

Dear 8G Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are excited to welcome students and support them as they continue their educational journeys with us. The beginning of the year is an exciting, celebratory time; however, we must acknowledge that the current health and safety issues also make the beginning of this school year a time filled with concern and fear for many. Know that we remain steadfast in our continued commitment to each student's academic success as well as their health and well-being.

Your last year of middle school is intended to transition and prepare you for high school. Expectations, therefore, will be different from other years and will require you to step up to meet the challenge. All work will be assigned through Schoology, and you may go to other platforms from there. You can expect daily assignments in all of your classes, and it is the expectation that all work is completed. This may even be part of your attendance for the day, so it is important that you complete all daily tasks.

There may be notebook requirements for your classes; however, this will look very different for 20-21. Look for information from individual teachers as to the expectations. Normally, all students need a calculator for both math and science; an excellent choice is Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS. (This is the one used in math.) Although you have a calculator on your iPad/computer/phone, you will need to be prepared to use a hand held calculator for PSSA testing.

Parents, thank you for all that you do to support your children; it cannot be appreciated enough. As this year progresses, we recommend continuing your support by encouraging your children to develop their advocacy skills. This may look like discussing concerns that you might have with your child first, and then allowing your child to handle communication with teachers. This is a great lesson for your child to learn about responsibility. We are, of course, always available for any concerns from parents.

Your core teachers this year will be:

Science – Mrs. Aungst(team leader)	<a href="mailto:aungstc@carliseschools.org">aungstc@carliseschools.org</a>
English – Miss Attinger	<a href="mailto:attingera@carliseschools.org">attingera@carliseschools.org</a>
History – Mr. Dymski	<a href="mailto:dymskic@carliseschools.org">dymskic@carliseschools.org</a>
Math – Ms. Wenger	<a href="mailto:wengers@carliseschools.org">wengers@carliseschools.org</a>

Enjoy what is left of your summer. We are ready to meet the challenges of the 2020-2021 school year, and we know that we will succeed together. We are here for you!

Sincerely,  
The 8G Teachers

## **ADVICE FOR FUTURE 8G STUDENTS FROM FORMER 8G STUDENTS**

(Know that this advice was given assuming a normal school year.)

Always get your work done and turn it in! Even if it's not good, something is better than nothing. ~**Zavon Ayvazian**

Listen, always listen to directions and what the teacher is explaining because it IS important no matter how small it may seem. ~**Jillian Grimes**

You will be better off doing your homework rather than ignoring it. ~**Nolin McClaskey**

Something amazing to know when going into 8th grade, is that everyone is here to help you. You will always have someone there for you. And remember, if you have time to do something today, do it now, not tomorrow. ~**Dani Rubendall**

It will be fun with these teacher when you show them respect. It will be a good 8th grade year for you guys. ~**Emerson Aviles**

Prepare to wear bow ties every Monday. ~**Noah Johnson**

The best thing to know if you are going to 8G is that you must pay attention. None of the teachers will make your work easier or take pity on you because you weren't paying attention. This prepares you for high school and really most of the work you will do in your life. ~**Brad Peters**

The teachers may act hard on you but they do it to help you grow and learn not only in education but also as a person. You can also rely on the teachers if something is going on in your life at home, school, work. ~**Paula Green**

The teachers on 8G are so much fun, and will always help you if you need help no matter what it is. Do not be nervous to ask questions or raise your hand. Stay focused because it always pays off!! Good luck!! ~**Elisia Frank**

Be nice to EVERYONE. ~**Maddie Brown**

Just do your homework, dudes. ~**Cassie Diehl**

Something good to know about the 8G team is the teachers are willing to help with anything you need help on and if you don't understand something just ask the teacher. Also, make sure your work is done on time because it's not like 7th grade where it's whatever because after a certain amount of time the teachers will just keep that grade a zero because you took forever to turn it in. ~**Taylor Yost**

Do more practice and pay attention. ~**Marquise Miller**