Welcome to 8th Grade!

Academic success is one of our highest priorities within this grade level, and we hope your student has a terrific learning experience this year. We believe in a strong partnership between school and home, so we invite you to e-mail us any time or set up an appointment with a team leader to come in to a team meeting when necessary.

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Both 8th grade teams use websites to update homework daily. Please refer to the following websites to get homework assignments:

Team Summit: maumeek12summit.weebly.com

Team Triumph: teamtriumphgateway.weebly.com

Students should also use their agenda books to write down assignments and other important information. This will aid in staying organized. Some of our teachers use “Remind” for homework assignments as well. Be sure to sign up if it’s offered.

Both teams meet daily from 9:13 - 9:58 to better coordinate our efforts towards maximizing your student’s learning experience.

Our grade level is consistent in our policy regarding tardies and gum chewing. The first and second offenses for a tardy are warnings. Every subsequent offense will result in an office referral. Tardies are erased at the end of the first semester and the process starts all over at the beginning of the second semester. If gum chewing is a distraction, your child will face consequences.

Each teacher has his/her own set of rules for your student to follow while a student in his/her classroom. Please refer to the student agenda book for information on district wide/school wide policies and/or rules (such as dress code policy, electronic devices, bullying/harassment; just to name a few).

Team Summit will be having a Sweetest Day flower sale and Team Triumph has a t-shirt sale to raise money for our students. The funds we make from those fundraisers go back to your child in one way or another. The teachers like to reward the students for their efforts with random treats in academic assist. We also have pizza parties and a new students luncheon.

Team Summit and Team Triumph are always on the lookout for “Students of the Month”; YOUR student could be one of them! We are looking for students who complete their work, work well with others, are kind, and have good citizenship. They are rewarded with a certificate and candy in a team meeting. They will also be randomly rewarded throughout the year with treats. At the end of the year, we will have a pizza party to honor all the students who have earned this reward.

In addition to our “students of the month”, we reward our students who meet specific behavioral and academic expectations each quarter with a fun activity during the last two periods of the day.

Also, students are an integral part to a successful conference, so portfolios will be used to collect student work samples. Students will share those portfolios with you at Student-Led Conferences on the evening of October 24 and during the day on October 25. Please mark your calendars. Additional information will be handed out at a later date.

We will be using Power School to help you keep track of your student’s grades. Information on this system will be distributed to you.