

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 8th 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.



Be sure to show school spirit by wearing green every Wednesday