



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wildcats

Dear Students and Parents:

We hope that you are enjoying your summer. In a few short weeks, you will be starting your eighth grade year, and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to your team of teachers.

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Team teaching enables core teachers to integrate our subjects, discuss problems, and improve communication with both students and parents. Parents, please feel free to email any of your student's teachers with questions and concerns throughout the year. Another helpful tool to utilize is the Home Access Center (found on the district's webpage) and teachers' Canvas pages to keep up-to-date with your student's individual assignments, tests, grades as well as missing work. Below are listed supplies that will be needed throughout the school year.

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| *Binder/folder for each class                                 | *Post-it Notes                               |
| *Pencils  | *Bound composition books (Science & History) |
| *Highlighters   | * Notebook for each class                    |
| *Colored pencils  |  |
| * Texas Instruments TI30XIIS Scientific Calculator (Required) |  |

It is recommended that students use a planner to write down their daily class assignments, it is a highly effective way to keep assignments straight and helps students to budget time more efficiently. Parents can also check daily assignments on the teachers' Canvas page as a way of ensuring that their child is keeping up with both long and short term assignments.

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Guardian(s):

Welcome to a year full of many changes- a year filled with assignments and projects that will test and excite your student's abilities as we prepare your student for high school and the many adventures that life has in store for them!



Eighth grade is quite a bit different in its expectations of students than seventh grade might have been for your student, so we offer some helpful information to lead to a successful year.

#### Student's Responsibilities

- Write in planner/ organizational device each period
- There will be homework every day.  
It must be completed.
- You will need to bring books to class and home every night.
- Ask Questions in class!
- Use Enrichment period wisely.
- Get help in the classes that you may be struggling with or have questions about.
- Hand ALL work in on time. Work handed in late will receive fewer or no points.
- Keep your locker and binder organized. Ask your subject teacher before discarding papers.
- Books will be kept in lockers, not in classrooms.
- Contact teachers via e-mail with questions.

#### How Parents Can Help

- \*Help your student stay on top of their short and long-term assignments.
- \*Check your student's organizational device daily for completeness.
- \*Check teacher Canvas page for daily homework listings.
- \*Check Teachers' Canvas pages for notes and worksheets that may have been posted.
- \*Check Home Access Center (found on district's web page) to keep up-to-date with your student's individual assignments, test grades, and to see if any work is missing.
- \*Use the information located on the previous page to contact us at any time.

The key to success this year (and every year that follows) is RESPONSIBILITY. Yes, there is more in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and the expectations are greater, but these are not beyond your student's capability. How will children ever know what they can achieve unless they reach for the stars? The teachers of the Wildcats are looking forward to meeting you and your student and to a great year!