

Frequently Asked Questions

Craft Sale – (Nov) Each year the 8th grade girls sell something at the Craft Sale to raise funds toward our spring field trip. On the Friday before Thanksgiving, we stay at school for lunch and help set up the craft sale. All students should plan on being there. For our service, we are given a display space for free. Girls also sit at the table during the sale to be friendly and encouraging to the customers.

Secret Santa – (Dec) The 8th grade girls like to have a gift exchange before Christmas. We draw names randomly, and decide on a price limit for gifts. Some students may feel that the price limit is too low (typically \$10). However, it is important that each girl feels that she can participate and that her gift does not pale by comparison to others.' I encourage students to bring homemade gifts which can be inexpensive and have a loving personal touch.

Homework – 8th grade girls should expect on average one hour of homework per night not including independent reading (for book reports). The amount of homework may vary greatly from night to night, so it is good for students to plan ahead as much as possible, working on long-term assignments on days they have a light homework load. In this way, they will be less burdened with work all at once (such as the night before a test). Time management and organizational skills will become indispensable as they move toward high school. A homework board is posted in the classroom with the due dates of work in different classes. Students are expected to write these down or take photos of the board with their phones before leaving school each day.

Independent Credit Reading – It is expected that eighth grade students are reading 20-30 minutes several days each week. This independent reading time is in addition to their assigned homework. Each term, students will be required to show evidence of their independent reading through book reports. Students are given a list of recommended titles, but are not limited to that list. The fall term requirement will be two novels with standard book reports. Winter and spring term requirements TBA.

Tests – Tests can cause your daughter stress. Tests are announced at least one week in advance. In the fall and winter, study guides are given. These guides describe what types of questions will be asked. They also provide a list of terms and concepts students are expected to know. It is up to the students to gather materials needed and study for several days before the test. In the spring term, students will be building their own study guides.