

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

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## **Upcoming Events** **September 9 –October 3, 2013**

- 11 – Sports Parent Meeting
- 16 - Volleyball & Softball v. James Martin (Home)
- 17 – Curriculum Night & TD Meeting
- 18 - Volleyball & Softball v. Bailey (Away)
- 19 - Football & Golf v. James Martin (Home)
- 23 - Volleyball & Softball v. Coulwood (Home)
- 24 - A Day progress reports go home
- 25 - B Day progress reports go home
- 25 - Volleyball & Softball v. Whitewater (Away)
- 26 - Football & Golf v. Bailey (Away)
- 30 – Volleyball & Softball v. Alexander (Home)
- October
- 2 – Fall Picture Day
- 2 – Volleyball & Softball v. Ranson (Home)
- 3 – Football & Golf v. Coulwood (Home)

## **A Note from Ms. Christian**



We are off to a great start for the 2013-2014 school year! Students have received their books and lockers, and they are starting to get used to the routines and procedures of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

I would like to encourage you to become an active participant in your child's 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Please make sure you have a PowerSchool log-in and password so you can monitor your child's grades. Also, please feel free to contact their teachers via email or by phone any time you have questions or concerns..

I am thrilled to be working with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year and to work with you and your student. If you have any questions or need additional assistance throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me via email at [l.christian@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:l.christian@cms.k12.nc.us) or call the school and I will be happy to get back with you as soon as possible. I look forward to working together to make this year the best!

## **Teacher Email Addresses**

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## **Conferences**

8<sup>th</sup> grade conference days are on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons during planning. If you would like to schedule a conference, please contact Ms. Mitchell at 980.343.5750 or via email at [joanerrye.mitchell@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:joanerrye.mitchell@cms.k12.nc.us)

## **Outer Banks Field Trip Information**

When: April 8-11, 2014

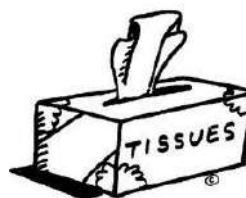
Cost: \$370.00 (includes meals, hotels and activities)

Parent Information Meeting: October 22 at 6:00 in the cafeteria

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It is getting to be that time of year when noses are running and allergies are making us sneeze. Please help us out with donating tissues and hand sanitizer.

Thank you from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team.



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## Science



Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> grade science! We are looking forward to spending the school year exploring our world and determining the how's and why's of science.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, the focus of study will be on Earth Science. During this unit, students will learn about geology, the Earth's layers, forces that shape the Earth, and continental movement.

Thank you to all parents for your support! Keep checking your child's Agenda, your science teacher's wiki site and PowerSchool for grades and assignments.

## Social Studies



This year we will be studying North Carolina as a model state in United States history. Our focus will be 65% United States history and 35% North Carolina history. During the month of September, students will be learning about the North Carolina geography, early Native Americans, and European Exploration and Settlement.

Please look for a project to be assigned called "9/11 Day of Service". This project will be due October 21/22 and our school projects will be posted on the national site so we can share with everyone what our students did to honor the service of 9/11 with our students' own service.

## Language Arts



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts students will be improving their analytical and comprehension skills this year along with strengthening writing, both in content and construction. Vocabulary will include stems, while grammar will examine sentence structure and patterns as well as the parts of speech.

Novels needed by students this year are the following:

*The Giver* (all students)

*Bronx Masquerade* (Vey-standard class, Allen-all, Grayson-all, Cherry-all)

*Animal Farm*-Vey's Honors classes

*Lord of the Flies*-Allen's Honors classes

*Divergent*-Woazeah's Honors classes

## Math



**MATH 8** - The first unit of study Math 8 students will be studying will be on evaluating and comparing the volume and surface area of real world problems involving cylinders, cones and spheres. This unit will be short in length compared to other units. Students will have a unit test and then we will move on to the next unit – Thinking with Mathematical Models.

**ALGEBRA** - The first unit of study for Algebra I students will understand how to represent quantities, patterns, and relationships using the language of Algebra. Students will understand how mathematical expressions can represent real-world relationships using symbols and operations and understand how the properties are used to simplify expressions and perform operations with numbers expressed in scientific notation.

As always, keep checking your child's Agenda, your math teacher's wiki site, and PowerSchool for grades and assignments.