

**CENTRAL SQUARE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Mr. Jeffrey King, Principal

Mrs. Kaitlyn Curry, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Kristen Wilder, Assistant Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We would like to welcome you to 7th grade, Team 2. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2024-2025 school year and have many fun learning activities planned.

Mrs. Layo will be your science teacher. This year we will be studying Physical Science which is a combination of chemistry and physics that will prepare you for future courses you may take in high school. In Physical Science, you will begin by reviewing laboratory safety and the scientific method. You will then move into exploring the structures and properties of matter, followed by chemical reactions. During the second half of the year, the course progresses into an examination of energy, waves, electromagnetic radiation, forces and interactions. With a variety of activities, group work, and individual skill building, Mrs. Layo strives to have a little something for everyone to enjoy this year in science.

Mr. Parish will be your English teacher. The class is structured around the seventh grade ELA learning units, which align with state and national learning standards. The skills of reading, writing, critical thinking, and collaboration will be heavily focused on. Themes, Topics, and Titles will include:

- 'Surviving and Thriving in Challenging Environments' (Linda Sue Park's novel, [A Long Walk to Water](#))
- 'Finding One's Voice' (Various argumentative speeches & essays & Linda Sue Park's novel, [Lyddie](#))
- 'Turning Tough Times into Resiliency & Grit' (Karen Hesse's novel, [Out of the Dust](#))
- 'Science & Innovation' (The science behind the development of the teenage brain and ways technology affects its' development - screen time, cell phone usage, social media, etc.)

Mr. Alaimo will be your social studies teacher. You will be studying early American history from the Native Americans to the election of Abraham Lincoln. Seventh grade social studies is part of a two-year course that is completed in the 8th grade. Major topics for the Unit include:

- Discovering of the Americas
- American Revolution
- Writing of the Constitution and the formation of government
- Westward Expansion
- Civil War

Mrs. Becker will be your math teacher. The topics covered will be: Ratios and Proportional Relationships, The Number Systems, Expressions, Equations, Geometry, Statistics and Probability. Some of the mathematical practices we will concentrate on will be:

- Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
- Solve real world multi-step mathematical problems

Mr. Vecchio will be the Special Education teacher. His role is to co-teach in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies, focusing on working with students with disabilities. Some students with disabilities may also be in a 5:1 Resource class to build academic skills and keep them on pace with general education classes.

SUPPLY LIST

***Please make sure to have earbuds or headphones with you for all classes daily.**

For Science

- 2 inch 3- ring binder
- Pencils
- Headphones or earbuds

For Math:

- **Calculator (Model TI-30XS Multi-View)**
- Pencil (zipper) Pouch (will stay in binder to hold calculator)
- 2" Binder WITH tab dividers (at least 5)
- Pencils
- Loose Leaf paper

For Social Studies:

- 1" Binder
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- 5 Divider tabs for binder
- Loose leaf paper

For ELA:

- One 2-pocket folder
(*or two, if you'd like to donate to the class)
- Headphones
- Loose-leaf paper
- Pencils/Pens/Highlighter

For Resource (certain Special Education students only):

- Pencils
- 1" binder

We are including our e-mail addresses so you can contact us with any concerns you may have during the 2024-2025 school year:

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

Sincerely,
Grade 7 Team 2 Teachers

