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Dear Eighth Grade Parents,

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Sauganash administration and the eighth Grade team would like to provide parents with a snapshot of “A Day as a Sauganash 8th Grader.”

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

8:10 - 9:10 am- **Science (Ms. Trainer) or Reading (Ms. Murphy & Mrs. Ocasio)**

- Students will be engaging with integrated science this year, which is a combination of foundational chemistry, physics, and biology. Students will be studying Ecosystem Dynamics, Inheritance of Traits, Evolution, Forces and Motion, and Energy and Waves. Students will be working individually, within groups, and will be using different types of technology throughout the year.
- In 8th grade, students will build upon their learning in 7th grade and continue to engage in novel studies. They will continue to deepen their ability to analyze novels, poetry, and informational texts they read using evidence to support the analysis. They will examine texts more closely using details from the text in order to develop ideas, make inferences, and analyze the relationships between elements within one text and synthesize information across multiple texts.

9:10-10:10 am- **Science (Ms. Trainer) or Reading (Ms. Murphy)**

Same course of study although students switch between Science and Reading.

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

11:00 am - 12:00 pm- **Civics, Social Science with integrated Writing (Mr. Lundak) or Math (Mrs. French & Mrs. Ocasio)**

- In 8th grade Civics/Social Studies/Writing students will learn and center on government institutions, have discussions of current and societal issues, service learning, and simulations of democratic processes. The mandated Civics curriculum is the entire first semester. Third quarter we will focus on the mandated unit Reparations Won as well as the civil rights unit The Little Rock Nine. The final quarter will focus on the Holocaust. Integrated into Social Science, students will use the writing process to craft historical fiction, poetry, argumentative essays and other writing pertaining to the historical content.
- In 8th Grade Math, the students will study Algebra 1 extensively. Students will learn how to solve word problems algebraically, solve systems of equations, graph quadratic equations, and interpret the meaning of linear and nonlinear equations. On a daily basis, students will apply their knowledge and sharpen their skills in the areas of Geometry, Probability, and Statistics. Students will work independently in both small and whole groups as they develop their Algebra skills.

12:00 - 1:00 pm -**Civics, Social Science with integrated Writing (Mr. Lundak) or Math (Mrs. French & Mrs. Ocasio)**

Same course of study although students switch between Civics, Social Science with integrated Writing and Math.

1:00 - 2:00 pm - **Second Step (Social Emotional Learning), Advisory and Homeroom, and content course extensions**

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

- PE/Health- twice a week
- Spanish
- STEM
- Art

2:55pm - **Dismissal**