



# Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lightning Team



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

When school opens in September, you will be part of a team of about 125 students sharing the following core teachers:

Mr. Keil - **Math**

Ms. Cosentino - **Language Arts**

Ms. Cherney - **Social Studies**

Ms. Blood- **In-Class Support**

Mr. Reynolds, Ms. Ibe and Mr. Hayes - **Phys. Educ.**

Mrs. Melega - **Science**

Ms. Bleam - **Guidance Counselor**

Ms. Browning - **Math Lab**/Ms. Justice - **Lang. Arts Lab**

Your 8<sup>th</sup> grade year is one of transitions, both socially as well as academically. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grader we will expect a greater degree of excellence from you than what you experienced as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. We hope you accept this responsibility as you prepare to enter high school in the near future.

Your child will have homework on a regular basis. The team teachers require students to use their student agenda book (handbook) to keep track of their assignments. It is a good idea to check this several times a week so that you and your child will stay on top of things.

Even though the finer details of any class may be forgotten as your child moves along in his/her education, the work habits they learn now will stay with them. Please be supportive of us in our effort to help reinforce a good, healthy work ethic. Please do not tolerate any assignment zeros.

Please be sure to take time and go over the student handbook. All students will receive this the first day of school from their homeroom teacher. Also, take the time to read and review with your child any policy sheets that they bring home from individual teachers. These items are our way of letting you and your child know what to expect and what is expected of them.

Here is a list of materials you will need in your classes this year:

- Two 2" binders and section dividers to set up sections for all classes with folder pockets
- A supply of #2 pencils (**particularly for Math & Science that require pencils for all work**) & pens
- Blue or Black colored pencils
- Gym clothes for Physical Education class (**Boys will also need a combination lock**)
- Highlighters
- One 1" 3-ring binder JUST for science OR a science section in a larger binder
- One composition book, at least 100 sheets, JUST for science class notes.
- For social studies: 4 pocket folders, one 1" binder, and highlighters

**Please Note: Only a pen or pencil is needed for the first two days of school. Also, please have your child bring a snack the first two days of school for the half day schedule.**

Your teachers will relay any other specific needs to you during the first week of school. It is your responsibility to maintain these materials, along with your subject textbooks, throughout the year.

If you have any questions regarding the up-coming school year, please contact us at the school number: 609-597-9481. Enjoy the rest of the summer, we look forward to seeing you in September!