

Dear Parents and Guardians of 6th and 7th Graders,

Welcome to the new 2020-2021 school year; we are all excited for this year to begin and look forward to working with all of you. As the 6/7 Team at Williamstown Middle High School, we would like to give you some important information that will be useful throughout the school year.



Student Expectations:

As Blue Devil teachers, we expect Blue Devil behavior from each of our students. Our expectations are built upon the following three touchstones:

Respect

Responsibility

Recognition

We are committed to fostering a community that prepares students to be lifelong learners, healthy risk-takers, and global citizens; thank you for supporting us in this mission. This year the team has been able to secure most of the supplies that are needed. We will follow up once all the supplies come in if we need support around any supplies.

We understand that there are a lot of unknowns this year due to COVID-19. Please know that our team works closely together to build the best possible school experience for your students.

Email is best with the schedule this year but we will be able to return phone calls as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact us with questions, comments, and feedback; we realize that communication is an important part of your student's education. Our websites can be found at www.cvsu.org and while they have some information if there is something that you do not see please reach out.

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Global Studies

This year in Global Studies we will be studying "Investigations into Social Studies - Part 1." This year we will focus on three units of Civics, Historical Thinking, and Sourcing. As a class, we will focus on Social Studies skills and students will get to pick the topics that they study. By the end of the year they will have worked on their ability to gather, interpret, organize, analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information. Please reach out with any questions that you may have.

Best,

Jody Chamberlin

Math

In math this year, 6th and 7th graders will continue to grow their mathematical thinking and process through numerous topics. This year the curriculum for math is through I-Ready Mathematics. 6th graders will focus on geometry, ratios and proportions, an introduction to algebra, and some statistics. 7th graders will learn more geometry, continue their algebraic relationships, probability and statistics, and start looking at exponential relationships. We will continue to use technology in class to explore and practice new math skills, and computer literacy will be a big focus this year. Homework will be assigned occasionally and should only take 30 minutes.

If you have any questions for me, please feel free to email or call! I look forward to another wonderful year!

Jordan Rock

Science

Sixth and seventh grade students will focus on the NGSS science practices mainly through the lens of earth sciences. Students will spend time investigating the composition of the Earth, different elements and minerals, energy, and the solar system. Throughout the year we will also work on different engineering challenges and experiments.

Please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the school year using the provided information.

Sincerely,

Jesse Wolfe

Language Arts

In Language Arts this year, we will explore fiction and nonfiction texts and argument, narrative, and informational writing. We will also practice speaking and listening skills to make informed decisions and look at others' perspectives. Our goals for this year are to develop strong reading and writing strategies, increase the complexity of what we read, and collaborate with each other to enhance our learning.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I am looking forward to working with you this year!

Best,

Katelyn Smith