

# 2023 - 2024 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House



# 8TH GRADE STAFF

MRS. FULLER - LANGUAGE ARTS & TEAM LEAD

MRS. HOOFE - LANGUAGE ARTS

MS. JACKSON- LANGUAGE ARTS

MS. ALMEDA - MATH

MR. BROWN - MATH

MR. STERLIN -MATH/ALGEBRA

MRS. FERGUS - SOCIAL STUDIES

MR. BRUCE - SOCIAL STUDIES & SCIENCE

MR. BOGDANOWICZ- SCIENCE

MR. ALI - ALL SUBJECTS

MRS. ALLEN - ALL SUBJECTS

MS. BATES - COUNSELOR

MR. HUGHES - SOCIAL WORKER

MS. CROSS, MRS. ESTRADA, & MRS. WILLIAMS  
- INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS



# Encore Team



**WeatherBug/Connections** - Traci Jendrzszak



**Art** - Karen Zega



**Band** - Mario Moody & Michael Flowers; **Strings** - Tamia Smith; **Music** - Kimberly Smith



**Culinary Math** - Natasha Gargola



**Social Emotional Learning** - NaShae Webb



**Physical Education** - Boys: Joe Baranski, Dominic Lemon, Freddie Penson  
Girls: Oku Satcher, Carla Dean, Jerna Starks; **Dance:** Kayla Baker

# Communication



Any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher directly via email. Each teacher has a website with important information and contact information.




Robo Calls/Texts/Emails/Step sheets



Power School/Bi-Weeklies/Progress Reports/Report cards

# BI-WEEKLY

**Coolidge Middle School**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bi-Weekly Report**



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Please review the information below, Power School, and your child's current step sheet. After your review, sign this document and have your child return it to his/her homeroom teacher tomorrow. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher(s). Thank you for your cooperation.

Class	Current Grade	Additional Comment(s)
English Language Arts/Reading		<input type="checkbox"/> Low quiz/test scores <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior is a class disruption <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks effort <input type="checkbox"/> Often turns in incomplete assignments <input type="checkbox"/> "Other" PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL NOTES.
Math		<input type="checkbox"/> Low quiz/test scores <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior is a class disruption <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks effort <input type="checkbox"/> Often turns in incomplete assignments <input type="checkbox"/> "Other" PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL NOTES.
Science		<input type="checkbox"/> Low quiz/test scores <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior is a class disruption <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks effort <input type="checkbox"/> Often turns in incomplete assignments <input type="checkbox"/> "Other" PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL NOTES.
Social Studies		<input type="checkbox"/> Low quiz/test scores <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Behavior is a class disruption <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks effort <input type="checkbox"/> Often turns in incomplete assignments <input type="checkbox"/> "Other" PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL NOTES.

Current Step Sheet Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Amount of Graduation Tickets Earned (see circled item):      4      3      2      1      0

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- CURRENT GRADE IN EACH CLASS WITH COMMENTS (EVERY 2 WEEKS)
- CURRENT STEP SHEET AVERAGE
- CURRENT AMOUNT OF GRADUATION TICKETS BASED ON STEP SHEET AVERAGE
- MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED THE FOLLOWING DAY TO THE HOMEROOM TEACHER.
  - FAILURE TO DO SO RESULTS IN A CHECK ON THE STEP SHEET

# Student Absence Procedure



**If your student will not be in attendance for the day, it is imperative that you call the school to report the absence. This will assure that the child's absence is marked as excused.**



**The school number is (708) 339-5300.**

# 8th Grade Schedule

The screenshot shows a detailed weekly schedule for 8th grade. The columns represent days of the week: Monday (Jan 14), Tuesday (Jan 15), Wednesday (Jan 16), Thursday (Jan 17), Friday (Jan 18), and Saturday (Jan 19). The rows represent different classes or activities, with specific times and room numbers listed. The schedule is color-coded by day: Monday (blue), Tuesday (orange), Wednesday (green), Thursday (red), and Friday (purple). A legend at the bottom identifies the color coding: Blue for Core Class, Orange for Core Class, Green for Core Class, Red for Core Class, and Purple for Core Class.

Period 1 Homeroom: 7:45 - 8:10

Periods 2 & 3 Core Class: 8:12 - 9:34

Periods 4 & 5 Core Class: 9:36 - 10:58

Periods 6 & 7 Core Class: 11:00 - 12:22

Period 8 LUNCH: 12:25 - 12:55

Period 9 ENCORE: 1:04 - 1:44

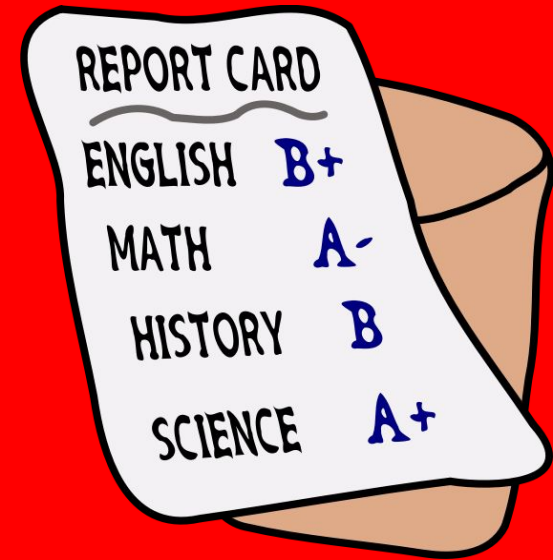
Period 10 ENCORE: 1:46 - 2:26

2006 - 2007	FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL				NEW TIMES
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:45-8:30	1	ACTIVITY PERIOD 7:45-8:03	1	2	1
8:35-9:19	2	2	8:08-8:50	2	1
9:24-9:51	3	3	8:55-9:37	3	2
9:36-10:20	4	4	HOMEROOM 9:42-9:49	4	3
10:25-11:09	5	5	9:54-10:35	5	4
11:14-11:58	6	6	10:40-11:21	6	5
12:03-12:47	7	7	11:26-12:07	7	6
12:52-1:36	8	8	12:12-12:53	8	7
1:41-2:25	9	9	12:58-1:39	9	8
			1:44-2:25		

# Grading

## ★ Grading Scale

- A – 93-100
- B – 92-86
- C – 85-78
- D – 77-70
- F – 69 and under



★ Assessments (Tests, Quizzes, etc.) = 70% of Grade

★ Classwork (Homework, Labs, etc.) = 30% of Grade



# Federal Constitution & State Constitution



MRS. FERGUS  
MR. BRUCE  
MR. ALI



# Federal Constitution Exam

- 100 Questions
- Multiple choice
- True/false
- Fill-in-the-blank
- 70% or higher =  
PASS
- **Test will be on  
Tuesday February  
6, 2024**

T H E  
C O N S T I T U T I O N S  
O F T H E  
U N I T E D S T A T E S,

A C C O R D I N G T O T H E  
L A T E S T A M E N D M E N T S :  
T O W H I C H A R E A N N E X E D , T H E  
D E C L A R A T I O N O F I N D E P E N D E N C E ;  
A N D T H E  
F E D E R A L C O N S T I T U T I O N ;  
W I T H T H E A M E N D M E N T S T H E R E T O .

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T H I S E D I T I O N C O N T A I N S T H E C O N S T I T U T I O N O F  
V E R M O N T , N O T I N A N Y F O R M E R O N E .

—◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆—  
P H I L A D E L P H I A :  
F R O M T H E P R E S S O F C A R E Y , S T E W A R T , A N D C O .  
M , D C C , X C I .

# State Constitution Exam



★ 50 Questions

- Multiple Choice
- True/False
- Fill-in-the-blank

★ 70% or higher = Pass

★ Test will be on Friday March 1,  
2024

# Federal and State Constitutions

## ★ Regimented Schedule

- Follow the schedule - do not fall behind
- Minimal studying daily - less stress
- Look for the blue book

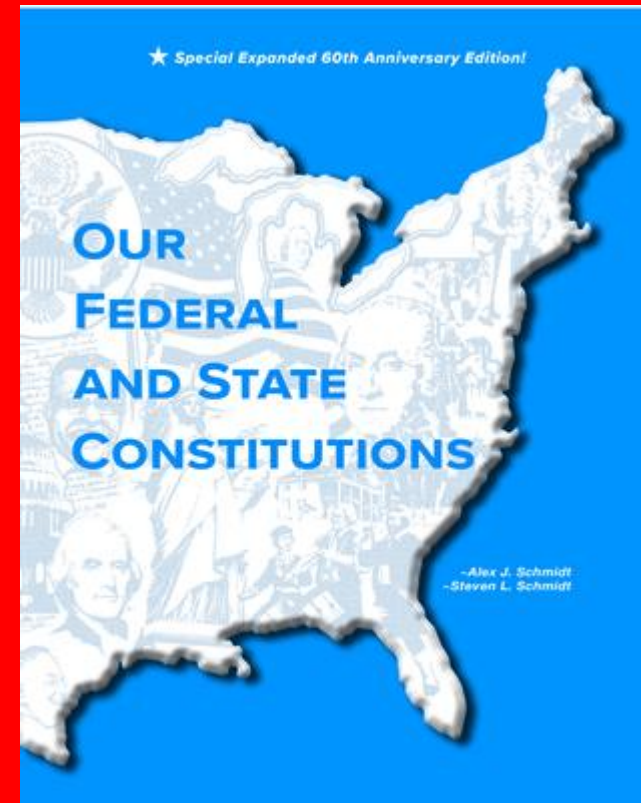


## ★ Study Schedule

- Federal - 4 days dedicated to review
- State - 4 days dedicated to review

## ★ Passing - *ONE CHANCE ONLY*

- Average between two tests (105/150 correct questions)

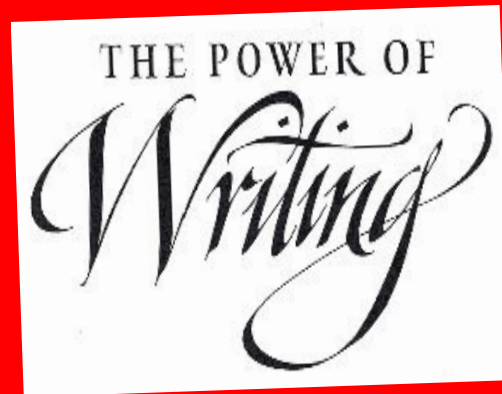


# English/Language Arts



## GRADE 8

MRS. FULLER, MS. JACKSON, MRS. HOOFE, MR. ALI



# Research Requirement

- The research unit has begun; students will use laptops in school. They must be fully charged.
- Every 8<sup>th</sup> grade student must complete the research paper as a graduation requirement.
- The students will be able to choose from a list of pre-approved topics or submit a topic for approval. The Phoenix and South Holland libraries are aware of the paper and due dates. They are prepared to assist students.
- The process will be covered step-by-step in class. Attendance is important; students should follow schedule.
- A parent informational letter regarding the research project is posted on each ELA teachers' webpage. All due dates are included in the letter. Copies are available tonight as well.

- **Final Paper Due Date: September 25, 2023**



# 8th Grade Science

MR. BRUCE and MR. BOGDANOWICZ

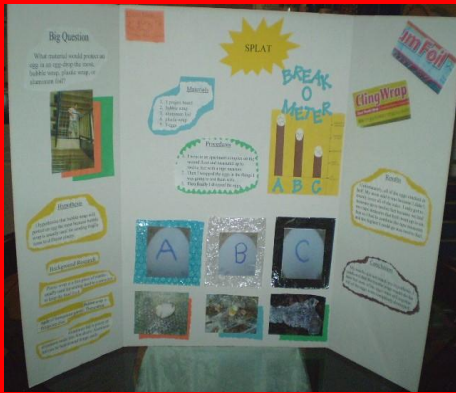
# Science Topics



- **Quarter 1**
  - Genes and Heredity
  - Natural Selection
- **Quarter 2**
  - Atoms and Period Table
  - Chemical Reactions
- **Quarter 3**
  - Forces and Motion
  - History of the Earth
- **Quarter 4**
  - Earth, Sun, and Moon System
  - Solar System and the Universe



# Science Fair



- Every student will be required to complete a science fair project.
- Science projects will be due the week before Christmas Break.
- The top selections from each class will be evaluated for overall placement of excellent, first, second and third place awards.

# Extracurricular Activities

- Green Team
  - Boys and Girls Volleyball
  - CLASS
  - CSWAP
  - National Junior Honor Society
  - Student Council
  - Research Assistance\*\*
  - Homework Help\*\* (ELA & Math)
  - Yearbook
  - Math Bowl
  - Law Club
  - Art Club
  - Basketball
  - Aerospace Engineering
  - Cheerleading
  - Black History
  - Hispanic Heritage
- ❑ \*\*A STEP SHEET LEVEL 2 is required weekly for participation in all afterschool activities EXCEPT

tutoring.

# Step Sheet & Behavior

We use step sheets as follows:

- ❑ To monitor students' behaviors
- ❑ To prepare students to be responsible as they matriculate to high school
- ❑ As a bathroom/hall pass
- ❑ To hold students accountable to both their parents and teachers.
  - ❑ **\*\*Step sheets should be reviewed and signed weekly by the parent/guardian.\*\***
- ❑ **\*\*A 1.50 step sheet average is required to participate in Graduation Fun Week & Graduation ceremony.\*\***
- ❑ Please make sure you review the Parent/Student Handbook with your student.

# Step Sheet & Behavior

The number of tickets for graduation guests will be determined by the students' end of year step sheet averages.

- 3.50 +**                      **4 tickets**
- 2.50-3.49**                **3 tickets**
- 1.50-2.49**                **2 tickets**
- Below 1.50**                **No participation**

**\*May 24th** - last day for students who fail to meet the minimum stepsheet and/or graduation requirements

Step Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1	2	3	4

Teacher Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Class Behavior**

**2. Class Preparation**

**3. Hall Behavior**

**4. General Behavior**

Graduation Tickets

4 tickets = 3.50 – above

3 tickets = 2.50 – 3.49

2 tickets = 1.50 – 2.49

0 tickets = Below 1.50

Current Step Average/Mean: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Angle Presbitero    Tuesday, August 28, 2012 9:42:01 AM CT

Hallway Passes

Date	Time	Destination	Teacher Signature

Angle Presbitero    Tuesday, August 28, 2012 9:42:01 AM CT

# Cell Phones, Smart Watches, and Laptops

- Cell phones and smart watches **MUST** be left in the lockers upon arrival.
  - AirPods must be put away **BEFORE** a student enters the building.
- **ANY** student with a phone will have it confiscated.
  - The phone will be in the office until a parent picks it up.
- 8th grade students will be the only students permitted to take laptops home due to research requirement.
- Students will also use them in class.
  - All laptops must be fully charged as a part of being prepared for class.
- All damaged computers, lost bags and/or chargers will be assessed a fee which must be paid before cap and gown distribution..

# Dress Code & Make Up



- shorts
- cropped tops
  - including tied t-shirts
- ripped jeans w/ skin exposed
- short skirts
- sunglasses
- slides
- leggings
  - shirt must cover to thigh
- No make up
  - lipgloss
  - eyelashes

# Graduation Requirements

Pass the State and Federal Constitution

Pass the Research Paper

Receive passing grades in all classes

Maintain Step sheet level at 1.5 or higher



# 8th Grade Information

- ❑ PSAT (high school placement exam) - **October 4, 2023**
- ❑ Graduation pictures are scheduled for **January 22, 2024**
- ❑ 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration week will begin **May 27<sup>th</sup>**. Some of the planned activities include a field day with a cookout, an awards celebration, and trips off campus.
- ❑ Detailed information will be provided at Parent Teacher Conferences in October.
- ❑ The graduation ceremonies will take place **June 4th** at Thornton High School.





QUESTIONS