



8th Grade Newsletter

February 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in the final stretch of Quarter 3! In a couple weeks, our students will enjoy a restful break before returning for their final quarter of 8th grade. Please keep an eye out for information regarding testing, yearbook orders, and the end-of-year field trip.

IMPORTANT DATES

3/6-3/13: Spring Book Fair
3/7: Science Progress Monitoring
3/12: Writing Progress Monitoring
3/14: UHS field trip for new students
3/15: Planning Day - no school
3/18-3/22: Spring Break
4/2: Report Cards distributed
4/2: B.E.S.T. Writing Test
4/5: Universal field trip paper due

CONTACT

Questions? Email us at:

Science: TEACHER EMAIL

ELA: TEACHER EMAIL

Geometry: TEACHER EMAIL

NJHS: TEACHER EMAIL

Pre-Algebra/Algebra: EMAIL.

ORDER A YEARBOOK

Yearbooks and 8th Grade Ads are available to order! Place your orders [here](#). Orders are due by April 1.

END-OF-YEAR FIELD TRIP

Students have received permission slips regarding the end-of-year field trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. Please see the form for more details.

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.

REMINDERS

- Review Skyward weekly for updated grades.
- Check Canvas for due dates, messages, and assignments.





Class Updates



ELA

In February, students completed a unit on logical reasoning and fallacies, then began a review of central idea, text features, and text structures by reading excerpts from the novel *Hidden Figures*. This unit will conclude with a review of rhetoric and a unit test. Following spring break, students will complete a writing review workshop to prepare for their B.E.S.T. Writing Test in April.

HISTORY

Students will take their test on Unit 3.5: Manifest Destiny on 3/6. Then they will begin Unit 3.6: The Age of Reform, which will cover abolition, women's suffrage, education, transcendentalism, and prison and mental health reform. Please ensure students have writing utensils and headphones for class daily.

SCIENCE

All science classes are working on chemistry units, complete with fun labs to learn about properties of matter and physical and chemical changes and reactions. Next, students will learn about the atomic model and Periodic Table. Students are still using IXL to review for the Science Standards Assessment in May. All students should be completing 2 lessons per week for review and extra practice.

PRE-ALGEBRA

Students are studying Unit 8: Solving Equations and Systems of Equations. Encourage students to review the steps for solving multi-step equations, and multiplication facts and integers.

ALGEBRA

Students are studying Unit 7: Rewriting Polynomial Expressions. 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.

GEOMETRY

Students' last test for the quarter is on 3/5. Retakes will be available until 3/14. Students' next unit of study will focus on 3-D shapes, including cross-sections, volume, surface area, and density, with a unit test planned for 4/2.

MATH REMINDERS

The deadline for ALL missing math work is Friday, 3/8, at 3:30 PM. Tutorial videos in MathNation and live tutoring through BrainFuse (2-11 pm) are available each day, accessible in LaunchPad. Remember to check your student's Skyward weekly to reduce late work and missing assignments. Please consider buying a scientific calculator for your student if they do not have one.