



Welcome Back!

Greetings Mighty Cardinals!

We have the most talented, passionate, and student-centered teachers who have track records of building strong relationships and classroom cultures while holding students accountable to high expectations. As a result of our teachers' dedication and detailed planning for a strong school culture, we could not be more pleased about the first week of school and learning about the Character Education Trait: Respect. We appreciate you and your child's patience this week as we established strong procedures, routines, and expectations that lay the foundation for a positive school culture; Cardinal Character Counts!

Over the next two weeks we will have:

Taught all-school routines, schedules, and procedures for entering and exiting the building in the morning and afternoon, classroom entry and exit, and cafeteria expectations.

Engaged students in conversations regarding positive culture, respect and empathy among students.

Reviewed the expectations in the student's handbook and made students aware of updates in Student Code of Conduct Book.

Described what Tuesday Enrichment will look like for them and set expectations.

If you regularly walk your child to the classroom in the mornings, please consider allowing your child to walk on his or her own after the first two weeks. This helps foster your child's independence. We have adults on duty to help our students move safely to and from their classes.

Please check children's book bags before and after school. This will ensure your child is not bringing prohibited items to school that will affect the safety and conduct of students and to receive important information from us.

Please feel free to contact us at any time. Your feedback is welcome and appreciated.

Sincerest regards,

Treda L. Keith, Ed.S

Principal

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Coming up in September.....

3rd Labor Day, No School

14th Hispanic Month Begins

17th SIC Meeting 5:30

20th Interim Report Card Issued

24th Book Fair Begins

26th Grandparents Day

27th Student of the Month Luncheon



#getwildaboutreading

The media center is excited about another great year of reading! Books can take you on all kinds of adventures! Please encourage your kids to read everyday. Parents be role models and READ with them because families that READ together, SUCCEED together!

#read #readeveryday #readingisfun
#readingadventures #readtosucceed
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August Cardinal Character Trait

Respect



Classroom Happenings...



Kindergarten

Kindergarten students are excited to be settling in to new routines! We are recognizing our names and learning new procedures for class. It is going to be an exciting year! We are looking forward to learning many new things.

First Grade

The First Grade Team has O-Fish-ally received new and eager first graders ready to soar into learning. This first week we discussed how they felt on the first day of school with First Grade Jitters by Julie Danneberg. We discussed our class expectations and the school rules. We learned something unique about each other. We are off to a great start!

Second Grade

We are very excited to begin the 2018-2019 school year at SMK-8 School. Teaching your child is a tremendous responsibility and we will do our best to ensure that each student has a safe and motivating learning experience in this upcoming year. However we cannot do this without the help of you, the parents. We are partners in the learning process. We believe that parent-teacher relationships are necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year we will communicate through the school website, notes, telephone calls, emails, report cards and parent teacher conferences. We encourage you to contact the teacher if you have any questions for concerns at any time.

Third Grade

Third grade is "transitioning" well into the new school year. We have high expectations for your students and look forward to working together to have a productive, fulfilled learning experience.

Fourth Grade

Greetings Parents! The fourth grade team is excited about the new year! We are looking forward to success and growth with every student. Please note the following:
-Students should read nightly for 30 minutes. Building their vocabulary and comprehension of words is essential to them being able to better understand what they read in any setting.

-Students will stay on a given unit/lesson of Spelling/SS words for 2 weeks.

-Student will be given a multiplication log **weekly for nightly practice.** They should practice for 10-15 minutes per night and **return the log on the following Friday for a HOMEWORK grade. Xtramath.org is a awesome site for all of the basic facts.**

Thank you for your support as we have started a new school year!

Fifth Grade

We welcome students and parents to the fifth grade. As we begin, our focus this year is on teaching students the necessary essentials to have success in fifth grade. Our first word that relates to success is resilience. Resilience means the capacity to recover (bounce back) quickly from difficulties (stress or pressure); toughness. While you can anticipate great lessons that are exciting, and teachers who will break lessons down so they appear easy, you can also expect challenges. We will challenge our students to think critically. We believe the challenges will lead to success as they encounter real-world situations in the class and beyond. We look forward to this year, and remember 5th graders are resilient!

Sixth Grade

Welcome back to another GREAT school year! The sixth grade team is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning! Thanks for being partners in your child's education!

Seventh Grade

Welcome back! The seventh grade classes have gotten off to a great start. Please remember all seventh and eighth graders must pay a insurance technology fee of \$25 and return the student device agreement form in order for your child to get a new device. We look forward to a great year!

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade class has begun the year excited to learn. They will begin looking at how what they are learning in math, language arts, science, social studies and the arts is related to the career they plan to pursue. They will focus on critical thinking and problem solving strategies throughout this school year.

In 8th grade English, we are beginning the year by getting to know each other and establishing our classroom routine. The students have created academic goals with strategies to help them achieve success in areas of concern for them. We will also start the year reviewing some of the grammatical principles learned in 7th grade. I look forward to a great year!

In eighth grade Social Studies the students are getting familiar with classroom rules and how they tie in with the laws of our society. They will also be given an overview of eighth grade Social Studies, which is South Carolina history.

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