



Mustang Memo

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Middle School has really started off very well. Tomorrow students will choose their enrichments and this will change the end of the day schedule slightly. On Monday and Thursday the students will have advisement. During this time they will do a grade and missing assignment check, work on organization skills and do reading clubs. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday we will have these enrichment classes.

Holiday-Labor Day	September 2
Mustang Mini-Marathon Fundraiser K-8	September 9
SAC Meeting (School Accountability Committee)	September 9 - 5:00 - 6:00 pm, H.S. 3rd floor
Board of Directors Meeting	September 10 - 6:00 - 8:30 pm, 3rd floor HS building
Parenting with Love and Logic Class Part 1 (register ahead of time)	September 11 - 6:00 - 8:00, ELE Campus (room TBD)
K-8 Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1	September 13
PACS Meeting	September 13 - 7:45 am, Grammar School Commons

In the Classrooms

Content we are learning in classroom

Math

Math 6	Math 7	Math 8	Algebra / Geometry
<p>In Chapter 1, we are covering exponents and perfect squares. Please have your student practice their math facts. These are used all the time. We have also begun Order of Operations. This is including review of many 5th grade concepts. Please make sure your student can get on to google classroom and see the math classroom .</p>	<p>In unit 1, we are diving into adding and subtracting positive and negative numbers - it's a great time to have your child help you balance your checkbook! We're also getting comfortable with those terrifying word problems that aren't so bad once you get to know them.</p>	<p>Chapter 1 is all about solving equations. This week we are focused on multiple step equations and equations with variables on both sides of the equation. Homework is assigned Monday through Thursday. There will be quizzes every Friday to check for understanding of the concept(s). If you would like to be invited to our Google Classroom please email me at sadamson@addenbrooke.org.</p>	<p>Chapter 1 ALG 1- Expression and Equations: Expression, Variables, Powers and Exponents, Order of Operation Equations, Word Problems that Lead to Expressions and Equations Chapter 1 Geometry - Points, Lines, Planes, and Angles: Points, Lines, Planes, Segments, Rays, and Distance, Angles, Postulates and Theorems About the Above.</p> <p>These are the topics that advanced math will be exploring for the next couple of weeks. At the end of each section there will be homework assigned and at the end of each chapter there will a chapter test. Google Classroom will have the notes for each chapter uploaded and the assignments posted the day I assign it to them. Geometry will be having their first test August 30th.</p>

Language Arts

Sixth- Mrs. Reynolds	Seventh	Eighth
<p>Reading: We have started our Greek mythology unit from our Realms of Gold Textbooks. We have also finished up our Reading MAP test. We will be starting <i>The Iliad</i> the week of 9/9.</p> <p>Writing: We are starting our informational writing unit where we will create an informational essay on Athens vs Sparta.</p>	<p>We have been working on personal one-pagers using higher level thinking, and forming and defending opinions ahead of beginning Call of the Wild next week 9/3. We have also been completing MAPs tests in both Reading and Language Usage.</p>	<p>In writing, we are reviewing nouns and will be beginning personal narratives. In reading, we are beginning to read our literature circle books and will be beginning <i>Animal Farm</i> next week.</p>

Science

Sixth	Seventh	Eighth
<p>We are working scientific method and understanding the important role it understands. We will be studying light waves and the phenomenons around it.</p>	<p>We are currently working on Classroom Procedures and Practices, Ecology, and practicing the use of our Laboratory Notebooks. And of course, having some Fun! A Vocabulary quiz is planned for next Wednesday, September 4, 2024.</p>	<p>We are currently working on Classroom Procedures and Practices, Newton's Laws (Physics) and practicing the use of our Laboratory Notebooks. And of course, having some Fun! We anticipate doing our first Laboratory this Friday, the 30th. A Vocabulary quiz is planned for next Wednesday, September 4, 2024.</p>

History

Sixth - Mr. Mey	Seventh - Mr. Satchell	Eighth - Mr. Satchell
<p>We are working on the World Deserts. We have covered the Sahara, Kalahari, the Outback. We are focusing on understanding the location, topography, weather (arid or semiarid), the notable plants and animal life and the peoples of the land.</p>	<p>We are currently working on the geography of the United States. We filled out maps by region including states and capitals. We will be beginning a project in which students work in groups to create their own maps of the United States.</p>	<p>We are currently learning about the Constitution of the United States. Students have learned about the Preamble and Articles I-III in depth. We are now having students research and discover the Founding Fathers and their contributions to the founding documents.</p>

Latin - Miss Lafferty and Mr. Roe

Sixth- Ms. Lafferty	Seventh- Ms. Lafferty/Mr. Roe	Eighth- Mr. Roe
We are currently learning about First Conjugation Latin verbs, and how to translate them into English.	We are currently working through chapter 1 of the Oxford Latin text. This chapter focuses on translating simple sentences from Latin to English and vice versa.	

Art - Mrs. Troudt

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We are looking at - Art as a means of Communication & creating an abstract self-portrait for the cover of the sketchbooks	We are looking at - Art as a means of Communication & creating an abstract self-portrait for the cover of the sketchbooks	We are looking at - Art as a means of Communication & creating an abstract self-portrait for the cover of the sketchbooks

Choir - Mr. Hovorka

We have been Learning the fundamentals involved with singing in a choir. Some of the pieces we are working on in the upcoming weeks are; "Somewhere over the Rainbow", "American Tears" and "Homeward Bound"

Orchestra - Ms. Smith

We are having so much fun in Orchestra! Each class has been reviewing posture and positioning, reading music, and working as an ensemble. Honors Orchestra sounds fantastic in their first piece: Bushwhacker Stomp by Keith Sharp. Our other ensembles are working through the Essential Elements method book on several different songs and etudes. 6th Grade won our cup passing contest, using their bows to pass a cup around the room in an astounding 29 second record!

Physical Education - Mr. Vessey

Students should bring a water bottle and wear appropriate shoes each day. Please send your student to school with sunscreen as we will be outside as much as possible. We are currently in our kickball unit through the end of this week.

Other Happenings

What is going on in Middle School – Special Events and Updates

Student Council: Middle School students are invited to get an application to join student council from the front desk. Applications are due on August 30. Student Council meetings are held on Thursdays during advisement and will start on September 30. Our student council helps plan middle school events and activities that support our community.

Sports: Check out the linked calendar to stay on track with our sports teams and other activities.

[Click Link](#)

Enrichment: This year students will be participating in enrichment opportunities during advisement. Teachers will facilitate classes in high-interest areas three days a week during our advisement time (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Students will be given a survey on August 30 in which they will pick top choices of topics to learn about and they will be placed in an enrichment. The idea is to focus on student engagement in areas they would like to learn about and they will participate in a “Share Day” on November 22.

Other: Students that are assigned detention will report to detention at 2:50 (during advisement) and will be released at 4:00.

End Notes

Dress Code Reminders: [Dress Code Full Document](#)

Seventh and Eighth Grade Washington DC Trip : Watch for information coming home soon.