

## 8SS Newsletter – 9.9.18

Hello 8th Grade Parents,

As Mrs. Pappas explained on Friday, Mrs. McCarthy will be continuing on as my maternity sub. I am sure she will do a great job! Please be patient and supportive as she takes over my classroom a few weeks into the school year already.

I just wanted to send a quick note to keep you up-to-date on Social Studies class. The 8th graders will continue to study the Western Frontier this coming week by analyzing the struggles of the Native Americans. Students will discuss the many conflicts that arose as white settlers began to take over more and more of the Western land. Through song and film, students will gain an understanding of the many issues. In conjunction with Mr. Bilski and Language Arts class, students will be writing a research paper about these conflicts. Information on this will be provided in both Social Studies and Language Arts class.

Additional chapter information can be found on the Western frontier page of the class website: <https://sites.google.com/a/stjamessschoolah.org/welk216/8gradeSS/ch-18-western-frontier>

Please let myself or Mrs. McCarthy ([mmccarthy@stjamessschoolah.org](mailto:mmccarthy@stjamessschoolah.org)) know if you have any questions along the way. Enjoy the rest of the weekend!!

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Mrs. Esquivel