 928-4228x6223
- Camera
- Acceptable use (sites), sent or received---Should Mrs. Ditler see this?
- Not yours
- Loss, damage
- Expensive technology... take care of it!
- Inexcusable damage
- Digital footprint
- Violation = discipline

# How to get to your Google Classrooms



- Google Classrooms

- 1. Click on the Google Classroom Icon that is on your iPad.
- 2. Click the small + on the top right of the screen to join a class for the first time
- 3. Type in the teacher's class code. This can be found on the teacher's syllabus or the Google Classroom Code Spreadsheet.
- 4. Click "join" and you're in
- Once established, just click on the Google Classroom icon and select the class you wish to access.
- If you need help, contact your teacher via email or phone.

# Advice

- Befriend the adults (start to mature)
- Own mistakes
- iPad
  - Productive and distraction
  - Shut down time at 9 o'clock
    - Kitchen table, charge all night in kitchen
- Do work immediately after lesson
  - Study time,
  - Be good
- Become who you want to be

# Character Counts

- Time to grow
- Strive for success
- Personal Pride
- Contribute to our Positive Environment!



# Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting your student with us. We know these are uncertain times and we want and need your help to make this year a success! Distance learning is going to be a challenge, but we are determined to do our best for your child.

Please communicate with teachers and staff when there are struggles and issues that your student is having. The more we know the better we can help. We would much rather have your student on campus where we can have extended time to get to know them and help them. It is even more crucial that you are a bridge between your student and the school this year..

- Your work is not done 😊
- Transition towards autonomy
  - Your kids still need your help
  - Help your student create calendar and schedule on the “fridge”
- Take part
  - Talk daily and check in
  - Discuss their future
- Powerschool, Google Classroom Codes
  - Be annoying
- Let’s work together for a great experience!