



8th Grade Newsletter

March 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the final quarter! We hope everyone had a restful spring break and that you are all ready to help your students finish the year strong. Be sure to look for communication regarding testing, events, and field trips coming up.

MAY SOCIAL

The final social of the year will be on Friday, May 3. Tickets will be sold for \$3 Monday-Thursday that week or \$4 at the door. Students on probation will not be eligible to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES

4/19: Family FunNight
4/29: Spring Band & Orchestra Concert
5/1: FAST ELA PM3
5/1: Long Wednesday
5/2: Progress Reports distributed
5/3: Middle School Social

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.

CONTACT

Questions? Email us at:

Science: TEACHER EMAIL

ELA: TEACHER EMAIL

Geometry: TEACHER EMAIL

NJHS: TEACHER EMAIL

Pre-Algebra/Algebra: EMAIL.

REMINDERS

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





Class Updates



ELA

In March, students read excerpts from *Hidden Figures*, which concluded with a unit test. Then students reviewed writing to prepare for their B.E.S.T. Writing Test. In April, students will complete a comprehensive review of the skills they have learned this year to prepare for the F.A.S.T. ELA test in May.

HISTORY

Students are completing a month-long study of Unit 4.1: The Civil War and Lincoln's Presidency. This includes the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War; elections of 1860 and 1864; significant court rulings and legislation; and perspectives and experiences of numerous groups during this time period. Please ensure students have writing utensils and headphones for class daily.

SCIENCE

Comprehensive Science students are completing their last major science unit of the year about elements, compounds, and mixtures. Physical Science students finishing with the Periodic Table, then moving on to chemical bonds and reactions. All students will begin a state science test review this month to prepare for the State Science Assessment on 5/7.

PRE-ALGEBRA

Students are completing Unit 10: Functions, then starting Unit 11: Scatter Plots. Encourage students to review the steps for solving multi-step equations, and multiplication facts and integers.

ALGEBRA

Students are finishing Unit 8: Key Features of Quadratic Functions, then moving on to Unit 9: Solving Quadratic Functions. 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 are preparing for the EOC with final units on circle properties, construction, and intersections. The unit test on 3D Geometry will be on 4/11. The next unit test on Arcs and Angles in Circles is planned for 4/25. Students will also complete a creative poster project by the end of the month.

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.