

Hello Parents and welcome to 8th grade!

We are excited to share this school year with your children. We will use e-mail on a regular basis when sending out information to all parents about items specific to 8th grade. We will also post these weekly newsletters on our teacher websites. As the year goes on, we will pass along information regarding high school, and of course, graduation activities.

Last week was a busy first week of school! As a grade we reviewed the school handbook and procedures/expectations for the year. The students found out their class schedules and they each wrote a letter to themselves about their goals and hopes for the coming school year. They usually forget they wrote these letters until the last day when they show up with their final report card!

A few other items we discussed:

- Food Allergy Letter
- Safe Food List
- Updated UGH! Information Form
- Service Hours Completion Form
- Class of 2020 Google Classroom

Please Save the Dates:

- Parent Information Night - Wednesday, August 28th at 7pm
- Grandparents' Day Mass - Friday, September 6th at 9:30am in the PC

District 214 administers the PSAT 8/9 for 8th grade high school placement. The initial test date is **Saturday, October 26, 2019**. The makeup date is following **Saturday, November 2, 2019**. Please contact your specific school within the district for more information about registration and we will pass along any other information that we receive. Even if you plan to send your student to a Catholic high school, it is a great idea to take this test for additional test-taking practice and in case plans should change. Additional information about enrollment can be found at <https://www.d214.org/departments/gr8testing-enrollment/>

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam is on **Saturday, December 7, 2019** and must be taken at the high school the student plans to attend. This is about a month earlier than in the past. If your child will be attending St. Viator you can find more information at <https://www.saintviator.com/admissions/entranceexam>. If they will attend a different Catholic High School, please contact that specific school for details. We will pass along more information as it is received. Additional information can be found at <https://schools.archchicago.org/catholic-high-school-admission-information>

If you have an additional e-mail address you would like to add to the contact list, please let us know. Please contact us if you should have any questions. We hope to have the opportunity to speak with each of you at some point along the way!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Esquivel
Mrs. Earhart