



# PATAPSCO MIDDLE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FALL 2017

FEATURING GRADE LEVEL TOWN MEETINGS

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# 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE TOWN MEETING



# OUR TEAM

Moultrie, Ashley	ELA
Azat, Ben	ELA
Bury, Rashmi	ESOL
Healey, Danielle	ESOL
Cozzo, Thérèse	MATH
Harman, Karen	MATH/SPECIAL EDUCATION
Herold, Nancy	MATH
Schluter, Heather	MATH
Aubin, Suzanne	READING
Johnson, Angela	READING/SPECIAL EDUCATION
Ross, Sherri	READING
Eckert, Beth	READING
Meikrantz, Jenn	READING
Na, Seth	SCIENCE
Stephenson, Danielle	SCIENCE
Dymek, Matthew	SOCIAL STUDIES
Salsman, Kalina	SOCIAL STUDIES
Glass, Sammi	G/T RESOURCE

# OUR TEAM

Mitchell, Nancy	ART
Chamberlin, Robert	BAND
Humm, Marjorie	FACS
Sellner, Susan	HEALTH
Stielper, Kelly	HEALTH
Mills, Julie	CHORUS
Shum, Laura	MUSIC
Haight, Elizabeth	ORCHESTRA
Spliedt, Patrick	PE
Capecchi, Matt	PE
Hlavka, Lindsay	PE
Eyes, Paul	TECH ED
Baez, Getsemary	WORLD LANGUAGES
Goth, Diana	WORLD LANGUAGES
Sherrow, Tom	WORLD LANGUAGES



# Grade Level Policies

## Make-up work:

- Students have as many days as they are absent (excused absences) to make-up the missed work
- If students are out of the class but in school (ie sectionals, pull-outs), they are still expected to turn in the work

## Compositions & Projects:

- For late projects and compositions, points will be deducted based on teacher discretion



# HOMework

- Homework is assigned as a reinforcement and extension of learning.
- Homework is expected to be completed on time. **No late daily homework will be accepted for full credit.**
- Please monitor your child's homework assignments through the use of the Student Agenda and HCPSS Connect with your parent Canvas account.
  - Please make sure that you have signed up for notifications!!!
    - Check: Did you receive my Welcome message in the **lunch course** in Canvas?
- If a student needs to have their agenda signed, it is the student's responsibility to ask the teachers for signatures.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Code

- Zero tolerance policy for Academic Dishonesty (ie plagiarism and/or cheating)
- Lesson through Social Studies (first week)







# Academic Overview for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders



# MATH

## Mrs. Cozzo (Math Team Leader)

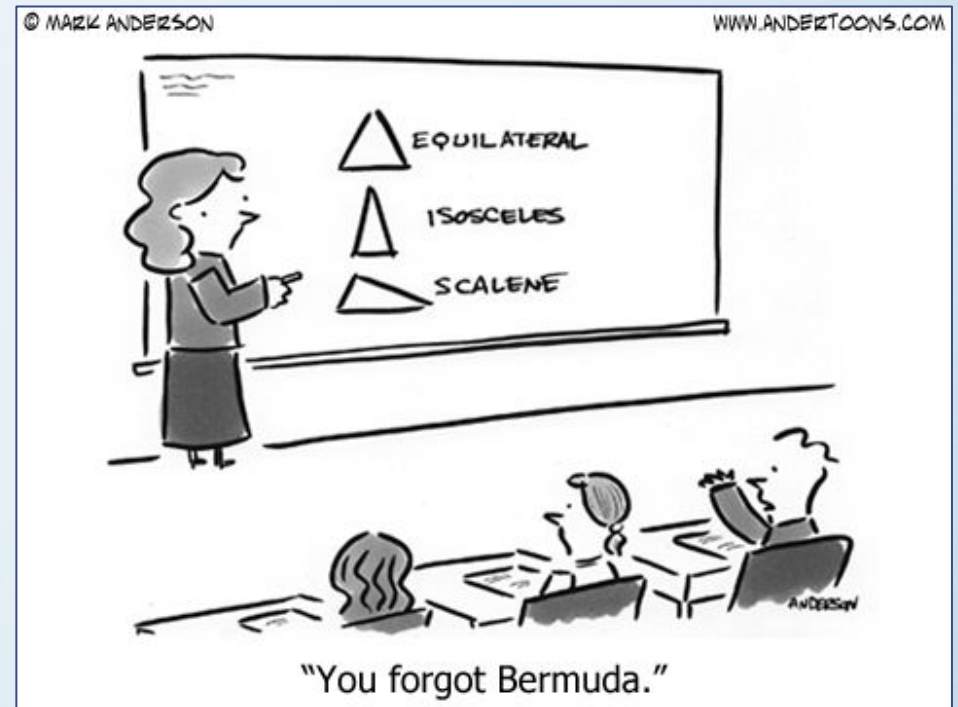
- GT Geometry
  - Geometry Midterm – January 17/18  
(subject to change)
- Math 8  
(Co-taught w/ Mrs. Harman)

## Ms. Herold

- Algebra
- Math 8
- Math 8 Seminar

## Mrs. Schluter

- Algebra



## Additional Math Staff:

Mrs. Harman  
Mrs. Birmingham  
Mr. Gallman

## Math PARCC Testing – late April/Early May



HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center

<http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com/>

# SCIENCE

**Mr. Na** (Ms. Hess, Ms. Owens)

**Ms. Stephenson** (Ms. Stubbleski)

The main focus of the 8th grade year is physical science. Our units of study will include:

- **Vehicles in Motion**
- **Energy**
- **Air Quality**

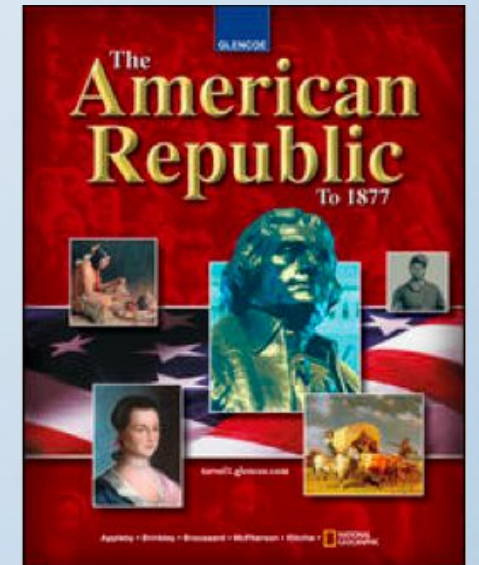
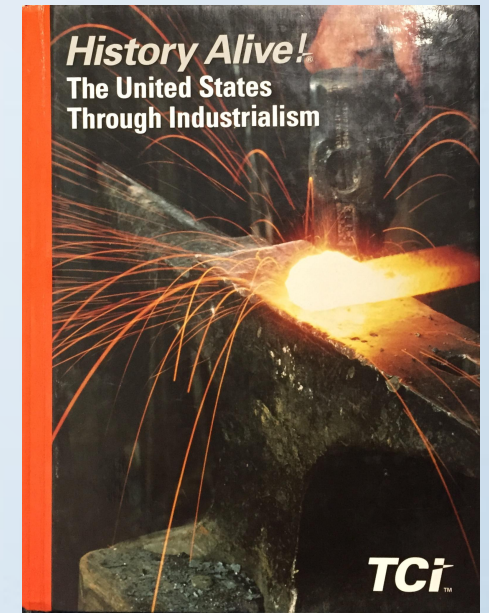
Students will use measurement, observation and experimentation techniques as a basis for Project Based Inquiry and discovery. Students will conduct independent and cooperative investigations, write lab reports based upon PBI science, and complete several projects over the course of the year related to units studied.

# SOCIAL STUDIES

**Mr. Dymek** (Ms. Oby, Ms. Healey)

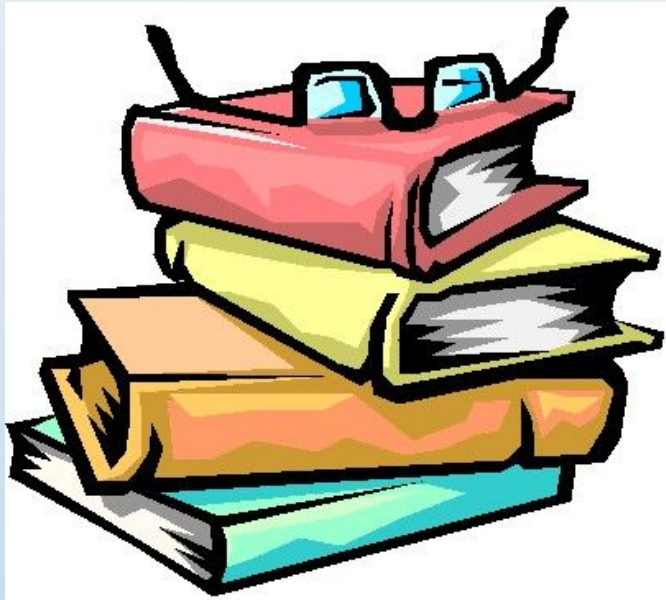
**Ms. Salsman & UMBC Intern Ms. Johnson** (Ms. Kotyleva-Roberts, Ms. Hess, Ms. Oby)

- Grading Policies: 50% Classwork, 40% Assessments, 10% Homework
- Assigned/take-home text: *History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism*
- Class set of *The American Republic* (does not get sent home)
- Units of Study:
  - The Historical Process, The Road to Independence, Forging a New Nation, Growth of a Nation, A Union in Disunion
- Websites on Canvas via HCPSS Connect
- GT Classes only: National History Day-3/17/18 (visit teacher's Canvas website)





# ENGLISH/ LANGUAGE ARTS



**Teachers:** Mr. Azat (Ms. Natajarian, Ms. Mahoney)  
Mrs. Moultrie (Mrs. Healey – ESOL Teacher)

## **Curriculum:**

- Unit 1: Exploring the Unknown
  - The Giver
  - Frankenstein (GT)
- Unit 2: Freedom
  - Non-fiction text and speeches
- Unit 3: Love and Friendship
  - Romeo and Juliet
  - Julius Caesar (GT)
  - Shakespeare Residency - March 2018
- Writing & Grammar

## **Contact Info:**

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# ESOL at Patapsco

## Goals of ESOL:

- ◆ Build academic and social vocabulary
- ◆ Improve writing, reading, listening, and speaking skills
- ◆ Increase understanding of content courses

## **ESOL Team**

ESOL Team Leader- Rashmi Bury

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ESOL Teacher- Danielle Healey (Intern: Megan Scharmann)

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ESOL Paraeducator- Deb Hess

International Achievement Liaison-Jamie Kim

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# G/T ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Ms. Sammi Glass



- BOOK CLUB
- DEBATE TEAM and SEMINAR
- SPACE RESEARCH
- THEATRE/SHAKESPEARE
- FILM PRODUCTION
- TV STUDIO/PRODUCTION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- WRITERS WORKSHOP



Applications and forms are located outside Room D9!

DUE: 9/15-First come, first served





# OTHER CONTENT CLASSES

Students also engage in a series of complimentary classes which may include:

- Physical Education
- Health
- FACS, General Music, Technology Education and/or Art
- Performance Music classes (Band, Chorus, Orchestra)
- World Language (French or Spanish)
- Reading Innovation & Inquiry Modules\*\* (Ms. Ross, Ms. Eckert, Ms. Stielper)
  - Writer's Café
  - Making a Plan for High School and Beyond
  - Boost Your Brain
  - Citizen in Action
  - Future of Food (Semester)
- English, Reading and/or Math Acceleration classes
- Reading Seminar: System 44, SIM, and SOAR

\*\*All of these modules will focus on reading, writing, thinking skills, and application of knowledge

# Reading Intervention Classes

- Seminar D - System 44 and Wilson
  - Focuses on Decoding and Comprehension
- SIM
  - Modeling reading behaviors and comprehension practice
- Seminar C - Soar to Success
  - Vocabulary and reading comprehension with focus on reading strategies and applications

# Before/After School Opportunities



- Intramurals
- Bands & Choruses
- Homework Club
- MESA
- Memory book
- Student Government
- Drama Club



8<sup>th</sup> Grade

# SPECIAL EVENTS 2017-2018



# Upcoming and Important Dates...

- PMS Google Calendar
- Calendar in Lunch course (Canvas)
- Turkey Trot-11/20/17
- Shakespeare Residency- March 2018
- Student Service Learning-March 2018
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip-TBA
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance-June 8\*\* 2018
- MAP
  - October 3-4, 2017
  - February 6-7, 2018
  - May 2018
- National History Day (county comp.)- 3/17/18
- Science MISA- March 13-15, 2018
- PARCC
  - April 30-May 11, 2018



# Communication



# Communication Tools



- Student Agenda
- HCPSS Connect
- Lunch Course in Canvas
  - Calendar and list of staff emails
- Staff Directory – email addresses
- Patapsco Knight – biweekly newsletter – paper copies available from Front Office
- HCPSS News

# Questions?



GOODNESS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING TOMORROW?



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