

August 1, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Welcome to eighth grade and to team Dartmouth. We are very excited about starting a new school year with a new group of students.

Our goal in the eighth grade is to give students a strong foundation in the areas of organization, work habits, communication skills and social skills along with the academic curriculum.

Team Dartmouth:

Language Arts is with Mrs. Gartland and Mrs. Saltus who will focus on various forms of writing, reading fluency, comprehension and analysis. They will be utilizing the Holt/McDougal literature anthology along with other selections. Students should complete summer reading before returning to school.

Ms. Abbas and Ms. Joy will use Math In Focus to bridge Algebra and Geometry topics to solidify student grasp of arithmetic and algebraic concepts.

Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Collins will cover science topics such as the history and geology of Earth, physiology/biological concepts, and chemical and physical interactions through various STEM experiences.

Social studies is with Mr. Cataldo and Ms. Whitcher and begins with the roaring 20's and ends with events of the present day.

Mrs. Horion and staff will be providing extra support to many of the eighth graders.

Since we feel that parent communication is important, both classwork and homework are posted on each teacher's [homework site](#) every week. Students should use an agenda book to keep track of nightly and long-term assignments. The [school web site](#) is a great tool for staying updated on school wide events and it also lists teacher email addresses for your use. Details of student grades are updated regularly on PowerSchool. We strongly urge you to check these grades often and email the teacher with any concerns.

We look forward to working together during the students' transitional year. As the year progresses, we expect that your child will take greater responsibility for his/her work and behavior. It will be the team's job to facilitate this. Our priorities are to give your child the best education possible and to foster in each child the ideals of respect, honesty, and responsibility.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

8th Grade Team Dartmouth

Necessary Supplies

Independent reading book to start the year

Writing Instruments (and something to carry them in)

Binders, Folders and Dividers for each class

Colored Pencils

Highlighters

A hardcover composition book (for Science)

A large notebook for Math

Several dry-erase markers for Math and Science

Notebook for Social Studies

3-Subject notebook for Language Arts

Internet access, either at home or at the town library

Foreign Language dictionary (if applicable)