

7th Grade Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into week 22, we have a lot to look forward to! Thank you for being supportive of students and helping to encourage STAG behavior!

ELA

We will be continuing on in our second unit about space exploration. Students have begun to work with their partner on reading the argument, "Why We Should Continue to Explore Space." Next week, they will be focusing on their last partner summary and analysis questions.

Homework: My goal is to provide plenty of class time for students to complete assignments. Anything that does not get done in class is considered homework and is still expected to be turned in. If your child has a zero in PowerSchool, that is an indicator that they may not be using their class time productively OR they are not finishing the work on their own.

Math

Students are continuing to work in Chapter 3 Rational Number Operations. **Concept Checks** will be given frequently, so staying current with independent practice (homework) is important. **Math Circuits** are review problems assigned at the beginning of each week and **due every Friday**.

Important Reminder

If you are not seeing math homework coming home, it may indicate that assignments are not being completed and could be contributing to a grade that is not meeting expectations.

Accelerated Math

Students are starting Chapter 5 Probability, staying current with independent practice (homework) is important. **Math Circuits** are review problems assigned at the beginning of each week and **due every Friday**.

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Science

This week we balanced chemical equations!

World History

This week, we learned about the reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire, and everyone created their own BCE (Before Common Era) timeline. Next week, we will have an open-book quiz on Ancient Rome and wrap up the unit with an Ancient Rome Escape Room.

Did you know? Your child has a high school World History mentor. 7th graders are sharing their World Religions slideshow with their high school mentor, who is giving them constructive feedback on how to improve it.

Electives

Sustainable Science: Students learned how to make healthy snack wraps with bananas, apples, and peanut butter! This is a great snack to make at home.

PE:

Monday - Basketball Drills and Lower Body Strength / Mobility

Tuesday - Net Games and Footwork

Wednesday - Football / SpeedBall Drills and Speed Development

Thursday - Soccer / Hockey with Upper Body Strength / Mobility

Friday - Fitness Testing / Squad Games Speed Training after school for all Elementary and Middle School Students in the Big Gym on WEDNESDAYS from 3:15 - 3:45 PM.

Spanish: This week, we are reviewing numbers. Your child should know how to count to 100 by tens in Spanish without looking at notes. We are going to start our next unit on TELLING TIME in Spanish. A lot of kids still do not know how to read an analog clock, so we will practice with that.

Art:

Choir:

Band: The MS District Band festival will take place Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Elk Rapids HS auditorium. **Please see the flyer attached for additional information.**

Updates

- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Please keep an eye out for emails from Mr. Blyth over the next week - we will be hosting conferences on the 24th and 25th of February and will be requesting conferences with parents based on academic, behavior, or both! We ask that you sign up using the link provided from Mr. Blyth AND that your student joins at conferences!
- **Hygiene:** Please make sure that your child is taking a shower, putting on clean clothes, and wearing deodorant EVERY DAY. If your child has PE or Body Mechanics, then an extra stick of deodorant may be necessary to keep in their gym locker or backpack. Now that the windows are closed for the winter, our rooms are unbearably stinky, and it makes for an uncomfortable learning environment. Thanks for your support.

- **Glow Dance:** The PTO will be hosting a Glow Dance on February 12, from 6-8 PM, for all 6-8th graders. There is a \$5 entry fee (which includes a slice of pizza and water). For students to attend the glow dance, they **must attend school** that day.
 - **PTO Updates:**
 - 📅 **PTO Meeting: February 10th at 4:00 PM**
All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.
 - ✨ **Glow Dance: Thursday, February 12th — 6:00–8:00 PM**
(Rescheduled from January 23rd)
A fun, glowing night for our middle school students!
👉 Glow Dance volunteer sign-up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAEAE2CA7FEC61-61842360-rescheduled>
 - 🍽️ **Teacher Conference Dinners: February 24th & 25th**
Parents and the PTO will be providing dinner for teachers during conferences.
👉 Conference Dinner sign-up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAEAE2CA7FEC61-62093456-teacher>
 - 🎮 **Fun & Games Night: Friday, March 20, 2026– 6-8pm**
Students are invited to enjoy board games, dodgeball, and line dancing.
📺 Free admission | 🍿 Snacks available for purchase
👉 Fun & Games Night volunteer sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAEAE2CA7FEC61-58181460-game>
- Thank you for supporting our PTO and helping make these events possible!**

Other Dates to Know

- February 9: Board meeting 6pm
- February 12: PTO Game Night & Glow Dance 6pm-8pm
- February 13-16: Mid-Winter Break - No School
- February 24: 7th/8th Choral Festival @ TC West
- February 24-25: Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 28: District Band Festival @ Elk Rapids 11:50am

Have a great weekend!

- 7th Grade Team