



8th Grade Newsletter

April 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we enter the last month of the school year, students are working hard to finish strong. 8th Graders are looking forward to our Universal Field Trip on 5/10, and the Evening of Excellence on 5/23. Please ensure students are getting good rest and charging their computers for upcoming testing.

EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

Join us for a celebration of our 8th Graders' accomplishments at the Evening of Excellence. The event will be at East River High School in the auditorium on Wednesday, 5/23 at 6:30 PM.

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IMPORTANT DATES

5/1: FAST ELA PM3

5/1: Long Wednesday

5/2: Progress Reports distributed

5/3: Middle School Social

5/7: State Science Assessment

5/9: FAST Math PM3

5/9: Algebra/Geometry EOCs

5/10: Universal Field Trip

5/12-5/17: Common Final Exams

5/23: Evening of Excellence

5/25: Last Day of School!

AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

Tutoring is available 3-4 pm on:

- Mondays: Pre-Algebra
- Tuesdays: Geometry
- Tuesdays: Study Hall
- Thursdays: Algebra

Please ensure your student is picked up on time.

LAST SOCIAL

If you would like to help at the last middle school social, please sign up [here to volunteer](#) or [here to donate food](#).





Class Updates



ELA

In April, students completed a notebook review and additional practice assignments on all the 8th Grade ELA standards. Following a notebook check and the FAST ELA, students will read scenes from Romeo and Juliet as an introduction to drama, Shakespeare, and the play they will read next year.

HISTORY

Students have wrapped up their study of Unit 4.1: The Civil War and Lincoln's Presidency. To prepare for their CFE, they will complete a comprehensive review of all the units from the year, from the 13 colonies to the Civil War. During the last week of school, they will complete a special project. Please ensure students have writing utensils and headphones for class daily.

SCIENCE

All students are completing their review to prepare for the State Science Assessment, which includes mini lab stations, homework, and other assignments. All review work is due by 5/7. No late work accepted. After the test, Comprehensive Science students will begin an introduction to high school science. Physical Science students will finish their final unit and prepare for the CFE on 5/17.

PRE-ALGEBRA

Students have completed studying Transformations and Probability, and begun reviewing for the FAST Math. Encourage students to review major concepts from the year in preparation for the FAST. **All assignments due 5/17.**

ALGEBRA

Students have finished studying Two-Way Tables and Data Displays, and begun reviewing for the End-of-Course exam. Please minimize your students' absences so they do not miss critical content. Reminder: Algebra is a high school credit class with high academic and behavioral expectations. Students are welcome to join after school tutoring on Thursdays, if they are seeking help. **All assignments due 5/17.**

GEOMETRY

Thank you for all your support in ensuring your students' success this year. Following the End-of-Course exam on 5/9, students will finish their unit on Circles with a unit test and begin preparing for Algebra 2.

MATH REMINDERS

Math EOCs and F.A.S.T. test are 5/9. Tutorial videos in MathNation and live tutoring through BrainFuse (2-11 pm) are available each day, accessible in LaunchPad. Please consider buying a scientific calculator for your student if they do not have one.