

7th Grade Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into week 23, we have a lot to look forward to! Thank you for being supportive of students and helping to encourage STAG behavior!

ELA

We will finish up our final partner section fo the unit and move into independent work.

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 wrapping up Chapter 3: Rational Number Operations and will begin reviewing for their upcoming test. The test is scheduled for Tuesday, 2/24. 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 currently working in Chapter 5: Percents & Probability. You should be seeing homework come home almost daily. Math Circuits are review problems assigned at the beginning of each week and due every Friday..

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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.

Science

In Science, we have put a wrap on our chemistry unit and will be making the shift to Physics next week. If you are able, please get a new composition book for your child. Several students need a good fresh start on lab notebooks, and the switch to physics from chemistry provides a great opportunity to hit the reset button on those. I have a

decent supply of notebooks but not enough to cover everyone, so if you are able to provide a new one to your child please do so for next week. Thank you!

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 had a great start to our first marking period together. We have started our sewing projects, we made turkey burger tacos, learned how to cut with a knife, made homemade chips, and learned how to make macaroni and cheese. Next week we are looking forward to trying our hand at making homemade french fries and pizza.

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: We are continuing our unit on telling time. This week, we will focus on telling time using minus. They will have a quiz next week.

Art:

Art 2 is off to a creative and exciting start! Students have been working on personal projects while learning studio care and classroom expectations. They have been creating portfolios and art journals that will grow into completed art pieces by the end of the quarter.

Studio Art is finishing up theme led wooden box designs that used multiple media and designs to create a common theme. These will be displayed near the Middle School office if you'd like to view them at drop off or pickup.

Thanks to Nolan's of Traverse City for donating the boxes!

All classes are now beginning a unit on digital art using Canva. Students will learn what makes an effective logo and explore careers in digital art before designing a new school logo. One schoolwide winner will receive a custom T-shirt, and their design will become PTO stickers that will be offered for sale to support school events.

Please watch for Artsonia invitations in your email if you are not yet signed in. Artsonia allows you to view your student's artwork, see submitted projects, and purchase optional items featuring their work, with a portion supporting the Art Studio.

Thank you for your continued support. I can't wait for you to see the amazing artwork our talented students are creating!

Tiffany Eichler

KMS Art Studio

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:**
- ✨ **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!

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Other Dates to Know

- **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