

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer! I am thrilled to welcome you to the Advanced Biology course.

I am Dr. Andrea Marconi Nastelli, and I will be your course facilitator for the 2024-2025 academic year. A bit about myself: my family and I moved to Tampa from Northern Virginia nearly 10 years ago. My husband, John, and I have two children, Noah (13 years old) and Ava (11 years old), who also attend T.E.A.C.H. I hold an undergraduate degree in biology and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree, with extensive postgraduate training in prenatal, postnatal, and pediatric chiropractic care from the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association (ICPA), earning my CACCP. For over a decade, I owned and operated a thriving holistic practice in Northern Virginia, serving a wonderful community and families. Currently, I offer my time to a non-profit organization, while prioritizing time with our young children.

I'm honored to join your family's educational journey this year, combining my clinical experience with the Apologia Advanced Biology curriculum. I thoroughly enjoy exploring the intricacies of the human body, promoting healthy living, and emphasizing stewardship of our gifts from God. The richness of Apologia's Advanced Biology curriculum amazed me last year, and I am excited for your student to experience its depth and breadth this year.

As you prepare for the upcoming year, please gather the following supplies before our Open House:

Course Materials:

- Thin binder OR folder and notebook paper
- Student text: 2nd Edition, Advanced Biology Advantage Set
- Anatomy Coloring Book with 450+ Realistic Medical Illustrations with Quizzes for Each +96 Perforated Flashcard of Muscle Origin, Insertion, Action, and Innervation (Kaplan Test Prep) 9th edition.
- Colored pencils

**NOTE: You can purchase textbooks locally at [The HomeSchool Hive in Carrollwood](#) to avoid shipping costs.

During home study days, parents are encouraged to support their child's learning and can access all module exam answer keys in the Solutions and Test book included in the Advanced Biology Advantage Set. Progress can be tracked through class participation, quarterly review and module tests. Parents are encouraged to review all study guides, on your own questions and module exams assigned. The Student Notebook is consumable, as most work can be completed there. I will check study guides for completion and collect module exams biweekly for grading, as applicable. Please note, as per Florida homeschool statute, while I provide grades, ultimate responsibility for your child's education rests with you, the parent(s). I am contracted solely to facilitate learning, as outlined in our T.E.A.C.H. handbook:

"The parent(s) is in ultimate control of their children's education. In no form is T.E.A.C.H. held accountable for the progress or lack of progress of a student's academics. As the parent, you fully understand that you are responsible for transcripts, grades, and any dynamic of their learning

environment. The instructors at T.E.A.C.H. are contracted with the sole responsibility to facilitate learning." - T.E.A.C.H. Student Handbook

To maximize our 90 minutes together each week, my aim is to create an interactive learning environment that brings each module to life. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or for student support. My goal is your student's success, never hesitate to contact me.

Our class meets on Mondays from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in room ED2. We will follow the syllabus provided at Open House (and also found on Mellow Yellow Student Portal) throughout the year. I look forward to meeting you and your student at Trinity's open house! We're going to have an amazing year together!

In Health,

Dr. Andrea M. Nastelli