

Welcome to Middle School Social Science

Room 122, Quarter 1

This year's whole-school theme
is ART is the HeART of
Learning!



Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year. We are excited to welcome your child to Cassell School and support them on their educational journey. We remain steadfast in our continued commitment to academic excellence, innovative practices, school safety, and inclusive excellence. We are committed to partnering with you to ensure safe, healthy spaces that supports each and every student, while leveraging the assets they bring. Working together as a team always creates a positive experience for your child. We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with many activities and projects.

We are using the Social Science series myWorld Interactive this year. This program not only allows students to explore history but will also engage students through civic involvement and literacy. Students will learn about their world, while covering the core Social Studies Standards:

6th Grade: World History.....explores world history, global turning points and historical narratives.

7th Grade: World Geography.....helps them develop global competencies for active, informed citizenship. Units emphasize project-based learning to explore the world's places, systems and cultures.

8th Grade: American History.....emphasizes active inquiry and strong literacy connections, while learning about American History and citizenship. A civics component, including a Constitution Test, will be provided.

Water Bottles and Attire: Students can only use clear, plastic bottles while in school. Any other container will be sent home. Wear school uniforms unless it is a designated dresss down day. No hoodies. No crocs. No slippers.

Absences: Work will **not** be given out in advance. When a student returns, they will have 2 extra days for each day of absence to complete missing work.

- Students will have 2 days to make up the work for each class day they were absent and will be graded according to the same criteria as if the student had not been absent
- For every day after the 2 days, the assignment will be graded for accuracy and also have 10 points deducted from the remaining total points (Include this in your parent letters!)
- Both absent and non-absent missing assignments are graded as 0% (missing)

Homeroom (7th grade) Student Special Schedule: M-Art, T-Art, W-Theater

Th-PE, F-PE

Assignment Weights: Assessments 60% and Assignments (projects, lesson checks and group activities) 40%

Thanks for all you do. Please feel free to contact us with questions, concerns, or feedback at:
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Sincerely,

Ms. Bonnie McCarthy (6th-8th Grade Social Science Teacher)

Mrs. Christine Snyder (7th Grade Inclusion/Co-teacher)