

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

- Make note of the dates that report cards and progress reports are distributed and mailed home.
- Help your child develop academic goals.
- Meet with the 8th grade teachers to discuss the needs and goals of your child.
- Attend Open House and Parent Visitation Day.
- Use Schootool~If you have not, sign-up for the Parent Portal (also accessible to students) to verify status of assignments.

8th Grade Exams

In addition to final exams for most classes, there are 8th grade exams:

- NYS ELA (April)
- NYS Math (April)
- NYS Science 8 Written and Performance exams (June)
- Checkpoint A exam for World Language classes:
 - Speaking (May)
 - Written exam (June)
- *Accelerated Student* - Regents exams for Earth Science and Algebra (June)
- Also, Career Zone or ACT profile



8th Grade Events and Activities

- Get further invested with clubs, modified sports, and/or leadership activities (all year).
- 8th grade parent night in February or March.
- Students and parents are scheduled for High School Planning Meeting in March.
- Class Fundraiser – held in the Fall.
- Check the calendar for other important events.



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8th Grade



What to Expect



A Guide for Parents and
Guardians of Lake
George Jr.-Sr. High
School Students



Guiderooms begin this year:

Beginning in 8th grade, students are placed into small homeroom groups we call “guideroom.” These groups stay together with the same school advisor until graduation. That’s five years of spending each and every morning together. The philosophy behind guideroom is that students and advisors can develop relationships that will enhance support and reinforce a sense of belonging within the broader school community.

Eighth Grade: A time to sharpen skills.

Responsibility and Self-Advocacy: Students are encouraged to develop skills and habits which foster independence and self-reliance. We no longer utilize monitored student homework folders. When absent, students should seek the necessary materials and information missed.

Utilize the supports available: Probation cards are used to help students involved in extra-curricular activities maintain good academic standing; 10th period is a great time to communicate with teachers (students must be with a teacher or activity); 10th period review classes are often provided for exams. Collaboration with classmates for studying and projects is also a great idea.

Time Management & Organization: Daily monitoring of projects and assignments. Students should use a planner or calendar function on a phone to help with organization.

FAQ

How can I keep track of my student’s progress?

There are a few ways to effectively track your child’s progress:

~The Schooltool Parent Portal and Student Portal allows you and your student to access assignments and prior quarter grades. It gives you access to state test scores as well. Assignments for current quarters are updated every five weeks with the submission of progress reports.

~We encourage you to email teachers with any concerns or requested feedback regarding your child.

~Meet with the 8th grade team. The guidance department will gladly schedule a meeting with the core teachers to discuss progress or program as it applies to the success of an individual student.