



Ola High School

Agricultural Education and FFA

Dear parent/guardian of the Ola agriculture student,

I would like to take a moment to welcome you to the start of another fantastic school year. I am thrilled that your child has opted to take my agriculture class this year. My main goal for this class is open up the diverse world of opportunity that is agriculture to each student that comes through my door. As long as we wish to eat, be clothed, and have shelter there will always be a need for employment in agriculture. No other career path offers that level of job security!

There are three components to an agriculture education class: classroom instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), and FFA. You will be receiving additional paperwork regarding the SAE. FFA is the student organization associated with our class. The National FFA Organization is an integral part of agricultural education by helping make classroom instruction come to life through realistic, hands-on applications. FFA members embrace concepts taught in agricultural classrooms nationwide, build valuable skills through hands-on experiential learning and each year demonstrate their proficiencies in competitions that showcase real-world agricultural skills. We will also have monthly after school meetings in which students will enjoy food, fun, and fellowship.

Being that FFA is part of the curriculum it is highly recommended that each student participate in the organization to some degree. In the past, students have been asked to pay dues in order to participate. This year however, State FFA is charging each chapter a flat rate for its members. This means that all ag students will be FFA members by default. We are very excited about the opportunities this will provide! In lieu of membership dues we are offering the opportunity to give an *optional* donation to the program to help offset this cost. If you are able to give, any donation will be helpful and appreciated. Thank you for all you do to help support our students and program!

Sincerely,

Tyler Huff

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