



June 15, 2021

Dear Rising Eighth-Grade Students,

It is with pleasure and excitement that I welcome you to eighth-grade! Many of you have been a part of our school family for many years, and I am 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, I am asking you to purchase the following items:

- 7 Composition notebooks
- 8 pocket folders with prongs
- #2 sharpened pencils
- Eraser
- Blue or black pens
- Highlighter
- Glue stick
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Markers
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Scotch tape
- Dry erase marker
- Zippered pencil case
- Agenda
- Scientific calculator, not a graphing calculator
- Pocket-sized hand sanitizer for your personal use

Please purchase the following shared classroom supplies:

- One box of tissues
- One roll of paper towels

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! I encourage you to join the SBS Library's reading challenge. The link is below:

<https://www.smore.com/j6agk-hear-ye-hear-ye>

Please choose from the following novels to complete your Summer Reading Project. After reading the novel, you will create a newspaper filled with articles that show the depth of your understanding of the novel you have chosen to read. This is due on the first day of school, September 7. Please type the articles and assemble them into the newspaper format provided. Neatness counts and shows the pride you have in your work.

- *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Old Yeller* by Frank Gibson
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London

IXL is available to you and each subject teacher has determined the lessons for you to complete this summer.

Science:

A.1, A. 2 Science Practices and Tools
B.1-B.3 Designing Experiments
D. Density
HH, H.2 Units and Measure

ELA:

A.1 Main Idea
B.1.Theme
B.2.Theme
C.1.Author's Purpose
F.1-2.Analyze Literature
G.1.Analyzing Informational Texts
J.1.Organizing Writing
PP.1-2. Capitalization

Math:

H.3, 6, 7 Rational Numbers
I.1 Exponents and Square Roots
R.1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12 Expressions and Properties
S.1, 2 One- Variable Equations

I 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,

Mrs. Maligranda