

SMLS Middle School Newsletter

Week of March 5, 2018

Exploratory Week

We will once again be participating in Exploratory Week at Kalamazoo Christian



Middle School. This year Exploratory Week will be March 26-29. This week is a great opportunity for students to explore a variety of interests -

from Economics to cooking, and stained glass to equestrian skills!

Students will be at KCMS each morning for classes, and will return to SMLS for lunch. On Wednesday we will eat lunch at KCMS. Students may order pizza using the form sent home today. **Please return this form and payment by this Thursday, March 8.**

Class descriptions and sign-ups should come home this Wednesday, March 7. **Please review the choices with your student and return the form by Monday, March 12.** While most of the classes are free of charge, please note that some classes involve payment (costs will be listed in class descriptions). Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please be timely!

8th Grade Parents - Pics Needed!

The 8th graders only have 53 more school days as students at SMLS! It's time to think about graduation. Please start looking through all those lovely pics of your graduate and find 8-10 photos of them that you'd like included in the slideshow.



I also would love any photos you'd like to share of the entire class through the years so that I can print them to hang on the bulletin board in the hall.

Please send all photos to me as jpegs via email by Tuesday, April 17. Thank-you!

7th Grade Parents - Graduation

Reception

Traditionally the parents of our 7th grade parents give a reception after our 8th grade graduation to celebrate. We ask

that all the 7th grade parents pitch-in to help, but first I am in need of **2 parents to help coordinate the reception.** If you are able to help coordinate, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank-you!



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<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
STEAM night; 6:30-7:30	3/8
PTL Rollerskating Event	3/17
Exploratory Week	3/26-3/29
Good Friday, No School	3/30
Spring Break	4/2-4/6
School Resumes	4/9

Academic Highlights

Social Studies 6

We are wrapping up ch. 23 and will take a test next Tuesday, 3/13.

This test will include a 5-paragraph essay about the question: *Write about how the nations in South Asia became the nations they are today. You can write about the ancient cities, empires, British rule, and moves to independence.*

Students can prepare an outline for the essay question, which they can use on the test to help them write the essay. We will begin the outline in class, but please check over their work this weekend to see if they need help finalizing the outline.

6th Grade ELA

Vocabulary Week: This week is a vocabulary week. The students will have their spelling and definition tests on Friday.

Grammar: We will continue working in our unit on adjectives.

History 7/8

We are wrapping up ch. 8 and will take a test next Monday, 3/12.

Please encourage your students to prepare for this test (and all History tests) by reviewing their notes and the text of the chapter several times on several different occasions. Quiz them by asking questions in different ways so they are used to hearing the information in different formats.

As always, students should prepare 3 essay outlines for the test.

7th and 8th Grade ELA

Vocabulary Week: This week is a vocabulary week. The students will have their spelling and definition tests

Grammar: We will finish our unit on verbals, there will be a test at the end of next week.

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<p>Literature: We are going to be reading the novel <i>Number the Stars</i> by: Lois Lowry</p>	
<p>Science 6th The students have a test tomorrow over Chapter 2, <i>Weather and Soil</i> .</p> <p>The next chapter we will be studying is: <i>Erosional Forces</i>.</p>	<p>Science 7/8 The students have a test tomorrow over Chapter 1 <i>Structure and Movement</i>.</p> <p>The next chapter we will be studying is: <i>Nutrients and Digestion</i></p>
<p>Writing 6 We are working on researching for our reports. Students are taking notes on notecards to organize their information.</p> <p>All research (40-60 notecards) should be completed by next Tuesday, 3/13.</p>	<p>Writing 7/8 We are finishing up our research reports this week by working on our introductions and conclusions, and creating our title pages. A second draft will be due next Tuesday which should include all the required elements, including an appendix.</p>

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