

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter

September  
2017



## What's Happening in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade?

### Upcoming Events:

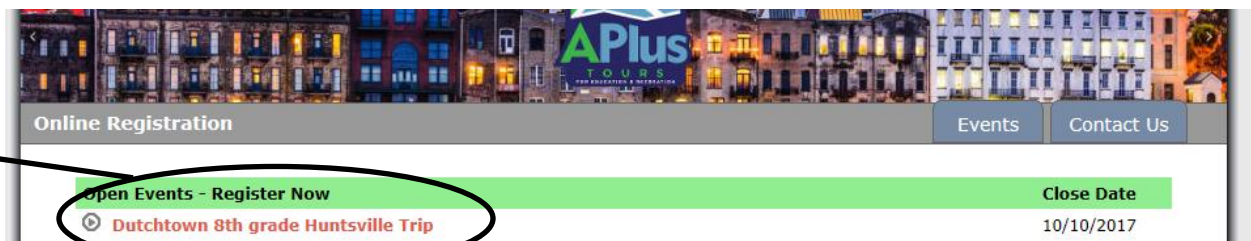
- Sept. 8 Grandparents' Day Breakfast
- Sept. 11 Mr. and Miss DMS Packets Due
- Sept. 11-14 Homecoming Campaigning
- Sept. 15 Mr. and Miss DMS Voting
- Sept. 18-22 Fall Break (No School)

## Note From Your 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers:

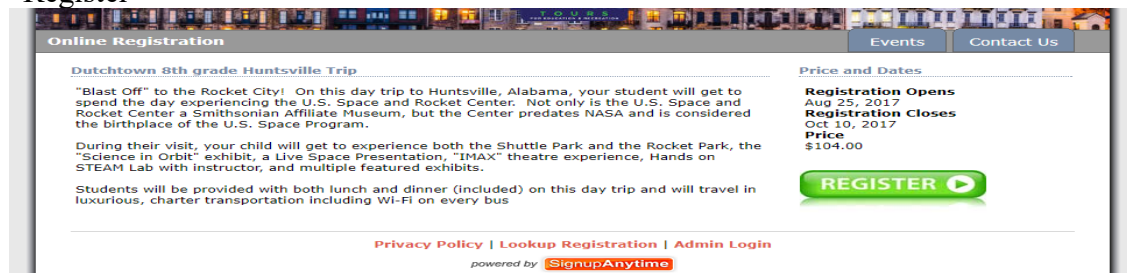
1. **Space and Science Center:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will travel to Huntsville, AL on November 10, 2017 to visit the U.S. Space and Science Center. The cost of this trip is \$104 and includes admission to all activities, as well as lunch and dinner. To attend, students must return their permission slip to their homeroom teacher and make their payment through A+ Tours website. For instructions with making payments, please read below. All payments must be made by Oct. 10, 2017.

## Steps To Register For Your Child's Trip:

1. Go to [www.aplus-tours.com](http://www.aplus-tours.com)
2. At the top of the page, you will see a "Make A Payment" tab. Click on this tab
3. On the next page, you will click on your school Trip



This link will take you to a page that allows you to register. Click the green box labeled "Register"



4. On the next page, you will enter Participant Information (Participant is the child, NOT the guardian). This will take you through the necessary steps to register your child. Please email us at [contact@aplus-tours.com](mailto:contact@aplus-tours.com), if you have any que

## Curriculum Corner

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

The Mathematics 8 classes are continuing the journey through “Number Sense”. This is our first unit of study and includes the following topics: Classifying and ordering rational/irrational Numbers; approximating roots on a number line; integer exponent properties; scientific notation; and solving linear equations (containing variables on both sides, with one/infinite/ or no solution(s)). We will test out of this unit on September 14-15. A study guide will be available closer to the test date. After fall break, students will complete a Choice Board/Culminating Project to finish the unit. Please provide your child with a TI-30 calculator as soon as possible to help maximize their success through the rigorous activities on our agenda. Math grades are entered into Infinite Campus by standard/topic. In order to achieve mastery, students should be practicing mathematics every night and utilizing various resources provided to them. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Physical Science

The Science Department had an awesome time experiencing the Solar Eclipse on August 21st. Students watched this awesome phenomenon while also doing solar eclipse based activities! The Science Fair has kicked off with students choosing their topics and understanding how to conduct a proper experiment. Science is beginning Personalized Learning and students have been given their discovery boards the week of August 28th. Students are buzzing with excitement to begin their learning path tailor-made for them. Students are expected to advocate for themselves and progress through the learning targets in a timely fashion.

### Georgia Studies

This year we will take a trip through the history of this great state we call home: Georgia. This year we will cover all of the good, bad, and the ugly that has given us the name the Empire State of the South. In August, we explored Georgia’s beginnings through Geography and Prehistoric American Indians. Our next unit will examine exploration of the New World and the creation of the colony of Georgia. Please review teacher websites for weekly announcements for quizzes, tests, and projects.

### English/Language Arts

This year has started out EXCELLENT. From day 2, we have pushed content into our class. The students are becoming well aware of the expectations that we are setting for them. So far, we have covered citing textual evidence, theme, and particular lines of dialogue and incidents that propel action. The students have been very engaged in learning. We have had our first assessment, and students will begin analyzing their own data in order to assist with personalizing their learning. They will be setting goals and referring back to those goals throughout the year to check their progress. Our writing focus so far in the year has been narrative writing, but we are now focusing on argumentative writing elements. Students have been writing daily in class; however, we encourage reading and writing at home. Please check teacher website for additional resources. If you have any concerns for us, please feel free to contact us via email and we will surely respond at our earliest convenience.

