



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Rogers International School! We are delighted and excited to have your children in our classes. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team is looking forward to an exciting and challenging year. We have high expectations for each student and the team will do everything we can to help your child succeed. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, we expect them to strive to attain excellent grades and maintain great character, as embodied by the IB Learner Profile. Summer is a great time to reflect on personal goals that they set for themselves for the upcoming year. As your child will be attending high school after this year, we encourage students to be independent and responsible for their learning. Google Classroom has increasingly become an excellent resource for students to self-check for due-dates, to find grading rubrics, project descriptors, as well as to submit assignments.

During the Fall and Winter of 2022, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can expect to learn about various high school program offerings for public schools that students may attend. Guests from various Stamford schools will speak to students; students will also work with a counselor at RIS regarding course selection during the Spring of 2023.

Springtime is a busy and an exciting time for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. In early spring, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will communicate with you about various activities and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and related events. While we communicate through email, Google Classroom, social media, and the RIS school website, we'll be encouraging students to responsibly make these experiences meaningful learning opportunities in which they create lasting memories.

Throughout the school year, it is vital to students' learning that they be prepared for class each and every day. To that end, make sure your child is prepared for class everyday with the following recommended supplies:

- (2) 1 ½" binders, (1) single-subject spiral bound notebook, (1) 5-subject notebook, (10) dividers, (4) pocket folders, (24) #2 pencils, (2) highlighters, (1) small portable pencil sharpener, (2) pens (1 blue/1 black), (1) package reinforced lined paper, (1) pack of 12 colored pencils

If you are able, teachers are appreciative of any donated items to the classroom, such as:

- Tissues
- Cleaning Wipes

Attendance and tardiness are monitored. School doors open at 8:45 a.m. and students are expected to be in their classrooms no later than 9:00 a.m. Tardiness and consistent absences will negatively affect your child's progress. **We discourage vacations while school is in session. Your child will miss valuable instructional time, which cannot be made up.**

Please remember that we are here to ensure that your child has a meaningful, engaging, and challenging educational experience. As always, feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you at the end of August!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

