

August 2013

## Roger Ludlowe Middle School



Hello Crew 8S 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 as eager as we are to meet the year's challenges.

### Crew 8S Teachers:

<b>Chris Varcoe</b>	Science, HR 325
<b>Peter Nikac</b>	Special Education, Rm. 327
<b>Kelly Wheeler</b>	Language Arts, HR 323
<b>Kate Fitzpatrick</b>	Social Studies, HR 322 (Crew Liaison)
<b>Tom Reilly</b>	Mathematics, HR 328



### *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](mailto: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
- 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
- Completed summer reading bookmark
- 1 black and white marbled composition book
- Highlighters
- A picture of yourself for first day activity

### *Dates to Remember*

**First Day of School:** Thursday, August 29

**Open House:** Wednesday, September 11

**Conference Dates by invitation:**

Thursday, October 17 (afternoon)

Wednesday, October 23 (afternoon)

Thursday October, 24 (evening)

**Washington, D.C. Trip:**

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 to Friday, May 2, 2014