

August 2018

Dear Eighth Grade Students and Families,

As the beginning of the school year approaches, the eighth grade team looks forward to welcoming this year's students.

Our goal is to support students as they transition from concrete, literal thinkers to independent, abstract problem solvers. The academic curricula in the eighth grade involve higher level thinking skills such as thesis development, critical analysis, and inferential interpretation. As eighth graders, class participation is a crucial component of the learning process.

In addition, there are many unique social and academic opportunities available to our eighth grade students. The role of elected class officers and committees ensures the success of activities such as the Holiday Craft Fair, dances, field trips and ultimately Moving-Up Day. Student leadership and involvement are driving forces behind an enriching eighth grade experience.

In preparation for a successful year it will be beneficial for students to have the following supplies:

Recommended Supplies*

English

Five-Subject notebook
Pens/Pencils

Foreign Language

Three ring binder, 1.5" minimum
Subject dividers (2 packages of five)

Math

Loose leaf paper.
Pencils (*mechanical suggested*).
Three ring binder (1" minimum)
Subject dividers (1 pkg. of five)

Science

Spiral-bound notebook with pockets.
Pencils.

Social Studies

Spiral-bound notebook with pockets.

General Items (used daily in class)

White-lined paper/notebook for all classes
Assorted - colored pocket folders, as needed.
Pencils and black/blue pens for all classes

Optional Supplies

Highlighters.
Markers
Colored Pencils
Cap erasers

**in the case of financial hardship please contact the GMS office or Mrs. Nicol (anicol@sau.73.org).*

We are anticipating a tremendous 2018-2019 school year. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Allen – Science

Mr. Pete Bowler – Math

Mr. Rob Meyers – Social Studies

Mr. Jeffrey Josten - Special Education

Mrs. Stephanie Masters - Foreign Language

Mrs. Ashley Nicol – Language Arts