

8th Grade

8/25-8/28 Newsletter



Schoolwide News

Enhanced Remote Learning starts on Tuesday, August 25th.

Mr. Karner's Social Studies Class

Welcome to 8th Grade! I am the team leader for 8th Grade. I am an alumni of Spring Wood and I am entering my 27th year of teaching Chargers. My favorite units in 8th grade are World War I & World War II. With the Presidential Election coming up, I am also looking forward to discussing the candidates and having a mock election with our students.

Mr. Benages's Science Class

Welcome Spring Wood Families! I cannot wait to begin my 12th year teaching 8th grade science at Spring Wood! Units of study this year will include Engineering Design, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Please reach out with any questions you may have as we navigate through the change in routine. I am looking forward to getting to know the students and supporting them so that they can be successful lifelong learners.

Ms. Fellerath's Math Class

Hello, Spring Wood Chargers! I have been a part of the Spring Wood family for eight years. I began my career as a special education teaching assistant, and moved into 8th grade math in my third year. I am looking forward to being your child's teacher this year! I teach both 8th grade math and Honors Geometry. We will work together to make this year enjoyable, challenging, and

productive - whether we are learning remotely or get a chance to get back to in-person learning. Please let me know if you have any questions!



Mrs. Doyle's Math Class

Hi! This will be my 13th year teaching at Spring Wood. I am very excited to work with you and your child this year! I teach Advisory, Algebra, and 8th grade math classes. I look forward to getting to know our students and though it might look different than "normal," I hope to make it go as smoothly as possible. Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me!



Ms. Cornely's LA Class

Hello! This is my second year teaching but my first year at Spring Wood Middle School! I teach 8th grade language arts and I will also be co-teaching one section with Ms. Lyons. I look forward to getting to know all of my students and helping them in any way that I can as we all navigate through this very unique school year. If you have any questions this year, please feel free to contact me!



Miss Gill's LA Class

Welcome back, Chargers! This is my second year teaching language arts at Spring Wood. I'm very excited to be back, even though this trimester will look pretty different. I look forward to getting to know your students!

Please reach out with any questions!



Ms. Frelich's Class

Hi Charger Scholars! This will be my 4th year teaching at Spring Wood but my 1st year supporting the 8th grade team! In the past, I have taught 7th grade, therefore many of you may already know me! This year, I will be a Resource Teacher with a section of 8th Grade Language Arts. I can't wait to see you all on our Zooms!



Ms. Lyons's Class

Hey Chargers! I am happy to be working with you in 8th grade since our time together in 7th grade got cut short! We may be far apart but, I am happy to help in any way I can. I will be co teaching with Ms.

Cornely and Ms. Fellerath one period each and teaching a math class. I am excited to start my 24th year here at SWMS and happy to join you on the last leg of your Spring Wood Journey!



Ms. Bosco's Class

Hello! My name is Christine Bosco, and I am the GATE teacher for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at Spring Wood. I am kicking off my third year here at SWMS and looking forward to sharing a creative and exciting literary journey with each of you this year.



Mr Hellyer's Band Class

Hello! I am entering my 5th year as a Spring Wood Charger and I am excited to see what we can accomplish in these uncharted territories! We are going to be working on lots of individual musicianship work this year, with an emphasis on instrument technique. Even though we are distanced, we are going to have several projects in which students can participate in duets, trios, and quartets. We are not going to let the distance stop us from making awesome music together! Looking forward to a great year!

Ms. Sierka's Class

Hello Spring Wood Families! My name is Joanna Sierka and I teach 6th, 7th and 8th grade ELL students. It will be my 6th year teaching at Spring Wood, but some of you may still remember me from Waterbury. I love working with multiple grade levels, because I can continue to see the growth and positive changes that have been happening with all the students. Looking forward to another year together!

Ms. Jasinski-Social Worker

Hi! My name is Hannah Jasinski and I am new to Spring Wood this year! This will be my 5th year as a Social Worker! I am excited to get to know you all and join the 8th grade team! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I am glad to support you!

Mrs. Nekylla, Librarian

Hi Chargers! This is Mrs. Nekylla, your Spring Wood Librarian. I have been a Charger for 17 years! I am very excited to announce that our library has been remodeled into a sleek, sophisticated, and modern learning space! I look forward to seeing you all soon. Take care of yourselves!