



Summer 2017

Dear 8th Grade Parents, Guardians and Students:

Welcome back to school! I hope that you have spent your summer in interesting ways, and that you have enjoyed your time off. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing about your various summer adventures. As the summer is coming to a close, the time approaches now to look ahead to the start of your eighth grade school year.

Our opening day will be on **Tuesday, September 5**. This will be a half-day with a **12 noon** dismissal. Please make sure to wear assembly clothes. I would like for you to bring the three book reports you wrote on the books that you read over the summer. Make sure that the first page has a heading on it, and that the title and author of the book is clearly indicated at the top of the page. See the enrolled families page on our website for details.

On Wednesday bring in all of your textbooks and be sure to cover them. Before the first day of school, you will also need to have money placed in your bookstore and lunch card accounts.

Each student will need these supplies to begin the year:

- A set of colored pencils (minimum set of 12)
- A compass for geometric drawing
- A 2-3 inch three ring binder for main lesson pages, notes, reading assignments, music, and language arts
- At least 5 durable dividers
- 100 sheets of lined paper, that should be put into your binder
- Fountain pen with ink fillers
- 5 spare ink cartridges
- 3 lead pencils with good erasers
- A ruler
- Gym sneakers and clothes

The 8th grade main lesson blocks will be: African Geography, (both cultural and physical); Platonic Solids, Chemistry; Revolutions; U.S. History; Anatomy; Physics; Class Play and Modern History. Each block will be 3 to 4 weeks long.

The dates for our class meetings are: **Monday, September 18th at 7pm; Monday, December 11th at 7 pm; Wednesday, February 7th at 7 pm; Wednesday, April 11th at 7 pm.**

- The dates for the Coming of Age Trip are: **September 11-15, 2017.**
- The dates for our class trip to Glen Brook are: **March 5-9, 2018.**
- The dates for our 8th grade trip are: **May 14-18, 2018.**

Thank you for supporting your child and ensuring they complete their summer reading and writing assignments and have all the tools they need to begin the 2016-2017 school year.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enjoy your summer,

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