
8th Grade Team Information

Teachers of 8th grade core classes meet daily in the faculty room during 4th period. These meetings are held:

M,W,Th,F - 10:17 - 10:59

T - 10:02 - 10:39

The purpose of the 8th grade team is to better meet the needs of each student by:

- Coordinating the learning process
- Rewarding students for positive behaviors and academic achievement
- Creating “family” atmosphere
- Creating a scheduled time during which we are available to meet with other school personnel and parents

8th Grade Goal: Our goal this year is to encourage our students to “Represent your Best” on all assignments.



**We look forward to
working with you!**

The 8th Grade Team



Welcome to WMS



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8th grade Teachers



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Language Arts I and II

*Ms. Tumpach, Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Kocourek
Ms. Haley (co-teacher)*

Reading

- Focus on Reading Strategies
- Novel Studies
- Reading Workshop
- Class Novel: Night by Elie Weisel

Writing

- Grammar, Analogies and Vocabulary
- Narrative, Expository and Persuasive writing
- West 40 Speech and Drama Festival
- Research Project

Algebra

Mr. Tomczak, Ms. Haley (co-teacher)

Trimester 1

- Exploring Algebra, Integers, Solving Equations, and Inequalities

Trimester 2

- Understanding and Graphing Linear Functions, Solving Linear and Multi-step Equations

Trimester 3

- Factors, Fractions, Rational Numbers, Solving Equations, Solving Algebraic Inequalities, Introduction to Linear and Nonlinear Functions

Science

Ms. Gildow, Ms. Martinez (co-teacher)

Topics covered

- 1.) Scientific Inquiry Skills
- 2.) Microbiology, Fungi, and Plants
- 3.) Chemistry
- 4.) Motion, Forces and Energy

Projects and Science Labs

- 1.) Various effects on Plant Growth
- 2.) Mystery Powder Lab
- 3.) Roller Coaster Engineering

Social Studies

*Ms. Jerousek, Mr. Blindauer,
Ms. Martinez (co-teacher)*

8th Grade Themes

- Current Events, Understanding the U.S. Government, Struggles for Civil Rights, Capitalism and other Economic Systems, War: Lessons in History, Social Changes in the Modern Era, Preparation for Washington D.C.

Trimester 1: US Constitution and Test, Post Civil War Era, Turn of the Century/ Inventions

Trimester 2: Western Expansion, Progressive Era, World War I, Prosperity and Problems of the 1920's

Trimester 3: World War II, the 1950s— Present, Washington D.C.