

Eighth Grade

Algebra -Students are currently working in chapter 4, studying ratios and proportions. Ratios and proportions have many different real life uses and they will all be covered in this chapter. Upon the completion of chapter 4, we will begin reviewing for the final exam.- Mr. Tucek

Art – Students will be completing their dry point intaglio etchings and mat the finished print they like best. Next they will work on a canvas based on studies of modern, abstract art from Rothko to Frankenthaler and others. -Mrs. Larson

English - In English, the eighth grade will finish our studies of To Kill a Mockingbird with an in-class test. The essay for this novel will be part of the final exam essay. We will then begin preparing for the end of the year by working on the writing portfolio overview, by which the students assess their own writing growth over the year. They will then begin preparing for the final essay exam which will analyze several of the works read this year. -Ms. Coyne

French - This class will view the highly acclaimed film, Joyeux Noël. We have also begun another novelette, Le Vol de la Jaconde, which we will finish before final exams and graduation. And, speaking of exams, each student will need an inexpensive, paperback French/English dictionary for use with the final exam. Recommended is the one published by Larousse. *Et puis, au revoir mes amis. Le lycée vous attend. Je vous souhaite un avenir heureux et brillant!* - Mr. Jenkins

Geometry - Students are currently working in chapter 12, studying transformations. Transformations include translations, reflections, rotations, and dilations. Chapter 12 is the final chapter of the textbook and upon completion will begin reviewing for final exams. -Mr. Tucek

Latin - Students will continue to follow the story of Modestus and Strythio as they enlist in the Roman army. Stages 24 and 25 introduce the pluperfect and imperfect forms of the subjunctive. The cultural sections focus on the building of Roman roads in Britain and on the organization of the Roman army. We will be concentrating on our review for the final exam during the third and fourth weeks of May. – Mrs. Affleck

Music - Students will continue to present their Pop Artist Presentations in class. We will continue to study the evolution of Rock and Roll music, with a focus on more contemporary beats. We sing songs using lyric charts with chord symbols. Students will analyze chord progressions from a song of their choice. They will then use the progression to write their own song with their own lyrics. Videos, listening examples, and online music tools will enhance our studies. -Miss Novak

Science - We will be finishing up our Electronics unit, focusing on circuits, resistors, and voltage. We will be doing several labs, including a dissection lab. If you have any battery-operated electronics at home that you would like to donate to this lab, please feel free to send them in. They do not have to be working. There will be two more quizzes and a final test on Electronics. We will spend the last week reviewing all the major concepts that were covered throughout the year in preparation for the final exam. - Mrs. Peterson

Spanish - The oral presentations will continue during the first two weeks of May. So far most of them have been fantastic, with a variety of topics: history, sports, technology, transportation, food, music, and dance. For those students who have not done it yet, it's necessary to prepare well ahead of time. We will continue working on "*La ruta de Don Quijote*". A quiz will follow. Chapter 10 of *Juntos Dos* will be

the last chapter covered in 8th grade. There will be a thorough review to prepare for the final exam during the last week of school. -Mrs. Pimentel

United States History - Students will complete their study of World War I and do a quick survey of the factors causing the Great Depression and the ways the nation emerged from the economic disaster. The Great Depression will be the last unit covered on the final exam. During the second week of May, we will begin reviewing in class in preparation for the final exam which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th. - Mrs. Patton