August 2015



Hello Crew 8L students and parents! We hope you are enjoying your summer. With the opening of school approaching, we want to introduce ourselves and provide you with some important information that will help make your return to school smooth and exciting. We hope you are looking forward to 8th grade and all the exciting things this year will bring.

Crew 8L Teachers:

Michelle Baker Language Arts, HR 323

Kate Fitzpatrick Social Studies, HR 322 (Crew Liaison)

Tom Reilly Mathematics, HR 328

Chris Varcoe Science, HR 325

Erin Wojdaszka Special Education, Room 321

Important Announcements:

All crew teachers actively use Infinite Campus to post assignments and grades. Please make sure that you have activated your account in order to view your child's grades and assignments. The following is the link to Infinite Campus: https://campus.fairfieldschools.org/campus/portal/fairfield.jsp

If you do not have access to this site email reghelp@fairfieldschools.org for assistance.

Habits of Mind Initiative

A habit of mind is a way of behaving intelligently when facing a problem. As a school, across all grade levels and disciplines, we will focus on "Persisting" and "Listening With Understanding and Empathy." As an eighth grade, we will also focus on "Thinking Flexibly" and "Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations."

Things to Bring to School:

- Four 1 1/2 inch three ring binders with plenty of paper (Math/Social Studies/Language Arts/Science)
- Blue or black pens as well as red pens
- Two Composition Books and Two Pocket Folders for LA
- Scientific Calculator (Any version of a TI30 is recommended)
- Package of Tab Dividers
- Sharpened pencils for math
- Science goggles (replacement pair is 5.00)
- Long pants and closed-toed shoes for science labs
- Highlighters
- A picture of yourself for first day activity

Dates to Remember

First Day of School: Thursday,

September 3

Open House: Thursday, September 10,

7-9PM

Conference Dates by invitation:

Thursday, October 22, 1:15-3:15 PM

Wednesday, October 28, 1:15-3:15 PM

Thursday October 29, 6:00-8:00 PM