



U.C.M.S. NEWS

Week of February 20

Calendar

Mon	Parent/Teacher conferences 5/6 GB – home – Lincoln 6:00
Tues	8 th gr. To HS Orientation/Career Center W – home – Centerville 6:00 7/8 GB @ Connersville 6:00
Wed	7/8 GB @ Seton 6:00 H S guidance in 8 th gr. SS classes
Thurs	8 th Gr. Parent Orientation 6:00 @ UCHS 5/6 GB – home – Mt. Carmel 5:30
Sat	W – home – U C Inv. 9:00

Menu

Mon	No school
Tues	Biscuits & gravy, sausage, hashbrown, orange Smiles
Wed	Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peaches, roll
Thurs	Philly steak, white cheese, French fries, mandarin Oranges
Fri	Chicken Patty, winterblend, peaches & pears, frozen juice cup

From the Administration:

Monday, February 20, we will be holding our parent/teacher conferences. Teachers will be located in the cafeteria and will be seen on a first come–first seen basis. No appointment is necessary.

Scholastic Book Fair We will be having another book fair at the middle school from February 17-27. Our fall book fair earned over 100 new paperback books for the library and we are hoping to add that many more! Students will be visiting the fair with their Language Arts classes. We will also be open during Parent/Teacher conferences on February 20th.

Classroom News:

Mr. Gutzwiller (8th Social Studies) - This week is a VERY IMPORTANT week for eighth grade! Monday is parent-teacher conferences; I hope to see you there. On Tuesday, students will be visiting the high school in the morning and going to the Career Center in the afternoon. On Wednesday, UCHS guidance will be visiting my classes to discuss various diploma tracks and courses offered. Test six review guides have been posted on the web page.

Mrs. Elleman (8th Math) - It was good to see many of you at parent conferences. If you were unable to attend and would like to set up a meeting with me or the eighth grade team please contact school. We visit the high school and the career center on Tuesday as students begin the scheduling process at the high school. Eighth grade math classes will wrap up our first geometry unit with a test over Chapter 7 on Thursday or Friday. Algebra class is having fun with polynomials.

Mrs. Beaton (7th FACS) - We made Red Lobster Cheese Biscuits this week and are planning for personal pizzas next week.

Mrs. Graham (7th Math) - The Math-RED class is working through Chapter 6, discussing rates of change and constant rates of change. We experimented with a tennis ball challenge and some data concerning gas prices, college tuition and the price of Wal-Mart stock over several years to help us practice calculating rates of change. The other classes have finished up the % unit and are moving on to similar figures. We will be learning to calculate the missing side of a set of similar shapes and how to use the idea of similar figures to calculate distances on a map and lengths on a blueprint.

Mr. Stonefield (7th Social Studies) – Students have spent the week learning about the various dynasties of ancient China. We have covered the reasons behind the rise and fall of the dynasties as well as the major achievements of those dynasties. Students have also begun to create their own mini-3D version of the Great Wall of China in groups. Next week, students will begin to prepare for the Chapter 20 Test over the history of ancient China.

Ms. Thorsness (7th Science) - Rocks are everywhere. Mountains, valleys, and the seafloor are made of rocks. Parts of your home are likely made of rock. Floors, countertops, and some tabletops are made of rock. A rock is a natural, solid mixture of minerals or grains. These grains are made of mineral crystals, bits of minerals, or rock fragments. Sometimes a rock contains the remains of an organism or volcanic glass. Processes on Earth's surface can cause rocks to break apart into fragments. Geologists call the fragments that make up a rock grains. They use a grain's shape, size, and chemical makeup to classify rocks. In this chapter we will study how rocks are formed and the major types of rocks. Assignments from this chapter include the completion of chapter 8 in the science notebook, chapter 8 lesson foldables, the rock lab, academic vocabulary, vocabulary review worksheets, and clicker practice.

Ms. Severance (7th LA) - This week, we continued to work on Figurative Language and Poetry in addition to taking our third round of the Acuity test. We will continue to work on figurative language and poetry next week, with students preparing to turn in a booklet of their own poetry on March 2, and reciting from memory a favorite poem the following week. This is something exciting to work on and look forward to in the coming weeks!

Mrs. Felton (6th Science) – Student had a test over photosynthesis and cellular respiration this week. They also had a deforestation poster due today. We ended the week with a discussion of the water cycle. Next week we will start Chapter 7: Populations and Communities. Do not forget to stop by and get an update on your child during parent/teacher conferences on Monday. I look forward to meeting all of you!

Mrs. Dannaker (6th LA) - We will be working on wrapping our last activities for Watsons and testing. Please remember to have pencils and paper for class! H.A.L.A.-We will be completing our final activities for Stargirl this week.

Mrs. Fields (6th Math) - Math Blue (1st period) - We began working with similar figures this week. We investigated the properties that are necessary for two shapes to be similar. We also set up proportions to find the missing length of two similar figures. A Unit Quiz is coming next week! **Math Red** (2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th periods) - We wrapped up a unit this week on Linear Functions. Ask your child to define a linear function. We also used function tables to solve linear functions and linear equations. Finally, we used the ordered pairs to graph linear equations on a coordinate plane. We took a quick quiz on Thursday!

Mrs. Reister (6th Social Studies) - This week we finished up our Roman Time Lines. Students did a very nice job with these! We also began learning about the Middle Ages. Next week we will be creating a newspaper on the Medieval Times. I hope to see everyone this Monday at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Mrs. Wilson (6th PE/Health) – The kids will be learning about substance abuse and the effects of it. Also, we will continue reading the book A Child called it, and how alcohol affects families. Hope everyone has a great and enjoyable weekend! Don't forget parent teacher conferences February 20th.

Ms. Ball: Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on the 20th. I hope to see each one of you there.

Mrs. Ritzi - This past week the class prepared treats for the teachers. Baked potato and salad bar were on the menu, along with cookies! Next week we will explore JELLO!! ☐ We will also be visiting the Book Fair next week. We will go on Tuesday to "shop" I will send a note home with prices of items your child would like to purchase. On Friday we will return to make our purchases.

Please make it a point to stop in at Parent-Teacher conferences to see me and your child's other teachers. School to home communication is vital for every child's success!