

Welcome to 8th Grade Team 1

We would like to welcome you to 8th grade, Team 1! We are looking forward to a productive school year filled with meaningful learning activities. We will be focusing on team building experiences and are excited to get to know each and every one of you! General supplies that will help you be successful throughout this year are: pencils, pens, highlighters and loose leaf paper, or notebook, as well as inexpensive earbuds/headphones and a cordless mouse for your Chromebook. Please see each course description below for any specific supply requirements.

ELA 8: Ms. Paradise (eparadise@cssdapps.org) will be your English Language Arts teacher. You will be reading a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts to help you become independent thinkers who can dig deeply into a text. You will hone your paragraph writing skills and move onto writing expository and argumentative essays.

Specific Supplies: 1.5 inch binder, pencils/pens

Social Studies 8: Mrs. Renne (krenne@cssdapps.org) will be your Social Studies 8 teacher. American history topics covered throughout this year will span from the Reconstruction Era (post-Civil War) to modern day. We will discuss and analyze historical documents and resources to understand events from multiple perspectives, building our historical thinking skills. Projects will be completed throughout the year connecting Social Studies 8 content to modern day.

Specific Supplies: 2 pocket folder, loose leaf paper, pencils/pens

Math 8: Mrs. LeVea (mlevea@cssdapps.org) will be your Math 8 teacher. The topics covered in Math 8 will be multi-step equations, transformations, triangles and their angle measure, systems of linear equations & functions, and statistics.

Specific Supplies: 1-inch binder and calculator TI-30XS, pencils, erasers

**Advanced Algebra students will be given further information on the curriculum and requirements in class. The supplies required are the same as for Math 8, but the required calculator is a TI 84 plus graphing calculator.*

Life Science 8: Mrs. Vezey (gvezey@cssdapps.org) will be your Life Science or Biology teacher this year. You will study introductory topics in biology, including the scientific method, biochemistry, cells, genetics, human body systems, evolution and ecology. Be prepared to do many lab activities that will be a major part of your science grade this year! If you are enrolled in Biology with me, we will be studying the above topics in more detail and at a faster pace, all while preparing for your success on the regents exam.

Life Science: 100 notecards, one 2-pocket folder with brads, filler paper, pencils, pens and highlighters

Biology: One 2- inch binder, two 2-pocket folders, filler paper, pencils, pens, highlighters.

Special Education: Mrs. Pellman (jpellman@cssdapps.org) will be the special education teacher on the team this year. She will be co-teaching math, science, ELA and social studies for some classes. She will also be providing resource room services to those who require it as well as working closely with the team on strategies and assignment modifications when necessary. We will also focus quite a bit on organization and monitoring grades and assignments. (No required materials)

You will also be taking classes in Foreign Language, Technology, Family and Consumer Science, Art, Music and Physical Education.

Sincerely,
Your Team 1 Teachers

Please email us if you have any questions or concerns.

We wish you a relaxing summer and look forward to meeting you all!