



*Welcome to Mistletoe at  
the Middle School 2016*



Tonight we will discuss future events and allow you to meet with the teachers if needed.

We hope you enjoy the evening, dinner, and an opportunity to Christmas shop.



*hello!*

*Mrs. Hendrix and Mr./Coach Dixon*

Meet our Leadership Team:

Sheila Alexander - Special Programs

Nanci Dixon - Extracurricular

Kimber Johnson - Science Department

Cindy Nick - Social Studies Department

Monica Ventress - Math Department

Alison Walker - Language Arts Department





Reminder:  
December 14, 15, and 16  
Mandatory Semester Exams  
(including athletics)



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**STAAR Dates:**

**March 28 - 7th Writing, 8th Math**

**March 29 - 8th Reading**

**May 8 - 7th Math, 8th Math Re-test**

**May 9 - 7th Reading, 8th Reading Re-test**

**May 10 - 8th Science**

**May 11 - 8th Social Studies**

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**7th - 3 tests**

**8th - 4 tests**



# *A Message from the Language Arts Department*



- ❄️ STAAR writing is made up of one expository essay and editing and revision multiple choice questions. (Not tested since 4th grade.)
- ❄️ 8th graders must pass the reading test to be promoted to the 9th grade.
- ❄️ Students who do not pass the 7th grade reading test will be required to take an additional reading class in 8th grade.
- ❄️ What can you do to help:
  - Make sure your children are reading.
  - Ask them questions about what they are reading.
  - Text with them using correct spelling and complete sentences.
  - Have them text using with correct spelling and complete sentences.
  - Focus on handwriting.

# *A message from the Math Department*



- ❖ 8th grade must pass to promote to 9th grade.
- ❖ Summer school is required for students that do not pass the 2nd administration.
- ❖ Attendance is extremely important.
- ❖ Test consists of 42 questions.
- ❖ Algebra I students have to pass the EOC to get high school credit.
- ❖ **7th grade is administered one time.**
- ❖ **If a student does not pass, they will be required to take an additional math class in 8th grade.**
- ❖ **Test consists of 40 questions.**
- ❖ **Attendance is extremely important.**

# *A message from the Science Department*



## **8th grade**

- Dictates what Science course will be taken in 9th grade.
- Effects students their Senior year and electives.

## **7th grade**

- 7th grade material is tested on the 8th grade test.
- 7th grade STAAR is part of qualifications for 8th grade advanced science.
- Summer projects for advanced 8th Science.



# *8th Grade History is the story of the birth of America until 1877.*

## Units Include:

- Exploration and Colonization
- The American Revolution
- Constitution and Government
- Early Republic
- Industrial Revolution and Reform
- Westward Expansion
- Civil War and Reconstruction



# Secrets for Student Success on Staar



→ Daily Attendance~

New material is taught every day!

→ Complete ALL assignments~

Processing information insures learning sticks

→ Keep Interactive Notebook Up To Date~

# Secrets for Student Success on Staar



→ Check Google Classroom Daily~  
Resources and Reminders are Here

→ Bring Chromebook to Class Daily~  
Charged and Ready to Go

→ Attend Tutorials for Extra Help~  
For Re-teaching or Make-up Work





**Although 7th Grade History is NOT a STAAR Tested Subject, some concepts are vertically aligned and support academic readiness for the 8th Grade STAAR.**



# V.I.P. Pass



7th and 8th grade students who pass all sections of the STAAR will receive a V.I.P. pass for the 2017-2018 school year. This pass will allow them extra privileges throughout the year.



*Merry Christmas*  
*and a Happy New Year!*

*Bullard Middle School*





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