

# Rucker Weekly



## “What’s The Tea?”

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### Coach Dodd

Coach Dodd teaches 8th and 7th grade Social Studies. Coach Dodd decided to teach because when he was a middle schooler, his teachers helped him a lot since middle school wasn't easy for him. He wanted to pay it forward since they helped him out a lot. His biggest influence was Joe Tokarz, an 8th grade US History teacher and his wrestling coach for 6 years. He was like a second father to him when his dad was deployed. He helped him realize that life can be hard and unfair, but how you handle yourself and treat others can define you as a person. He was the most selfless person ever and you could go to him for anything. If Coach Dodd had to teach any other subject, he would teach a high school class called, Contemporary Issues. That class explores how connected the world is and what happens in the world. Coach Dodd grew up in a town, about ½ the size of Gallatin, called Ottawa, Kansas. It was a small farming town and the Middle school and High school were surrounded by cow pastures. Coach Dodd has both an older and younger sister. They were always playing sports because if you didn't, then you had to get a job! He played tennis, was a wrestler, and played football. As a kid he played sports, helped with odd jobs, and hung out with his family. His favorite hobby when he was younger was having bonfires in the fall. The hardest thing about being a teacher is finding the time to fit everything in, whether that be teaching history, football, or other activities



outside of school.

### Student of the Week



**Emma Johnson 8th Grader**

This week's student of the week is Emma Johnson. She has played middle school soccer since 6th grade, and was on the track team for this year and last year. When asked what she thought was her proudest moment throughout middle school. She said “probably getting all county twice for middle school soccer, winning lady ram of the year award for middle school soccer, and also winning most athletic superlative.” One of her goals for this year was to make all A's on her report card one of the nine weeks. While one of her long term goals is to play college soccer. One of her greatest strengths in school she said is science, because it is overall her favorite thing to learn about in school. We also asked her how she deals with failure and how she thinks it can lead to success. She responded with, “When dealing with failure I try to go over what I did wrong and try to improve that mistake the best that I can”. “ I also think failure gives you time to learn from your mistakes and improve on them to make you better at what you're trying to achieve”. Her favorite part about Rucker was getting to make new friends, sports teams, and some of the nice teachers that work there. While being on break she has been mostly watching netflix, doing school work, and missing doing sports and hanging with friends.

## Science Experiment

### Tornado in a bottle

**Things you need:** Two bottles, a tube to connect the bottles, some water, plus any other add-ins you would like to add.

- **Instructions:** First you need to put water in the first bottle. You can also add glitter, food dye, or lamp oil. Next, you need to connect the bottles with the tube. You can now spin the top bottles and it makes the tornado. [Science experiments for kids](#)
- When you get to the website at the top click experiments and it will be in red.

## Game Review

This week's video game for review is Minecraft! If you don't know Minecraft, you have been living under a rock. Minecraft is a blocky sandbox game, originally developed by Markus "Notch" Persson. According to Google Trends, Minecraft gained major popularity back in July of 2019. Minecraft has dipped a little in popularity, but in the rise of the coronavirus, Minecraft has become very popular again. If you like video games and creativity, Minecraft is the game for you. In the survival mode, your goal is to defeat the ender dragon, even if there are things you're only able to get unless you defeat the ender dragon. In creative mode, you can let your creativity loose and do whatever you want!! People have created massive cities that took years to build and have survival worlds that they have played on since the 1st time they played. Minecraft is a great game for people with creative minds and who want to have fun. You have a lot of time on our hand, you might as well play some Minecraft!! Also, fun fact: in the Nashville Metro Area, we are 10th in search interest of Minecraft at 61%. If you would like to see the stats yourself, go to this link: [shorturl.at/fguA6](http://shorturl.at/fguA6)

## Recipe

There is now a new recipe that many people are trying called whipped coffee. If you haven't tried this delicious treat yet, here is a great recipe for you to try!

First, you need to grab a bowl and add 2 tablespoons of each, instant coffee, warm water, and sugar.

Next, you need to whisk it up. You can do this with a fork, but using an electric mixer is much faster and easier. You need to whisk it up for at least 7-8 minutes or until it is all whipped.

Finally, grab a glass of milk and add the whipped coffee on top. You can also add ice if you want.

This is a super easy recipe that is definitely worth a try!



## Homemade Face Mask

With all this extra time at home you might as well try to pamper yourself. This homemade mask is a great way to relax during these crazy times. This mask will help smooth your skin and make your skin soft.

**You will need:**

½ cup of Buttermilk and 2 tablespoons of yogurt

Don't have buttermilk? Simply add 1 cup of milk and tablespoon of lemon juice.

Let it sit for 10 minutes.

First, add your buttermilk and yogurt and mix them together until smooth. You can now leave this on your face for a couple of hours then wash your face with warm water.

While waiting you can read a book, listen to music, watch a tv show, or practice a new hobby.

