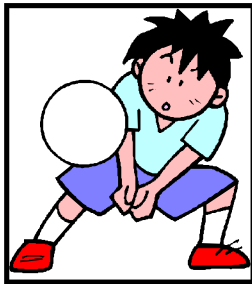


## MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

The Harbor Springs Middle School physical education program is designed to introduce, develop, and reinforce the major components of lifelong physical fitness to our students.

Students will participate in a wide variety of activities, chosen from the following:

- President's Challenge
- Games (basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, soccer, football, softball, kickball, lacrosse, racquet games, etc.)
- Swimming
- Golf
- Track and Field
- Physical Fitness/Circuit Training
- Gymnastics



## Mr. Schanski's Classroom Expectations

A high standard of behavior will be stressed when students are in my classroom. Students are expected to:

- treat everyone and everything with respect;
- always remember that YOU ARE HERE TO LEARN!

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2010-2011

# MEET MR. SCHANSKI

My name is Dennis Schanski. (My middle name is classified information.) During the 2010-2011 school year, I will be teaching sixth grade science, and seventh and eighth grade Phys. Ed. I decided to become a



teacher/coach when I was a freshman in high school (in other words, a long time ago!). I was born and raised in Perry, Michigan, which is midway between Lansing and Flint. I earned my Bachelor's degree from Alma College, where I made football history by becoming the first collegiate football player to score a touchdown in the Pontiac Silverdome. I later was granted my Master's degree from Central Michigan University.

This is my 28th year as a teacher. I taught in my home town of Perry for two years, moved to Central Lake (MI) for two years, and am currently engaged in my 24th year

of teaching in Harbor Springs. In addition to my teaching duties, I have coached a variety of sports over the years.

My family lives in Harbor Springs. I have three children: Robert (a University of Michigan graduate currently working in Ann Arbor), Payne (a recent University of Michigan graduate), and Morgan (a junior at Central Michigan University). My spare-time interests include "attempting" to golf, riding my bicycle, working on projects around the house, and keeping up with my family.



I believe that a child's attitude toward school is one of the major factors affecting his/her academic performance. Therefore, I try to make my classroom a place where students **want** to be, not a place where they **have** to be. We utilize a great variety of hands-on activities, play learning games, and have a few laughs along the way. Most importantly, I stress to each of my students the ultimate lesson of all: **Do the very best you can in everything you do!**

## SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE CURRICULUM

The Harbor Springs sixth grade science class is a combination of life and physical science. We will cover the following major topics:

- Scientific Method
- Tools of the Scientist
- Scientific Measurement
- Metric System
- Experiments
- Properties of Matter
- Physical and Chemical Changes
- Behavior of Solids, Liquids, and Gases
- Atoms and Molecules
- Energy
- Waves, Light, and Sound
- Rocketry
- Systems of the Human Body (skeletal, muscular, circulatory, respiratory, digestive, nervous, excretory)

**"HOMEWORK HOTLINE"**  
To hear a recorded message from Mr. Schanski announcing your child's science homework each day, please dial  
**526-4704**