



JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

LEADING THROUGH EXCELLENCE AND EFFICIENCY



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To my amazing Students & Parents!

Welcome to Agriculture! I am so glad that you have decided to become apart of one of Madison's greatest programs offered to our students and community! I am one of Madison's agriculture teachers & FFA advisors and will currently be teaching your Principles of Agriculture classes, as well as Livestock Production courses.

In our class, you will experience a variety of topics ranging from the history of agriculture to leadership skills and FFA opportunities, animal science, plant science and even food products! One component of our classes that is unique, is that every student will develop a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project! These projects can range in a variety of topics and are NOT limited to only those that we cover in class. Students will have the opportunity to custom design their own project, based on their own interests and capabilities. These projects will be recorded through a series of record book entries using our custom Agriculture Experience Tracker (found at www.theaet.com) and presentations, with the ultimate goal of presenting their 'final product' at the end of year SAE Showcase, which will be part of the final exam grade in our courses.

Most importantly, students in my courses will be offered the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills through personal growth activities and develop their potential for future career success through both class work and FFA opportunities. Students in our classes are not required to become Madison FFA members, but are HIGHLY encourage to. By becoming an FFA member, students will be given access to the largest youth leadership & scholarship organization in the nation! WE help students in our program take their SAE's to the next level by exhibiting them at local, state or even national shows, as well as exhibit their knowledge and skills through a variety of competitions through the year. All together, these opportunities make our students more competitive to earn a piece of the MILLIONS of scholarships awarded to student every year.

I can NOT tell you how excited I am to get to know each one of you, and help you become all that you can and more! I myself am a product of a high school agriculture and FFA program, and through my involvement and experiences, I am able to share with my students a unique perspective and excitement for all that awaits them! Should you have any questions, please never hesitate to reach out to me and I would be glad to help anyone in our community!

Thank you!



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