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ELITE B NEWSLETTER

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Powered by Purpose: Shaping Destiny....Every Minute, Every Scholar, Every Day...*Dream Big*

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STEM CENTRAL

What's Happening this Week in Your Classroom?

Students will deepen their understanding of genetics, building on concepts from previous lessons (1-6). They will explore how genes, alleles, and proteins work together to influence traits and explain differences in muscle development. Additionally, they will investigate why siblings can exhibit different traits even when they share the same parents. Using family pedigrees and probability models, students will predict how traits are inherited. They will also learn how genetic variation can arise from mutations and how these changes can be passed down from one generation to the next.



HISTORY HUB

What's Happening this Week in Your Classroom?

Scholars will continue to explore how South Carolina's geography contributed to the colony's agricultural success. They will revisit issues related to the Transatlantic Slave Trade that were studied in previous years, as well as South Carolina's policies associated with the headright system.



There will be a **quiz on Friday**.
Scholars should study pages 1-40 of the notebook.



PROBLEM SOLVERS

What's Happening this Week in Your Classroom?

GEOMETRY UNIT OVERVIEW:

- Topic: Rotational Symmetry and Self-Congruence
- Objectives: Identify order of symmetry and rotational symmetries in polygons.

By next week, students should be able to identify polygons, their orders of symmetry, and their angles of rotation. They will also learn about the Triangle Sum Theorem and Similar Figures. Please encourage daily 5-minute reviews of math manuals and timely assignment submissions. Thank you!

MATH 8: IDENTIFYING TRANSFORMATIONS

- Focus: Students will learn to identify transformations: rotation, reflection, dilation, centered at the origin.
- Objectives: Students will identify and perform transformation sequences using figures.

By next week, students should be able to perform and recognize transformations between the image and the pre-image.

UPCOMING ASSIGNMENTS:

- Major: Unit 2 Assessment
- Minor: Workbook pages 69 and 70



LITERACY LOUNGE

What's Happening this Week in Your Classroom?

ELA students are working diligently to enhance their reading and writing skills. We are focusing on understanding an author's purpose, narrative point of view, central ideas, and themes. We are reading both narratives and informational texts to broaden our knowledge.



SHAFFER'S CORNER

Parents, please continue to check PowerSchool regularly and discuss grades with your student. Please look out for IEP goal progress reports coming soon. Please reach out to me at maridith_shaffer@charleston.k12.sc.us or at my Google Voice number, (980)285-7155, if you have any questions or concerns.

Let's work
together for
success!

EVERY MINUTE. EVERY SCHOLAR. EVERY DAY.

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INSIDE OUR CLASSROOMS

Elite B teachers are worried about the grades of many of our students. We want everyone to do well academically this quarter. Unfortunately, most of our students are not turning in assignments, whether they are in class or absent. Students need to meet assignment deadlines to succeed. When they are absent, they are not taking charge by catching up on assignments and quizzes. We want to encourage our students to be responsible, complete missed work, and stay on top of their grades.



INTERVENTION

Starting **Tuesday**, 9/8/2026, during lunch or recess, students with missing assignments and quizzes will start making up work in the lunchroom.



FLEX PLAN

READING FOCUS: Prefix meaning to determine a word's meaning.

Students should log in to CCSD and then go to Clever Link and IXL. Students will use a code to work on a prefix assignment.

 TUESDAY	Words with pre-	CODE: YKE
 WEDNESDAY	Words with re-	CODE: HYZ
 THURSDAY	Make-up work day	—
 FRIDAY	Words with sub-	CODE: 7ZE



SHOUT OUT!!!



Greg Horry is working hard every day, asking great questions, and participating often!



JaeQuan Smalls is helpful daily, raising his hand regularly to share with the class, and always respectful!



Lyanna Carter works well in her groups, gets her homework turned in, and shares with the class.



Bryan Ulises Barrios Heras comes in ready to work every day and puts in effort daily!



A shoutout to **Montez Clifford** for being proactive and asking questions to enhance his learning!



Major Spell has shown impressive improvement, staying focused in class, completing assignments, and consistently working hard.

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