

TOM MOORE HIGH SCHOOL

Small School, Big Dreams

August 12, 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another school year! My name is Charles Kennedy and I will be your student's Biology teacher this year. This is my twenty-eighth year teaching science and my third year at Tom Moore High School. I am excited and I look forward to a great year ahead.

I will soon be giving the students their syllabus and class procedures list. If you have any questions about anything on it, or if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to contact me at any time. You may reach me by email at ckennedy@ingramisd.net. Even though email is the best way to reach me, you may also leave a message for me with the high school front office and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible. Please include a work phone number if you are at work during the day.

Welcome to Biology. This is a dual credit course, upon successful completion of the course students will receive both high school and college (St. Philip's College) credit. This is a course designed for science majors. This is a 4 hour college credit course for each semester.

Students will use *Biology 2e*, by Clark, Douglas, and Choi for 1406 and *Campbell Biology in Focus*, by Cain, Wasserman, Minorsky, and Orr, Third Edition as a textbook for 1407. The textbook will be electronic and be accessible through their Canvas account.

BIOL 1406: This course is suitable for science majors and those students intending to pursue careers in health and allied fields. Topics include the nature, history and philosophy of science, basic chemistry, cell structure and function, genetics, evolution and classification of living organisms. This course fulfills the Life and Physical Sciences foundational component area of the core and addresses the following required objectives: Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical Quantitative Skills, and Teamwork.

BIOL 1407: Topics include the anatomy and physiology of plants and animals as well as principles of ecology. This course fulfills the Life and Physical Sciences foundational component area of the core and addresses the following required objectives: Critical Thinking, Communication, Empirical Quantitative Skills, and Teamwork.

Thank you and I look forward to a great year at the best high school in Texas.

Very respectfully,

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