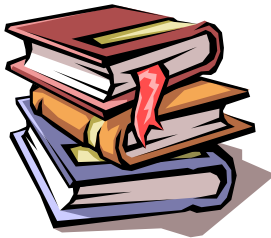


**2010-2011  
Eighth Grade Team  
Rock Falls Middle School**

**Welcome to eighth grade!**



Isn't it great to be an eighth-grader? We are looking forward to welcoming you as a member of the eighth-grade class of Rock Falls Middle School. The teachers for the eighth-grade team this year are Denise McCue, Jamie Danzi, Matt Small, Sara Collins, Laurel Darby, Brendon O'Donnell, and Girls' P.E.—T.B.D. We are looking forward to an exciting year, using a variety of activities and learning opportunities to expand your knowledge and develop a healthier you inside and out.



**Important Dates**

**Registration**

Thursday, August 12 from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. and Friday, August 13 from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. If you cannot be here during these times, please get registration materials from the office as soon as possible.

**First Day of School**

Monday, August 23, 2010 from 8:05 a.m. until 11:25 a.m.

Tuesday, August 24, 2010 is the first full day. Our starting time on regular school days is 8:05 a.m. The dismissal bell rings at 2:45 p.m.

**Open House**

Open House is Thursday, August 19, 2010—6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

## **Sports Notes**

1. Volleyball schedules will be available at registration if students do not already have them.
2. Remember...for those planning to participate in sports, you MUST have a physical. Only one is needed no matter how many sports you join.

## **P.E. Uniforms**

Gym clothes will be sold at registration by Custom Monogramming or at their shop on 511 First Avenue, Rock Falls, 625-9044. The cost is \$6.50 for the shirt and \$11.30 for the shorts. Tax on the purchase is \$1.20 for a total of \$19.00. Payment is due at time of order.

## **Just Expect To Succeed**

### **A note to Parents or Guardians**

We are looking forward to having you and your child as part of the eighth-grade team for 2010-2011. We have met several times to plan for the new school year as well as to integrate the concepts of the middle school program. Together we can make this a positive year for your child. We hope that you will feel free to give us your honest feedback and keep in touch with us throughout the year. We can be reached by calling 626-2626.

## **Homework**

Students can expect homework to be given daily. A student will be penalized for late work. If a student has late homework, he/she will be required to stay after school. Teachers will attempt to coordinate assignments so as not to overload students on any given night.

## **Tests**

Tests will be scheduled so as not to conflict with other classes (no more than two per day). Monday tests will be avoided.

## **Reward Activities**

Several times during the year special events are planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The student's number of detentions and academic performance may affect participation in these events, as well as dances. Students will be notified of expectations prior to each event.

## **Detentions**

If your child gets a detention, he or she will serve it the following day. The students may serve it the same day if it is OK with the teacher. **Please note:** Students are given 24 hr. notice for their detentions. **If there is a conflict, a signed note from the parent or guardian is required PRIOR to the detention. Students will not be allowed to bring a note the day after the detention is to be served.** If they do not stay for their scheduled detention, they will serve an in-school detention the following school day and stay after school until 3:30 that same night. Eighth grade students serve detentions for chronic missing homework and / or behavior. Detentions in eighth grade are served Monday through Friday, or at the teacher's discretion. The specific policy will be explained to all students. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Gum and candy detentions are automatic 45 minutes.

## **Grades**

The following elements will be considered for report card grades: tests, quizzes, projects, daily assignments, effort, behavior, and class participation.

Grades will be based on these percentages:

A+	99-100	C+	78-79
A	92-98	C	72-77
A-	90-91	C-	70-71
B+	88-89	D+	68-69
B	82-87	D	62-67
B-	80-81	D-	60-61
		F	59 or below

You are always welcome to inquire about your child's grades.

## **Assignment books**

Students will keep assignment books that will be checked daily. The books need to be purchased at registration for \$7.00.

Be sure to check out our Rock Falls Middle School website at [www.rfms.whiteside.org](http://www.rfms.whiteside.org).

Please feel free to contact us at the school any time you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your cooperation and efforts. Remember...we're in this together! Let's have a GREAT year!

Sincerely,

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

Rock Falls Middle School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Supply List for 2010-2011



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- \_\_\_ 1 trapper keeper
- \_\_\_ 6 folders (2 pocket with 3-fastener binder in the middle)
- \_\_\_ 7 spiral notebooks (1 for language arts, science, social studies, and 4 for exploratory)
- \_\_\_ 1 – 1 in. or 1 ½ in. binder (REQUIRED for math)
- \_\_\_ 4 packages of lined paper (loose-leaf—used for daily assignments)
- \_\_\_ Reinforcers for loose-leaf paper
- \_\_\_ 1 dozen blue or black ink pens
- \_\_\_ 1 red ink pen for math
- \_\_\_ 2 dozen pencils or mechanical pencils and extra lead
- \_\_\_ 1 set of markers (optional) NO PERMANENT MARKERS
- \_\_\_ proper p.e. uniform (new uniforms will be available from Custom Monogramming at 511 First Ave. Unit A, in Rock Falls. Phone 625-9044.) The cost is \$6.50 for the shirt and \$11.30 for the shorts.
- \_\_\_ 2 boxes of Kleenex or any brand of tissues to bring to 1<sup>st</sup> Hour class
- \_\_\_ graph paper
- \_\_\_ 1 box of colored pencils (erasable preferred)
- \_\_\_ protractor (standard clear plastic)
- \_\_\_ 3 cloth book covers for math book, language arts book, and social studies book
- \_\_\_ ruler with centimeters and inches
- \_\_\_ large eraser