

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the seventh grade!

September brings many challenges for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The transition from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade will mean a rotating schedule and a 5 person team. This is a big adjustment for students, and requires more responsibility and organization. Seventh grade is a pivotal year for both growth and learning, and we would like to help your child have a fun and successful learning experience.

Independence plays a large role in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will be held accountable for their academic choices. **Work done at home is called practice.** This should be expected every night. Practice is important to reinforce skills and concepts learned in the classroom and helps students be more successful when taking summative assessments. We will be using Google Classroom and Google Calendar to keep assignments up-to-date. Students will be given access to Google Classroom during the first few weeks of school.

We are looking forward to an exciting year. The teachers are available for extra help or make-up work. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Words of Wisdom from students past:

"TRY YOUR BEST AND YOU WILL LEARN A LOT"

*"Practice everything you learn and you will never forget it."*

*"IT'S NOT ABOUT THE GRADE, IT'S THE LEARNING."*

## 7TH GRADE FIELD TRIPS

You can look forward to the following field trips:

- ★ Theater Trip  
Experience the excitement of live theater!
- ★ Project Safeguard  
Learn valuable information about keeping yourself safe in the real-world.
- ★ Ice Skating  
Enjoy a day zipping around the rink with your classmates!
- ★ Whale watch  
Wind down the year with a fun-filled day on a boat looking for whales!



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## Learners today, Leaders tomorrow

# #ClassInfo

**MATH** - JOIN US AS WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE NUMBER SYSTEM, RATIOS & PROPORTIONS, PERCENTS, EQUATIONS, GEOMETRY, AND PROBABILITY. GET READY FOR SOME HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ROBOT BUILDING AND A FRUIT LOOP LAB!

**science** - EXPERIENCE THE WORLD OF OF LIFE SCIENCE AS WE EXPLORE ECOSYSTEMS, CELLS, GENETICS, AND EVOLUTION. OUR LAMPREY RIVER EXPLORATION IS THE ANCHOR FOR OUR STUDY OF ECOSYSTEMS. BE READY TO PUT ON YOUR WADERS AND JOIN US IN THE RIVER!

**Language Arts** - LANGUAGE ARTS IS READING, WRITING, SPEAKING, AND LISTENING. BE PREPARED TO READ NOVELS, SHORT STORIES, POETRY, AND SHAKESPEARE USING THE DISCUSSION BASED HARKNESS METHOD. LEARN HOW TO WRITE PERSUASIVE, NARRATIVE, AND RESEARCH ESSAYS. GET READY FOR SCENE PERFORMANCES, ACTING, AND DANCING TOO!

**Geography** - COME WITH US ON A TOUR OF THE WORLD. FROM THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE, YOU WILL EXPLORE THESE REGIONS THROUGH THE LENSE OF THE FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY.

**LAB** - STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET AN EXTRA BOOST OF LEARNING IN LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH THROUGH OUR LAB CLASSES!



Students' grades are placed into the following categories:

### **Formative Grades:**

Planning, Practice and Preparation

- ★ Practice (homework)
- ★ Class work: May include labs, class activities, discussions, group work, Google Classroom assignments, or check-ins for understanding.

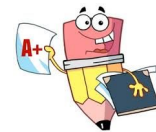
### **Summative Grades:**

Cumulative Assessments

- ★ Tests
- ★ Projects
- ★ Essays

### **Work-Study Practices:**

- ★ Communication
- ★ Creativity
- ★ Collaboration
- ★ Self-direction
- ★ Critical thinking and problem solving



**Fun Times in 7th Grade:**  
Some things you can look forward to throughout the year:

- ★ Dances
- ★ Team Building Activities
- ★ Pod Decorating



- ★ Five 1-subject notebooks
- ★ Pencils (Several Boxes)
- ★ One flex-file
- ★ Scientific Calculator or TI-84 Graphing Calculator (requested for 8th grade)
- ★ Pencil case/pouch
- ★ One box of colored pencils
- ★ Glue Sticks
- ★ One box of tissues
- ★ One BIC 4-color pen

