



THE MORRISON SCHOOL

8th Grade Welcome Letter, Summer Assignment and Supply List

Dear Future 8th Graders,

We are so unbelievably excited to be your teachers for the 2022-2023 school year at Morrison School! Eighth grade is a wonderfully special year because it marks your final year at Morrison School. The topics you will learn this year will also reinforce skills you will need to master in order to prepare you for high school. Our goal as teachers is to not only help you grow as students, but also as individuals. We cannot wait to help you end your Morrison School career on a high note.

Below is a brief message from some of your 8th grade teachers!

Ms. Breuer (Literacy Teacher):

Greetings, 8th graders! Welcome back to Morrison, and welcome back to my classroom. I taught you all during your virtual year (2020-2021). This is my fourth year at Morrison, seventh year teaching, and my first year teaching 8th Grade ELA. I am from New Haven, Connecticut. I came to Philadelphia to receive my Master's Degree and teach at Morrison in 2019. I have been teaching 6th Grade ELA at Morrison for the past four years, and I am excited to join you all again for your 8th Grade year. I love to roller skate, write, and read. I am excited for a COVID-free year full of learning.

Mr. Dunlap (Social Studies and Science Teacher):

Welcome students, and congratulations for making it to the Eighth Grade. My name is Mr. Dunlap and I will serve as your Social Studies and Science teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. As a middle school teacher, I love to reflect on my time when I was in the eighth grade. Back then I developed a love for helping others figure out problems and working through tough times. I also loved playing team sports such as football, baseball, and basketball. In addition to playing those sports, I also competed as an amateur boxer, wrestled for the school's wrestling team, and ran track. I continue to have a deep passion for playing sports, but I share my passions with teaching students and coaching young athletes. I am looking forward to seeing you all in the fall and having a fun and productive school year. I leave you with my favorite quote from the legendary football coach Lou Holtz, "Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do." Attitude determines how well you do it! Let's go!!!!



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Mr. Perkins (Math Teacher):

Hi all! My name is Mr. Perkins, and I am your 8th grade math teacher for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. This will be my 4th year teaching at Morrison School, but I have taught 8th grade math, 6th grade math, and high school math for the past 5 years as a regular teacher and long-term substitute teacher. I am originally from the Philadelphia area and I went to graduate school for education at Temple University. Some of my hobbies include anything music-related, dancing, hiking, and playing kickball!

Ms. Blum (ESOL Teacher):

Hello Grade 8! I am enthusiastic to be starting my 8th year teaching at Morrison, and am looking forward to working with the middle school students who are studying and improving their English language skills. I have degrees from Dickinson College, University of Maryland, New York University, and La Salle University. I am originally from Lower Merion and have lived and taught in France, Maryland, New York, and New Jersey. I enjoy learning about my students' lives and journeys to Philadelphia. Some random fun facts about me: I ran in the NYC Marathon in 2015, I worked at The White House and The Liberty Bell with the US National Park Service, I enjoy being outside, and I love baking!

Mr. Fitzpatrick (Learning Support Teacher)

Hello Eighth grade, I'm hyped to be working with you in my second year at Morrison. I have a degree from Keene State College and in the process of getting a master's degree. I love getting to know students and helping them improve their foundational skills. A fun fact about me is that I compete in Jiu-Jitsu tournaments.

Sincerely,

The 8th Grade Team
(Ms. Breuer, Mr. Dunlap, and Mr. Perkins)

How to Contact Us

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8th Grade Supply List:

Literacy (Ms. Breuer):

- One-subject binder
- Loose leaf paper
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Highlighter

Math (Mr. Perkins):

- 3 Composition Notebooks
- Math Homework Folder
- Graph Paper
- Ruler
- Personal Calculator (if possible)
- Wipes and hand sanitizer (if available)

Science/Social Studies (Mr. Dunlap):

- Three ring Notebook with paper
- Writing utensil (inkpen/pencil)
- Colored pencils/markers/crayons
- Class textbook /material (this will be given to you in class)
- Sheet protectors (minimum of 100)