

Dunmore Jr-Sr High School 8th Grade English Parent Information



About Me

- 8th Grade English teacher.
- This is my 9th year of teaching and 4th at Dunmore.
- Last, but not least - I'm here to help your child learn to love learning and engage in the world around them.

Contact Me

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Call the school main office or guidance to leave me a message. (570) 343-2110



What happens in English?

September - December

Grammar and Writing

Parts of Speech

Nouns

Pronouns

Verbs

Adjectives and Adverbs

Prepositions

Career Research Paper

January - June

Reading, Writing, and yes ... more
Grammar

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

(focus on responding to text, citing textual
evidence, constructing a text dependent analysis)

Argumentative Writing

Verbals

Active / Passive Voice

Narrative Writing



The Teachers & Staff

Academic Subjects

Kim Ahern - Guidance

Amy Ferguson - Crisis/Wellness Counselor

Ryan Ehnot - Learning Support

Kim Bochicchio - Reading

Elizabeth Snyder - English

Audrey Williams - Foreign Language Exploration

Dana Lindemuth - Algebra/Pre-Algebra

Megan Judge - Pre-Algebra

Kevin McHale - Social Studies

Sara Worozbyt - Science

Rotation & Enrichment

Diane Pegula, John Gatto, Bill Jones - Health & Phys Ed

**Bridget Sotak, Maura Reilly and Dana Lindemuth-
Math Skills**

John Farris - Industrial Arts

Megan Dempsey - Home Economics

Elizabeth Snyder - Career Exploration

Kim Bochicchio - Greek & Latin Roots

Sara Worozbyt - Science PSSA



The 8th Grade Day

7:10-7:35	Arrival in cafeteria. Breakfast available. <u>Please have students here by 7:35.</u>
7:40-8:34	1st Period
8:37-9:19	2nd Period
9:22-10:04	3rd Period
10:07-10:49	4th Period - Rotation
10:52-11:22	5th Period - Lunch
11:25-12:10	6th/7th Period
12:13-12:58	8th/9th Period
1:01-1:43	10th Period
1:46-2:28	11th Period
2:28	Dismissal



Attendance Policy

- **Absences** – Call the school (570-207-9590) by 8:00 A.M. on the day of the absence. Send excuse in with child within three days.
 - 3 days of consecutive absences require a doctor's note.
 - A maximum of 10 absences will be excused with a parental excuse. All days beyond 10 days (cumulative) will require a medical excuse. *see student handbook for more information.
- **Late** - After 3 tardy arrivals, students will be assigned detention for that and all continuing tardies.
- **Excuses to leave early** – Students must bring a note to the office to leave early for a medical appointment. The parent/guardian must sign the "Excused" book in the **main office** before the student is permitted to leave the building.
- **8th graders are expected to complete missed work for absences.**
- **Options:**
 - Asking another 8th grade student
 - Using the Google class pages
 - Contacting us through the main office (Amy Kearney) or school email
 - Informing teachers of early dismissals or extended absences.
- **We will assist students with missed work. For the most part, we are available before school starts, during their homeroom, and at some other times during the day. As long as they are responsible enough to arrange time with the teacher.**
 - **TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR EDUCATION.**



Academic Expectations

8th grade students are preparing for the transition to high school and beyond.

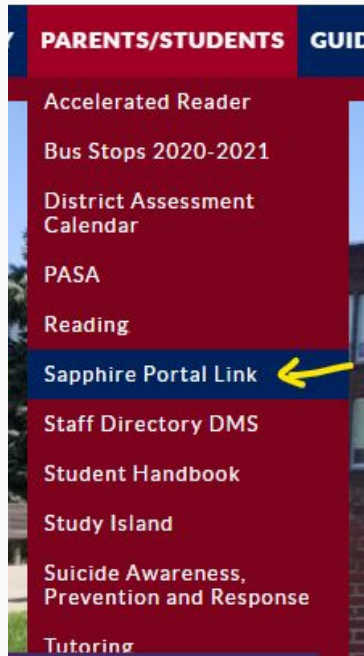
- Learning to manage their time to keep their studies organized.
- Maintain a strong work ethic.
- Reaching for their full potential.
- **Enjoy the challenges that allow them to learn from mistakes.**
- Written homework is kept minimal as we like to oversee the students work and ensure it is being completed.
 - Most written homework will be to finish any remaining work.
- Studying for quizzes and tests is always their homework.
- Reading for Accelerated Reader is their independent responsibility.



Sapphire - Grading Site

Computers are available in the library, the computer room, and chromebooks are available during English/Reading.

Sapphire - Access to your student's grades, schedules, and classwork
Dunmoreshooldistrict.net → Parents/Students → Sapphire Portal Link



SAPPHIRE COMMUNITY PORTAL

A login page for the Sapphire Community Portal. At the top, it says 'Dunmore School District'. Below that is a yellow box with the text 'You have been logged out!'. There are two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. Below the fields is a purple 'Login' button. At the bottom, there are two links: 'Forgot your password?' and 'Create a Sapphire Community Portal account'.

- **If you can't log-in due to forgotten password/username, please call the school.**
 - Ask for Amy Kearney.
- Please do NOT create another account.
- Parent choose their own username and password.
- ***Most*** student usernames are their lunch pins and passwords are all lowercase bucks.



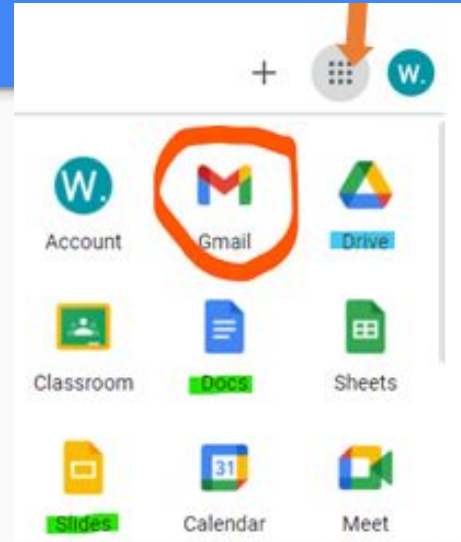


Google Classroom- Access to classwork, quiz / test dates, and how to find work if your student is absent for any amount of time.



Class code
Ask your teacher for the class code, then enter it here.

Your student should have this completed at this point. If not, ask for the class code before you leave.



The rows of dots will bring up your **students working email** and any other google app they may need.

Student email: last name grad year@dunmorestudents.net

Faculty email: last name first initial@dunmoreschooldistrict.net

Drive: where their files are saved

Docs: to type any documents

Slides: to create slideshow presentations

Classroom: to find their dashboard of classes

