

8th Grade BMS 8-Red

Open Pod Meeting

March 30, 2023



Team Teachers

- Social Studies - Mrs. Tomas
- Language Arts - Mr. Rexford
- Science - Mrs. Rondon
- Math - Mrs. Murphy
- Resource - Mrs. Simmons, Ms. Adams

Preparation for High School

- SHS Course Request/Override Deadline - March 31st (no exceptions!)
- Review course selections with SHS counselor - June
- SHS Orientation during school day - June
- BOLO: SHS Fall Sports Registration - late spring/early summer
- Freshman Orientation: August 23rd
- Social Media: Facebook Group "Westport High School Parents"; Instagram pages for sports/clubs/departments

Social Studies

- Focus: Human Rights at home and abroad
 - How does the US address issues in the world?
- Content: What are some examples of people who have been denied rights, or are currently fighting for their rights?
 - Using UDHR, Genocide Case Studies, Human Rights book clubs
- Culminating in an independent research project exploring an injustice of their choosing

Language Arts

- Previous Unit: *Romeo & Juliet*
 - Focus on tracking motifs to craft inclusive themes
 - Reading and paraphrasing Shakespeare
 - How do Shakespeare's themes connect to us
- Upcoming: Synthesis Literary Analysis
 - Focus on synthesizing theme across texts
 - Formal literary analysis essay: film & short story
 - Grammar: Clarity in writing & sentence structure
- Memoir
 - Mentor text: *Night* by Elie Wiesel
 - Independent text: Self-selected memoir
 - Narrative craft techniques, purposes and impact
 - Narrative writing
- Cumulative vocab assessment

Math

○ Math 8:

- We are finishing Scientific Notation and will be taking the quiz next week. After break we will begin understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem.

○ Algebra:

- We are finishing our unit on systems of linear equations and inequalities. Next unit: Exponents & Scientific Notation.

○ Geometry:

- We are taking the unit test for Polygons, Surface Area and Volume next week and will be moving into Transformations when we return from break.

Science

- Previous Unit: Genetics and Evolution
 - Evidence for Evolution
 - Trait determination
 - Protein Synthesis
 - Natural Selection
- New Unit: Forces and Motion
 - Car Crashes
 - Newton's Laws
- NGSS Prep

Science

CITIZEN SCIENCE



Citizen Science Requests

(Final List will be updated on Schoology!)

For Donation or to Borrow:

- Birdfeeders
- Birdhouses
- Birdseed
- Binoculars
- To be continued...

SBAC/NGSS Testing

- May 16-18 (SBAC), May 23rd (NGSS)
- All Testing Begins at 8:42 AM
- No devices allowed (phones, smartwatch)
- Need **Charged** Chromebook and plug in headphones
- Bring **non-electronic** work/activities
 - Book (hard copy; no Kindles)
 - Paper-based activities (crossword puzzles, coloring pages, etc)

BMS Events

- End of 3rd Q. - April 4th
- Yearbook Orders due April 16th
 - www.coffeepond.com
 - Password: Bedford23
- Art Show: May 10th 6-8 PM

Upcoming 8th Grade Events

- Chelsea Piers, Stamford: June 6th; Cost TBA
 - Arrive by **7:45 AM**; 8 AM Depart
 - Box Lunch provided, bring water
 - Lunch selection in school- allergies noted
 - Wear comfortable clothing
 - Bring warm clothing for ice skating

Upcoming 8th Grade Events

- 8th Grade Graduation: June 14th, 6-7:30pm (outdoors)
 - Student arrival - 5:30 PM
 - Rain Date June 15th (will also move to this date if SHS graduation moves)
- 8th Grade Field Day: TBA

One Last Reminder....Snacktime!

- Daily, in Pod area
- 7-10 minute break
- Ideal snack - single serving, quick
- **No** peanuts/tree nuts or products containing them, please!

