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Dear Parents and Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders,

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team is very happy to welcome you to 8<sup>th</sup> grade! All of the hard work and dedication you have put into your schoolwork throughout the years has helped get you to this point. We are very proud to have you in our classes and know that you will do well here.

While you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, you are expected to maintain strong grades and outstanding character. Your success in 8<sup>th</sup> grade will depend on your hard work, effort, and dedication. You will be expected to complete homework each night, read a variety of materials, and learn more about the world around you. As your teachers, we look towards your future as we help you prepare for high school and beyond.

In order to work together to help each child prepare for graduation, we would like to remind you of policies that are already in place, as well as some new ones that will take effect immediately.

**-Absences: If students are absent, then the following will take place:**

-9 unexcused absences will result in failure to graduate

**Students are expected to complete all class work and homework daily.**

**-Homework Help**

Students will:

-take advantage of the opportunity to receive extra help from their teachers either before or after school, as needed.

Teachers will:

- be present for students before or after school for educational assistance based on teacher's availability.

There are many fun activities that are available to you as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student. Work hard each and every day to make sure that you earn the privilege of participating in the many wonderful events Smyser has to offer.

We must ask for your continued support of your child, and their work at school. We must all work together to support students to ensure their success here at Smyser, and the years beyond.

Thank you,  
The Eighth Grade Team