**Cardinals Team Vital Information**

Welcome Cardinals! We hope this letter finds you all relaxed and eager to begin another school year. In order to facilitate communication, please read through the information below and share it with your parents.

**Teachers Subject Email**

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**Homework/Agenda**

Homework assignments are posted daily in each classroom. Students should write assignments in their planners. Assignments are also posted on our team website (see instructions for access below).

**Classroom Websites**

Information regarding the Cardinals team and class information can be found on our classroom websites. All parents and students have access to view the information which will be updated periodically.

Follow these steps to view our course sites:

1. Go to Apex Middle School’s webpage: http://www.wcpss.net/apexms

2. Click the “Academics” drop down menu at the top of the webpage

3. Click the “Grade Level Directory” option

4. Click the “7th Grade Teams” option on the left side of the screen

5. Click the “Cardinals” link on the page

6. Select our team’s website or go to the following link: http://thecardinalsteam.weebly.com/

**Grading Scale**

Apex Middle School will follow a 10 point grading scale in all courses.

**Weekly Communication**

Parents of the Cardinals Team will be receiving weekly emails on Friday to deliver essential information from each core subject. At Open House, many of you went online and filled out the Cardinals Data Sheet or completed a hard copy of it. If you haven’t, you may either fill one out on our Cardinals Blackboard site or a hard copy may be sent home. Students and parents may join the general Cardinals reminder service by texting the message 81010 to @98723k

**Parent Conferences**

Parent conferences will mostly take place on Wednesdays. The best time to reach core teachers via the school phone is during the elective periods (9:45-10:30). The school phone number is (919) 387-2181. Please feel free to email us at any point in the day, and we will get back to you in a timely fashion.

**Morning Procedures/Homeroom**

Upon arrival to school, students should report to their homeroom teacher. Before entering the classroom, students should use the restroom, empty their backpacks into their lockers, and gather all materials for CAT and Electives I and II. While waiting for the school day to officially begin, students should be seated in the classroom reading or working independently. During this time, teachers complete attendance and pass out necessary handouts, forms, etc.

**Class Supply Lists**

**Class Supplies for all four core classes:**

* Tab Dividers (2 sets of dividers—one for each binder)
* Colored Pencils (12 pk)
* Highlighters
* Elmer’s Glue Sticks
* #2 pencils (wooden or mechanical, your preference)
* Blue/black pens
* Notebook Paper
* Index cards
* USB Flashdrive
* Sheet protectors (1 package)
* Set of headphones (optional)
* Pencils (regular or mechanical)
* Two 2.5” binders (one for Core 1&2, one for Core 3&4) OR 1 large binder to house all four core subjects
* hand sharpener
* 1 journal (composition or spiral)

**Units of Study**

**Mathematics Language Arts**

-Rational Numbers -Life Is Not Fair (with *The Outsiders* novel)

-Expressions & Equations -Extraordinary in the Ordinary

-Proportions & Slope -Quest for Perfection

-Probability -Make A Change

-Geometry -Truth and History

-Exponents

-Statistics

 **Science Social Studies**

-Weather and Atmosphere -World History Basics

-Genetics -The Age of Exploration

-Cells -The Age of Colonization

-Human Body -Absolutism and the Enlightenment

-Heredity -Age of Revolutions

-Forces of Motion -Industrialism, Nationalism, & Imperialism

 -World War I & Russian Revolution

 -Interwar Period & World War II

 -The Cold War

 -New Nations Emerge

 -Human Rights/Globalization

 -Our World Today