

Hello Parents and Welcome to 8th Grade!

We are excited to share this school year with your children. We will use email 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.

This 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 got signed into their Class of 2021 Google Classroom. This is where we will share any 8th grade specific announcements with them.

Please Save the Date for our Virtual Parent Information Night on Wednesday, September 2nd. More information will be forthcoming.

District 214 administers the PSAT 8/9 for 8th grade high school placement. The district has not updated their testing dates for this year yet. Normally, the initial test date is the last Saturday in October and the makeup date is following Saturday. You can keep an eye on the testing website at <https://www.d214.org/departments/placement/> 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 normally in early December. However, the Office of Catholic Schools has not yet updated their information either. The test must be taken at the high school the student plans to attend. If your child will be attending St. Viator you can reach out to them for more information. 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 email 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
Mr. Bilski
Senorita Tomko