

Dear Rising Eighth-Grade Students,

It is with pleasure and excitement that we welcome you to eighth-grade! Many of you have been a part of our school family for many years, and we are looking forward to learning with you during your final year at St. Bartholomew School. You will have many opportunities to be challenged in your school work, which will be balanced with opportunities to lead and to grow in your faith.

Eighth grade has always been a special year as you engage in many new experiences. You will be paired with a first-grade student, with whom you will become Buddies! Throughout the year, you and your Buddy will share special moments and events together. You are a mentor and guide for these children, as well as a friend.

To ensure the success of our school year, please purchase the following items:

- 7 Notebooks
- Folders for each subject
- #2 sharpened pencils
- Eraser
- Blue or black pens
- Highlighter
- Glue stick
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Scotch tape
- Dry erase marker
- Zippered pencil case
- Student Planner/Agenda
- Scientific calculator, not a graphing calculator

Please purchase the following shared classroom supplies:

- One box of tissues
- One roll of paper towels
- One bottle of hand sanitizer

During the summer months, enjoy reading as a way to relax and to be entertained. Reading is the best way to learn about people, places, and adventures. Reading reinforces correct spelling, sentence structure, and grammar usage. It is a win-win activity!

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##### **A. Integers**

##### **B. Operations with Integers**

##### **C. Decimals**

##### **D. Operations with Decimals**

##### **F. Fractions**

##### **G. Operations with Fractions**

##### **H. Rational Numbers**

##### **T. One-Variable Equations**

##### **U. Inequalities**

#### **ELA**

##### **A.1 Main Idea**

##### **B.1-2 Theme**

##### **C.1 Author's Purpose**

##### **G.1-2 Analyzing Literature**

##### **H.1 Analyzing Informational Texts**

##### **R.1-5 Editing and Revising**

##### **TT.1-2 Capitalization**

### **Summer Reading Work**

During the summer, you will be required to read 1 book of your choosing. It may be fiction or nonfiction. Please annotate/take notes while you are reading it. You will use your notes and the book for an informative writing assignment when we begin school in September. I will be checking your annotations during the first week of school as part of your grade.

## Summer Writing Work

For every week this summer (8 weeks), you will be required to write a three paragraph journal entry. The prompts provided below can be used or you may write about a topic of your choice. Each entry should be a minimum of three paragraphs (7 sentences each) and typed. The entries can be printed out and handed in or can be submitted to Google Classroom once the school year has started.

Prompts:

1. What is your favorite family summer tradition?
2. Write about your ideal summer day. What does it include?
3. Where is your favorite place to go during the summer?
4. Write about a book that you've read recently.
5. How does this summer compare to other summers?
6. Did you go on vacation this summer? Where did you go? What did you do?
7. Did you spend much time with friends this summer? What did you do together?
8. Did you attend the county fair or a carnival this summer? Using your five senses, describe your experience there.

Each journal entry will be graded using the rubric below:

Evaluative Criteria	3	2	1
Requirements	3 paragraphs (at least 7 sentences each). The paragraphs are typed.	2 paragraphs (at least 7 sentences each) or 3 paragraphs (less than 7 sentences each). The paragraphs are typed.	2 paragraphs (less than 7 sentences each) or only 1 paragraph. The paragraphs are not typed.
Mechanics (Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization)	1- 3 errors in mechanics.	4-7 errors in mechanics.	8 or more errors in mechanics.
Content	The journal entries include a well thought out response, using descriptions and sensory details where necessary to inform the reader.	The journal entries include a response that only uses some descriptions and sensory details where necessary to inform the reader.	The journal entries include a simple response. They do not use descriptions and sensory details where necessary to inform the reader.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year! Hope to see you all soon! Enjoy your summer!

We encourage you to take time to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy all that summer has to offer and return to school refreshed and ready to learn.

Sincerely,  
The Eighth Grade Teachers