

Welcome to Team Phoenix!



August 2025

Dear Phoenix Student and Family:

We are very happy to have you on Team Phoenix!

In case you don't know, the Phoenix is a mythical bird that is highly resilient and soars into existence after adversity. It is remarkable and unique - just as our team members are.

A warm welcome to our 7th graders! We look forward to getting to know you. We hope to do everything possible to help you feel welcome and comfortable on the team for the next two years. Please reach out with any questions or concerns that arise over the summer, or over the course of the year.

Welcome back 8th graders! You are Phoenix experts. You know the systems, the traditions, etc. You know many of the players on the team, even if roles have changed. We look forward to watching you continue to shine and grow this year, as well as sharing your expertise with the 7th graders.

That's it for now. Please continue reading for a supply list and contact information. Enjoy the rest of the summer and don't forget about your summer reading - **Read** (at least) **Two Books and practice your multiplication tables!** We look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Ms. Cullen, Ms. Holland, Ms. Kadhém, Joy Ming King, and James Moore

Your Team Phoenix teachers:

	Science Ms. Cullen - mcullen@bsdvt.org I've been working at Hunt since 2002. I became the Phoenix science teacher in 2008. I love teaching science and asking questions about the world around us. When I'm not teaching science, I enjoy spending time with my family kayaking and swimming, watching my kids play soccer, hockey and lacrosse, listening to music, baking and playing with my dog, Ginger.
	Humanities - Social Studies Joy Ming King - he/him - jking@bsdvt.org I'm so excited to stay on Team Phoenix for my first full year at HMS! After teaching in New York City for three years, I joined HMS as a student-teacher in January 2025. I'm passionate about making history and the humanities exciting and meaningful to students. Outside of school, I love to bike, hike, garden, read, and cook Cantonese food.
	Mathematics Areej Kadhem— she/her — akadhem@bsdvt.org I loved my experience supporting students as a paraprofessional educator right here at Hunt, and I am absolutely thrilled to return as a mathematics teacher and work even more closely with students. I am passionate about making math engaging and accessible for every student, and I can't wait to foster a love for numbers and problem-solving in the classroom. When I'm not unraveling a good problem, you can find me in the kitchen cooking up a storm or planning my next adventure.
	Humanities- English Language Arts James Moore - he/him - jmoore@bsdvt.org I've worked at HMS as a humanities teacher and as an instructional coach, and I'm looking forward to joining Team Phoenix this upcoming year. I love reading and writing, I love filming and performing, and I'm thrilled to make meaning with you this year. I enjoy jogging, singing along to songs from my middle school years, and hiking or biking or art-ing with my family.
	Special Education Meagan Holland- she/her - mholland@bsdvt.org I am excited to return to Team Phoenix for a second year. I am passionate about providing students with the tools and support they need to meet their potential and thrive as learners. Outside of school you can find me riding my motorcycle, going for walks with my husband and dog, playing overly complicated board games, and trying out new cooking recipes.
Other important contact info: Main Office. 802-864-8469 Nurse 802-316-9608 Guidance Phone 802-865-5378 ~ Ms. Stergas - Counselor kstergas@bsdvt.org	

Supplies for All Phoenix Students:

Here is a list if you wish to shop early for back-to-school supplies:

- ☐ 3-ring binder (2-inch) with a divider to be shared between Math & Science
- ☐ 3-hole punched loose paper (clipped into the binder)
- ☐ Basic 4-function calculator (opt for super cheap..not fancy)
- ☐ Pencil pouch with a supply of pencils
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Lock for the locker

We will provide students with:

- A composition notebook
- A space in the classrooms to store classwork
- A durable 2-pocket folder for homework to bring between home and school.
- An assignment notebook that students will be expected to use.

In general:

- If you are able to donate any extra of the above supplies, we will gratefully share them with new students.
- Supplies such as pencils, cap erasers, and notebook paper will be needed throughout the year. Please consider sending in just what is needed as the year goes on.