



Sauganash Elementary School

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Dear Seventh Grade Parents,

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“A Day as a Sauganash 7th Grader”

8:00 - 8:10 am - **School arrival and morning announcements. Homeroom.**

8:10 - 9:05 am-**English Language Arts/Writing (Ms. Groulx) or Science (Mr. Chepulis) or Civics/Social Science (Mr. Lundak)**

Writing, Science, and Social Studies classes have students grouped heterogeneously in a random fashion.

- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/Writing:** In ELA/Writing class, students will explore the structures of paragraphs and short essays while building strong grammar and vocabulary skills. They will write poetry, personal narratives, speeches, and letters. ELA/Writing will often integrate materials learned in ELA/Reading and other subjects, including reading responses during Literature Circles. Additionally, students will practice Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) skills such as emotional regulation, mindfulness, and responsible decision-making.
- **SCIENCE:** Students actively engage in hands-on, inquiry-based science learning where they explore real-world phenomena, collaborate on investigations, and develop the everyday skills that scientists use through problem-solving activities and discussions. Covered topics include Chemical Reactions, Matter Transformations and Energy, Metabolic Reactions, Matter Cycling & Photosynthesis, Ecosystem Dynamics, and Natural Resources & Human Impact.
- **SOCIAL STUDIES:** In 7th grade Civics/Social Science students will investigate, analyze and understand the historical concepts of US history ranging from Early Explorers of the New World through the Civil War. Integrated into Social Science, students will use the writing process to craft argumentative essays and other writing pertaining to the historical content.

9:05-10:00 am- **English Language Arts/Writing (Ms. Groulx) or Science (Mr. Chepulis) or Civics/Social Science (Mr. Lundak)**

Same course of study although students switch between ELA/Writing, Science or Civics/Social Science

10:00-11:00 am- **Recess/Lunch**

11:00-12:00 pm- **Civics/Social Science (Mr. Lundak) or English Language Arts/Reading (Mrs. Carroll and Ms. Ryan) or Math (Mrs. French)**

Math and ELA classes have students grouped homogeneously according to math levels

- **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/Reading:** In 7th grade, students will continue to develop their ability to comprehend and analyze novels, poetry, and informational texts. They will be required to cite evidence to support their analysis. 7th graders will closely read and annotate texts in order to develop ideas, make inferences, and analyze the relationships between elements within one text and across multiple texts. Students will work with vocabulary through word study using morphology and etymology to learn words that have Latin and Greek roots. 7th graders will be encouraged to develop their speaking and communicating through ample opportunities for small group and class discussion/debates. Several units will correspond to Social Studies content and topics.
- **MATH:** In 7th grade Math, students study Pre-Algebra. Students will learn how to use the tools of Algebra to solve real life word problems. They will apply all operations that include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, with integers and real numbers. They will apply their knowledge of the Real Number System to solve single and multi-step algebraic equations and inequalities. They will also work with ratios, proportions, and similar figures. Geometry, Statistics, and Probability are practiced each day through daily problems.

12:00 - 1:00 pm - **English Language Arts/Reading (Mrs. Carroll) or Math (Mrs. French and Ms. Ryan) or English Language Arts/Writing (Ms. Groulx)**

1:00 - 2:00 pm - **Science (Mr. Chepulis) or English Language Arts/Reading (Mrs. Carroll and Ms. Ryan) or Math (Mrs. French and Ms. Ryan)**

2:00 - 2:55 pm - **Special Periods- students rotate daily between:**

- PE/Health- twice a week (Mr. Gunderson)
- Spanish- Once a week (Mr. Schneider)
- STEM- Twice a week Quarters 2 and 4 (Ms. Askovich)
- Art- Twice a week Quarters 1 and 3 (Ms. Kelly)

2:55- **Dismissal by Specials teachers**