# THE 8th GRADE TEAM

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**TEACHERS**

**English Language Arts**  
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TBD  
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12:40 – 1:20 pm (A3)

**Latin**  
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Conference Time: 12:00 – 1:20 pm (A3)
Conference times for Fridays may differ. Mondays and Wednesdays are A days. Tuesdays and Thursdays are B days. Fridays are C days when students go to all their classes.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AN APPOINTMENT NEEDS TO BE SET UP PRIOR TO MEETING WITH A TEACHER.**

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**PLEASE KEEP TRACK OF YOUR STUDENT’S GRADE PERFORMANCE**

**Parent Student Connect (Gradespeed)**

- You can access and monitor your student’s attendance, assignments and grades. Go to [www.HoustonISD.org/PSCregister](http://www.HoustonISD.org/PSCregister) to get started.
- You may also use Gradespeed to communicate with your student’s teachers.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDERS and INFORMATION**

- **December 4, Wednesday**  
  Honor Roll Assembly
  - 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
  BCMAR Auditorium.

- **Message from Ms. Williams**  
  Yearbook Teacher
  - There is nothing else like your school Yearbook. Get your hands on the limited edition of your stories from the year. Share it with your friends today and hang on to it for years to come!
  - Go to Jostens.com/yearbook now, select Baylor *Col of Med Acad @ Ryan* and order your copy today. [https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/schoolannual-yearbooks.html](https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/schoolannual-yearbooks.html)
  - This year we have a special section for Your Favorites- Teacher, Bff, Club members etc. You will be eligible to attend the signing party at the end of the year. Additionally, eighth graders can participate in a competition to have your picture on a page number.

- **September 27 to December 6**
  - Phase 1 for School Choice Applications
8th GRADE End of Year Activities

- Panoramic Picture-Taking
- Field Trip to Six Flags Texas San Antonio (Must have at least 100 students to join for this to happen).
  - Coach buses will be rented for this field trip.
- Formal Dance
- Yearbook Signing
- Graduation Ceremony

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP FOR CAR RIDERS

WHEN YOU DROP OFF YOUR STUDENT IN THE MORNING AND PICK HIM/HER UP AT DISMISSAL IN THE AFTERNOON, PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE DIRECTING THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS.

- Students will be allowed into the building at 7:50 a.m. Please note that there will be no school personnel monitoring students who will be dropped off earlier than 7:50 am and left on school grounds outside of the building.

- In the afternoon, students need to be picked up promptly at 3:50 p.m.

- If your student will be walking home after-school, send/submit a signed letter of authorization to Ms. de Dios, the 8th grade dean. The letter must clearly identify the student, the person authorizing the student to walk home after school and the contact information of the said person.

***SCHOOL RULES AND POLICIES***

- Before being dismissed for first period, ALL students MUST be in their assigned areas. 8th grade students report to the CAFETERIA. No students are allowed to be in the hallways, classrooms or restrooms WITHOUT PERMISSION.
- Locker times: Morning, after being dismissed from their designated areas; Before and After Lunch; Between 4th and 5th Period.
- Dress code: Navy blue polo shirt with BCMA logo*, khaki pants/shorts or skirts that are knee-length, BCMA navy blue sweater or solid navy-blue sweater with no designs, markings or letterings. School I.D. must be worn around the neck at all times. **If your student loses his/her school I.D., a replacement school I.D. costs $5.00. Payment must be made through Mrs. Rivas, the school secretary.
A student who wears any navy-blue polo shirt, without the BCMA logo, is in violation of BCMA’s dress code policy.

**All students who were present for their scheduled day to have their BCMA ID picture taken have been issued the BCMA school ID. Any student who has not been issued a school ID must go to Ms. Amado, in the library, during A4 or B9. Any student who does not wear his/her school ID, visible, around the neck, is in violation of BCMA’s dress code policy.

❖ **ONLY ON FRIDAYS:** Solid blue or black jeans with no tears, cuts, holes or patches. BCMA spirit t-shirt or college t-shirt. ***If student chooses to use outerwear also, outerwear must be the BCMA navy blue sweater or a solid navy-blue sweater with no designs, markings or letterings. Outerwear may also be a college sweater.

***On any day, from Monday to Friday, a student who wears a sweater that is not the BCMA-logoed navy-blue sweater or is not solid navy-blue, is in violation of BCMA’s dress code policy.

❖ When dismissed at 3:50 p.m., all bus riders must proceed directly and promptly to the bus ramps. School buses will leave at 3:55 p.m. everyday. Car riders must proceed directly and promptly to the front of the building.
❖ **Be respectful to school personnel and fellow students.**

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

❖ **MS. DAVIS and MS. YAP**

Monday (A day) and Tuesday (B day)

- Analyze writer’s craft in their literature circle novels (favorite lines)
- Prepare for FlipGrid discussion #3
- Analyze infographics related to the social justice theme of students' literature circle novel
Wednesday (A day) and Thursday (B day)

- Analyze writer’s craft in their literature circle novel (passage)
- Read expository articles related to literature circle novel

Friday (C day)

- View and respond to Flipgrid discussions
- Film FlipGrid discussion #3

MATHEMATICS

❖ MS. BHATIA

Attention!!!

- For all paper assignments, show all work. No procedure no grade.
- Please bring your GO MATH text book to every class period for the topics being covered in this week. Module 7, Angle relationships in parallel lines and transversals. Pages 188-216 of the Go Math book.
- Please bring your composition notebook and 3-ring binder to every class period for notes taking and keep these updated.
- These will be checked for a participation grade on Friday, 01/10/2020

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<td>Classwork Go MATH P. 215-216</td>
<td>Wednesday 12/04/19. To be done in class</td>
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❖ ALGEBRA with MS. BHATIA

Attention!

- Please bring your composition notebook and 3-ring binder to every class period for notes taking.
- Check for participation grade on Friday, 12/06/2019. Please complete and put topic/date.
- **Quiz on Friday, 12/06/2019 2019. Direct variation and slope. Please study.**
- Please continue to work on the practice assignments in packet 3. This will allow you to gain mastery as well as extra credit opportunity as discussed in the class.

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<td>Do now (Aleks) in class (for absent students)</td>
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<td>Water Park Project</td>
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❖ MR. STEELE

Monday (A day) and Tuesday (B day)

- Volume of Solid Shapes
  - Students will find the volume of rectangular and triangular prism.
  - Students will find the volume of cylinders and spheres
- DLA review
  - We will be covering expressions, equations and inequalities.

Wednesday (A day) and Thursday (B day)

- Surface Area of Solid Shapes
  - Finding the surface area of prisms and pyramids
- DLA review
  - We will focus mainly on properties of triangles and parallel lines.

Friday (C day)

- The DLA part one
❖ GEOMETRY with MR. STEELE

Monday (A day)

- We will introduce two of the four Triangle Concurrency Theorems
  - Concurrency of Perpendicular Bisector (the Circumcenter)
  - Concurrency of Angle Bisector (the Incenter)
- We will also have a short review for next week’s DLA test and this activity will involve the following.
  - Finding the volume of rectangular and triangle prisms, cylinders, and spheres
  - Find the surface area of prisms, pyramids, and cylinder

Wednesday (A day)

- We will introduce the second pair of Concurrency Theorems
  - Concurrency of Medians theorem (the Centroid)
  - Concurrency of Altitudes theorem (the Orthocenter)
- We will also continue the DLA test review with a short activity involving the following.
  - Finding the volume of rectangular and triangle prisms, cylinders, and spheres
  - Find the surface area of prisms, pyramids, and cylinder

Friday (C day)

- DLA testing-part one

❖ SCIENCE

❖ MS. ESPINO and MS. MASOOD

The teachers will provide their students with a hard copy of their instructional agenda.

❖ IPC with MS. ESPINO

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SOCIAL STUDIES

❖ MR. PALMITIER and MR. TELLE

Monday (A day) and Tuesday (B day)
- Government Principles – Popular Sovereignty, Republicanism, Federalism

Wednesday (A day) and Thursday (B day)
- Government Principles – Separation of Powers, Checks/Balances, Limited G.

Friday (C day)
- The Bill of Rights and You

BIOTECHNOLOGY

❖ MR. AGUILAR and MS. BROWN

Concepts:
1) Review of the heart
2) Build a one-way valve project
3) Review medical imaging techniques

Activities:
1) Graphic Organizer: label the parts of the heart
2) Classroom Discussion: building a heart valve
3) Think-Pair-Share: how does a one-way valve work?
4) Assessment: medical imaging quiz and heart diagram quiz on Friday (C day)

Homework:
- Review class notes daily and prepare for Friday’s quiz!

Reminders/Comments:
- Paper towels, boxes of tissues, and lined paper (loose leaf) are still needed so please send some with your students if possible. Thank you!
- Parents, please sign-up for Remind.com for communication and weekly updates.
  - Mr. Aguilar – Access code: LABiotech
  - Ms. Brown – Access code: Biotech143
- Students, please come to class prepared and ready to learn!
LATIN with MR. BOWEN

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION with MS. GODINEZ

Monday (A day) and Tuesday (B day)

- Basketball drills- Passing, Shooting *Study for quiz

Wednesday (A day) and Thursday (B day)

- Basketball games *Study for quiz

Friday (C day)

- Basketball Quiz

PHYSICAL EDUCATION with MR. JOHNSON

- General Class Information
- Unit: Team Sports
- Objective: This week students will continue team sports. Students will need to dress out. Make sure you check Grade Speed for any missing assignments. Also look for notes for the upcoming quiz.