

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to Waverly Middle School. I am your child's 8th grade history teacher. I am looking forward to a very fun and productive year. This letter details how to contact me, what we'll be doing in history class this year, some basic materials we would like your child to have in class every day, as well as some class expectations.

Team 8 Black

Your student's core subject teachers (math, English, science, and history) will be working in teams this year. Your child's team is the 8th grade black team (as in black and gold, our school colors). For you, this means better communication, and common policies across your student's core classes. On the second page of this letter is a place to write down your email address. As a team we will be emailing parents everyday to inform you of your student's homework, and any other important information. We will try to send one email for all four core subject teachers. As a team we also have a website, listed below, where you can find this information as well as links to individual class websites, calendars, assignments, and other important information. All of this communication is meant to work for you, so please use them as you see fit. We want to make communication as convenient as possible for you, the parent/guardian.

History 8 - We will be focusing on the following areas of U.S. history during the school year:

- Unit 1: Foundations of a New Nation (7 Weeks)
- Unit 2: Challenges to an Emerging Nation (4 Weeks)
- Unit 3: Regional and Economic Growth (4 Weeks)
- Unit 4: Antebellum Reform Movements (2 Weeks)
- Unit 5: The Coming of the Civil War (6 Weeks)
- Unit 6: The Civil War (3 Weeks)
- Unit 7: Reconstruction (4 Weeks)
- Unit 8: America in the Last Half of the 19th Century (4 Weeks)

Staying In Touch and Informed

Contact Information - Kevin Kacel



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Schoology: www.waverlyms.schoology.com

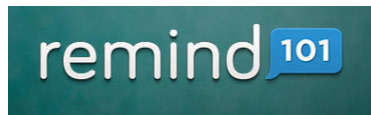
Schoology will be the major method of communication between teachers and students/parents. On this site students and parents will be able to view assignments, check grades, get help and ask questions of Mr. Kacel.

- Students will have their own login given to them in class.
- Parents can create their own account and use access codes provided by each teacher to link to their their students classes. Please email me for your access code.



Discovery TechBooks: <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/>

We will be using new online “techbooks” that can be accessed on almost any computer or device. This combines elements of a traditional textbook with a multitude of video and multimedia content from Discovery.



to subscribe to daily homework reminders via text messages text @8teambblack to (517) 709-2127

What does your child need to bring to class?

<p>Materials - I would like your child to bring the following items to class every day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Folder or 3 Ring Binder of 1.5 inch thickness or greater • Writing Utensils • Headphones (for iPad and/or computer lab use) <p>If you need assistance in acquiring any of these materials please contact me and we will work something out.</p>	<p>Donations: We also request the following donations to our classroom if you are able and willing to help out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand Sanitizer • Kleenex • Paper Towels • Clorox Wipes • Colored Pencils • Extra Lined Paper • Extra Writing Utensils, Highlighters • Cheap Wash Clothes
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Sincerely,

Mr. Kacel

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Team 8 Black

Please complete this form, then detach and return it to Mr. Kacel ASAP!

Name of your Student: _____

Parent Name: _____

Email Address # 1:

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Parent Name: _____

Email Address # 2 (optional):

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Parent Name: _____

Email Address # 3 (optional, student email address is O.K.):

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Parent Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Please check this box if you don't have an email address, or do not want email updates and would prefer phone calls <ul style="list-style-type: none">(disclaimer: phone calls will be less frequent than emails)
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Parent Signature: _____