

## Parent Notification of Impending Use of Remind101 Educational Texting Service

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Dear Seahawk Parents,

I am writing to share with you my intent to begin using a new free online service that will allow me to send classroom-related text messages to you and your child.

This is a free service available to you and your child. As with any text-based service, there may be a charge to your cellular plan as standard text messaging rates may apply. With that being said, this service is completely optional and students are not required to subscribe. Being conscious of texting plans, I will make every effort to limit sending no more than 10 text messages per month.

Should your child subscribe to the service, I would also encourage you to subscribe as well. Information and/or reminders that are distributed via text will also be simultaneously posted on our class FCPS 24/7 Blackboard site. This service is not interactive and there is no ability for students to respond to the text messages, so the purpose of the texts is for distribution of information only, not interactivity.

This service is completely confidential in that student cell phone numbers are not known to the teacher and the subscription is initiated by the student/parent. Upon request, I have the ability to remove any student or parent from the service at any time.

Please consider also enrolling in this valuable service and I look forward to increasing the overall communication with you and your child. **Students & Parents will be provided with the class subscription information during the first week of school through classes (students) and via email (parents).**

Educationally yours,

Rita Gigliotti