

# Welcome to 8th Grade!

We welcome you to the eighth grade! You have a busy and exciting year ahead of you. The teachers of 8Red look forward to having you in class and working with you this year. As we begin this school year, we want to briefly outline some of our guidelines and policies for our team.

## COMMUNICATION

Team 8Red email will be sent in the early part of the week. This email will include the week's updates on assignments, tests, projects, etc.

**NOTE:** *This is a team-specific email; separate from the email from Power School with grades.*

Team 8Red Web Site:

<http://hms8red.weebly.com/>



Remind App - Sign up information through each teacher given the first few days of school.

You can access information by liking Highland Middle School Facebook page, Twitter Page or the Highland Community Schools App.

## Team Goals

### Academic Progress

Our team plans to emphasize study skills and reading strategies in all of our classes in addition to our content curriculum. By practicing these skills and strategies, we hope to better prepare the students for high school.

### Student Recognition

#### *Individual Awards*

These awards will be awarded to students as the team of teachers deems appropriate. We have one specific award called "Starbittles," which recognizes students who complete all their homework each week. Students who complete homework will have their names entered into a drawing for Starburst or Skittles. We also recognize each student the month of their birthday!

### Advisory Activities

Advisory activities for this year will focus on developing the VIP curriculum, student involvement, and RTI implementation. We generally have Breakfast on Thursdays, Gym Activity on Fridays. We also host Junk Box Challenge days and NewzBrain during advisory time.



# Highland Middle



## School

Home of the Bullpups



Team 8Red

## Team 8 Red Teachers

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Mrs. Hyre - Language Arts  
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Mrs. Athmer - History  
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Mrs. Holcman- Resource  
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**Our individual planning time is from  
1:03 - 1:56 every day.**

Parents are welcome to contact the teachers  
by phoning (618) 651-8800 during this time. You  
may choose to email for quicker responses.

We also meet as Thursdays during our planning  
time.

## Team Policies

Team 8 Red teachers have set up policies that all students on the team must follow. Make sure you are familiar with these policies to help you do your best this school year. These are set up to assist each student in being successful during the school year!

### Homework

To receive full credit, assignments must be turned in during the class period in which they are due. Anything not turned in during the class hour is late. Percentage received per day late is up to teacher discretion. Policies change second semester per class subject area.

Students are responsible for making up any work missed during an absence. Work that was assigned PRIOR to the day of an absence will be due the day of return. Work that was assigned ON the day of the absence, students will be given the amount of time corresponding to the particular assignment to submit the work (usually two days per absence.)

### Grading Scale

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| 90 - 100   | A |
| 80 - 89    | B |
| 70 - 79    | C |
| 60 - 69    | D |
| 60 & below | F |

### Tardies

Being tardy to class can greatly affect your learning. You must get to class on time in order to get the full benefit of the lesson each day.

Team 8 Red defines an **unexcused** tardy as coming to class without a valid "excused" pass after instruction has started.

Team 8 Red's tardy policy is: 5 tardies/lates to class (all classes included) will result in serving 1 lunch DSR; two more tardies will result in another lunch DSR. If tardies continue to be an issue, other consequences can be administered (i.e. Saturday School, after school detentions, etc.)

On Power School - **UNEXCUSED** tardies will be marked as "L" ; **EXCUSED** will be marked as "T."

### Agenda Books/ID's

Students at HMS will be issued agenda books. These books are provided to help you keep track of important dates and assignments. You must carry these agenda books with you to all of your classes. Your passes to leave classes are in these books.

ID's will be issued by the school and must be readily available at all times in the building. You must have it on you.

### Purses & Backpack/Dress

Purses and/or backpacks will NOT be allowed in the classrooms of Team 8Red. For your safety and the safety of the teachers, please keep these items in your locker. **Please make note of the district dress code found in the student handbook.**

### Cell Phones, etc.

Cell phones are NOT allowed in classes or anytime during the school day and should be OFF and in the student's locker. Devices such as laptops, tablets, Chromebooks, etc will be allowed if students register the device and follow the iLearn guidelines and contract as issued by the Middle School.