

# 8TH GRADE NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2026

MRS. SMITH & MS. SHANA

## 1. Classwork.

Math: Writing equations; systems of equations

History: Society and culture before the Civil War. Current event presentations continue.

Language Arts: we analyze various literature selections through close reading, class discussion, writing, grammar, and language study. The class is reading, *Anne Frank*, and wrapping up the a narrative essay.

Science: Cells, anatomy of cells, and organ systems.

Engineering: Cell City project.

## 2. Upcoming Field Trips.

The Ski trip has been set for February 12th. Please start gathering clothing such as waterproof pants and jacket, ski gloves, warm thin beanie (to fit under a helmet), knee-length socks, and sunglasses or ski goggles.

**3. Interim Report Cards.** On Jan. 21 we will be sending home your child's Interim Report Card. Please take a look, *discuss it with your child, talk about how small changes can improve overall grades*, sign and return the interim report. Of course, if you have any comments or concerns, please feel free to contact us. The sooner, the better!

## 4. Graduation Dresses.

It's time to start looking for graduation dresses. Please ensure that the dress meets school dress code. In a nutshell, look for dresses with adequate coverage, straps, and are about knee length or longer. If in doubt, bring a picture and Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Ross' can share their opinion.

**5. Slideshow Photos.** It can be difficult to choose photos for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade slideshow...we recommend that you start looking now. We need ten individual photos of your child starting from a baby and spanning their lives to a current photo.

**6. Book Points:** Please ensure that your child has a quiet place to read for at least 30 minutes each night. The goal is 100% of their reading goal by March 6th.

## Virtue of the Month:

### TOLERANCE

*"The ability to tolerate something, in particular the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with"*  
- Oxford Dictionary

## Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about your child and their progress, please feel free to contact me at 623-6350 (before or after school hours).

Mrs. Smith can also be reached at [ismith@dcesd.org](mailto:ismith@dcesd.org).



*Be sure to show school spirit by wearing green every Wednesday*