

8th Grade Newsletter

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Core Classes	<p>News You Can Use</p> <p>Homework Hotline PowerSchool Parent Portal</p>
Language Arts	<p>We are excited to welcome back our 8th grade Language Arts students. We started talking about some of the challenges and opportunities that come with eLearning.</p>
Literature & Honors Literature	<p>Literature students jumped back into action by developing a symbol to represent themselves. Students are also learning to manage new technologies and expectations.</p>
Math	<p>Hello and welcome back!!! We will be starting with Module 4 (Linear Equations) next week. This week, we will be reviewing and evaluating what you remember about solving Linear Equations. I put all my information on my website. The link to my website can be found on Homework Hotline and Google Classroom. I will also include it here as well. Click on your period on the calendar and a Daily Post will pop up. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!!</p> <p>Mr. Kim's Daily Post</p>
Science	<p>Welcome back 8th Grade Scientists! I am excited to get to know all our students. Let's do this! This week we are spending time getting to know one another during our live sessions, and with an "All About Me" activity on the days we do not meet live. We are also discussing the expectations as we go forward in our eLearning environment. Please contact me with any questions at khuschart@lisle202.org.</p>
Social Studies	<p>Welcome to eighth grade social studies! I am Monica Blatchley. I have been teaching at LJHS since 1996 (the 1900's). LOL. My family includes my husband and two children, Nate (16) and Sadie (14). We also have a dog, Buddy; he's a cockapoo and my constant companion since March 13. While this is a challenging time/way to resume our education and start my favorite year, eighth grade, I hope we will work together to do some special work. I like to remember that learning virtually can offer us unique ways to come together that are not possible in-person.</p> <p>One of the many components I am thinking about during this school year is creating time for students to connect with each other. My experience is that some students this age are not as likely to take the initiative to connect with peers. I have some thoughts for how to improve this and appreciate your perspective and insight. Let's be creative with our virtual avenues.</p>

	<p>You will have an email from me asking you to introduce me (us) to your eighth grader. This tends to help us tremendously. Your time is appreciated, and we have coordinated so you will only be asked by me. I am the eighth grade team leader even though it really is a shared leadership.</p> <p>8th Grade Social Studies Daily Post can be found here.</p>
AT Math	<p>Welcome to Algebra! We talked about the Google Meet expectations (which are found at the top of the Homework Hotline page. We also got set up for the only textbook website, Big Ideas Math. This is where the main learning practice will be based throughout the year.</p> <p>We'll begin learning some new concepts at the beginning of September here, so strap in and away we go!</p> <p>Remember to keep working on the "why" portion of understanding.</p>
Spanish	<p>Hola & Welcome back! It has been so great reconnecting with our 8th grade Spanish students this week. The beginning of the year can be a crazy time when getting acquainted with so many new faces-- but I am so fortunate to have all my students for two years. I am looking forward to another great year with this group.</p> <p>Hopefully everyone was able to pick up our Unit 3 vocabulary guide during the supplies pickup on Wednesday. If not, it will be made available online along with other resources we will use throughout eLearning. Before getting into new material, we will be spending the next few weeks reviewing vocabulary, skills, and concepts from last year to make sure we are all set to move forward. Nos vemos en clase!</p>
French	<p>Bonjour et bonne rentrée! Class Agenda</p> <p>I am excited to have you all back for part 2 of the French program! We will be picking up where we left off during distance learning. This means we will be dusting off the vocabulary and grammar you learned last year with a focus on unit 2. I look forward to meeting with you all this year as we explore the language and culture of the French-speaking world virtually. Hopefully, this offers you some escape during these days of quarantine. C'est parti!</p>
Art	<p>I am so happy to have your student in Art this semester! We are getting our creative brains ready to think and make art! If your student is scheduled for 8th Grade Art Elective this semester, you should have picked up an art kit with your student's name on it. I have carefully and thoughtfully chosen art materials that we artists will use during our time together. Just as the note in the kit explains, I ask that your student does not use any of the materials in their kit until instructed to do so by me. Please check in with your child that they are keeping their kit in a secure place as not to lose it or damage it. My artists and I will continue to get to know each other more in the future, beyond our last few days...I am very excited for that! I miss being with my artists!</p>

Exploring Reading	Welcome to Exploring Reading! I can't wait to get going and learn about each other. We will be working on defining our reading identity as well as strengths and areas for improvements in our reading lives.
Exploring Writing	Hi and welcome to Exploring Writing! We have had a wonderful start to the school year. This week we worked on getting to know each other and discussing expectations in our remote learning environment. Next week we will continue to learn about each other and spend time reflecting on our writing identities.
Exploring Math	Hi and welcome to Exploring Math! It has been great to see and hear from students. We have been discussing expectations we will follow in this new format of learning. I am looking forward to working with students as they grow their math knowledge and understanding. We will start discussing, asking questions, and solving math problems as students are provided opportunities to practice concepts learned in Mr. Kim's class.
Reading	Hello and welcome to Reading! It has been enjoyable to get to know everyone as we completed some fun activities together. At this point students are half way through the Wilson Reading Program, so we will briefly review the first 6 books before beginning Book 7, which focuses on a variety of sound options as well as contractions.
READ 180	Hello and welcome to READ 180! I have enjoyed getting to know my new 8th graders as we completed some fun activities together. On Monday 8/31 we will begin Workshop1 - Who's Watching You? During this unit students will explore the age of surveillance and how to enjoy the benefits of technology while limiting the risks.

Instructional Math	Hello and Welcome to Instructional Math! We have spent the first few days getting to know each other and reviewing concepts from last year. On 8/31 we will start Chapter 1 - The Tools of Algebra, where students will select and use appropriate operations to solve problems and justify solutions.
Technology	<p>Hi everyone and welcome to the 2020-21 school year. I know this will be a year we will all remember forever for many reasons!</p> <p>I am confident that we are going to have an exciting and engaging year regardless of the medium we are using to teach. I really miss all of you and I was hoping we would be together in person. We will be soon but until then let's make the best of our situation because you know something? It could always be worse! Imagine if we did not have the technology that we have and we were trying to learn remotely. Yikes!</p> <p>Speaking of technology, do you know what the definition of technology is? We will discuss this in class and I hope you are ready for a great semester doing all sorts of fun stuff. I am going to be forming a couple small groups with our small class size and I will have you come to school for some very small group robotics instruction, if you and your parents are comfortable doing this. Then I will assign you a robot kit and let you take it home with you so we can then work together remotely. We will also have an online Drone unit that I am super excited about which will include some coding as well.</p>
Choir	Welcome back to school, and welcome to choir! While your classroom right now looks a little different than we expected, I still cannot wait to see each one of you during our remote rehearsals. I have spent the last week looking through music, developing new activities, and thinking about how our upcoming performances will look. We have class on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during 9th period . Make sure to find a quiet space for our classes, and headphones might be really helpful once our rehearsals get going. I cannot wait to get this year started!
PE	We are so excited to be back!! We will begin the year with some activities to get to know each other better. The first is a fun one called Quarenthings where students get to think about what comforted them throughout the quarantine and they take a photo of themselves with these items. The next activity is one to let us know what kind of space and what kinds of equipment students have available to use for physical activity. These assignments and directions can be found on your student's PE Google Classrooms. This next week we will roll out what our Virtual PE experience will look like. Stay Active Lions! -Mrs. Cerveny, Mr. Lumsden and Mrs Chip
Band	Welcome back! Mr. Schraub and Mr. Meyer are looking forward to a great year of band. We will have class Wednesdays and Fridays during 9th period . In addition, students will have a 15 minute lesson in a group of 2 every week. To give everybody time to adjust to online learning, we will not start those

	<p>lessons until the week after next week (September 7th). The schedule will be sent out soon! If you have any more questions, or need help securing an instrument or supplies, please feel free to email Mr. Schraub at dschraub@lisle202.org. You can also check out our back to school virtual band flyer.</p>
<p>LRC - Library Resource Center</p> 	<p>I am excited for the new year, and I'm working on ways to get books out to you guys at home! We will start a curbside pick up service after Labor Day, and I am building our digital book collection. I look forward to seeing you in your Lit classes!</p> <p>In the meantime, don't forget about Lisle public library. I also made a list of free or cheap options for digital books and audiobooks. Check out the Google Doc here!</p>
<p>ELL</p> 	<p>Students, join my ELL Help Corner. I am online through this Google Meet on M-F at 8-9AM and 2-3PM to help with your school work.</p> <p>Parents, please join my Remind text group for information or translations. You can quickly text me questions too. https://www.remind.com/join/fb8d39</p> <p>If you need help with technology, food, clothing, supplies, please contact me.</p> <p>Estudiantes, por favor únase a mi ELL Help Corner. Estoy en línea a través de este Google Meet de lunes a viernes de 8 a 9 a.m. y de 2 a 3 p.m. para ayudar con su trabajo escolar.</p> <p>Padres, por favor únase a mi grupo de texto Remind para obtener información o traducciones. También puedes enviarme un mensaje de texto rápidamente con tus preguntas. https://www.remind.com/join/fb8d39</p> <p>Si necesita ayuda con tecnología, comida, ropa, suministros, comuníquese conmigo.</p>
<p>Student Services</p>	<p>Welcome back to school! We know this can be a stressful time as we begin the school year remotely. If you need to speak with someone, please remember you can use your Student Services Request Form on Symbaloo.</p>
<p>News You Can Use</p>	<p>Online Behavior Expectations for Lisle Junior High School Schedule for Remote Learning</p>
<p>Contact Us! We love it!</p>	
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