



8th Grade Cambridge Newsletter

Summer 2015

Welcome from the 8th Grade Team!

Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a wonderful summer! Welcome to 8th Grade! This is a very exciting year for you because high school is just around the corner. We hope to prepare you this year to be ready to be successful in high school. This year you will be taking IGCSE Math which is the pathway Cambridge University recognizes as their 9th Grade Math. In addition, you will be taking Cambridge Secondary English and Physical Sci I. Our goal is to continue to add breadth and cross-curricular perspectives to our students and help make connections between them. We will continue to help students develop skills in creative thinking, enquiry, and problem solving.

Our 8th Grade Cambridge Open House will be on July 30th from 6:00- 8:00. We hope to review curriculum, expectations, and answer any questions for the upcoming year. If you are unable to attend, we would be happy to meet you at our annual Oliver Open House which will be announced after the school year opens.

We look forward to a wonderful 8th grade year!

Dr. Sewell, Mr. Clark, & Mrs. Smith

Please turn to the back to learn more about our wonderful 8th Grade team!

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Upcoming Events:

July 30	Cambridge Open House
Aug. 5	Students Report Half Day
Aug. 7	Students Report Full Day Annual School Open House (TBD)

Questions? Supply lists? RSVP?

Need to RSVP to our Open House or find out more information? Please email:

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or visit our Cambridge Weebly at:

<http://olivermiddlecambridgeweebly.com>

8th Grade Cambridge Team

Dr. Eugene J. Sewell

Dr. Sewell earned his Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics at Fisk University. He later enrolled in the Master's Program at Tennessee State University's (TSU) School of Education in pursuit of a position as Assistant Principal with Metro Nashville Public Schools. Dr. Sewell taught Honors Geometry and coached basketball and track for 11 years at Antioch High School before being promoted to Assistant Principal there in 2003. Over the next nine years Dr. Sewell also served as Assistant Principal at Whites Creek High School, Maplewood High School and Bailey STEM Magnet Middle School. Dr. Sewell completed his Doctor of Education Degree at TSU in 2009.

Dr. Sewell returned to his first love and his original calling as a Math Teacher and was added to the Oliver Middle School Family in 2012. Dr. Sewell is committed to a focus on academic excellence, personal integrity and unyielding perseverance for all students.. Dr. Sewell believes that all students want to learn, can learn and will learn if educational opportunities are presented to them at their level of understanding. During his leisure moments Dr. Sewell enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, grilling, exercising and jogging. Dr. Sewell is very happily married to the wonderful woman God has blessed him with, Sandra, his wife of 25 years.

Mr. David Clark

I was born and raised in Nashville, graduating from Maplewood High School and Belmont University. For many years I served various churches as Pastor and in other capacities. After several years I returned to school at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois to complete my Masters in Education and began teaching along with starting a new church. After teaching high school for a number of years my wife and I returned to Nashville in 2004 where I began teaching at Oliver. I also serve as Pastor of a small rural church in Rutherford County.

I have done additional graduate study at the University of Illinois at Springfield, Lipscomb University, and Middle Tennessee State University. My wife and I have two adult sons and enjoy gardening, woodworking, and crafting when not at work.

Mrs. Rachael Smith

My name is Rachael Smith. I am currently the physical science teacher for 8th grade. I went to Lipscomb University and received my degree in biology teaching. I am super excited to be going into my second year at Oliver Middle. I love anything science. My children consider me to be a nerd because I love reading National Geographic and learning random facts and things. I have a white board in my classroom where I shared some of these things with my students. This soon turned into the students finding random facts that they put up on the board. I hope to keep that going this year.

On a personal note, I have been married for 14 years and have 2 beautiful girls. Anastasia is 12 and has been at Oliver since 5th grade. Olympia is 9 and will attend Oliver this fall. As a family we enjoy hiking, swimming, traveling, and playing games like Clue or Bonanza.

8th Grade Supply List- (It's never too early to shop!)

(1) Binder that is 1.5" or larger	(1) Folder with pockets and brads	Red pens
Glue Sticks	Sheet protectors	Pencil sharpener with a lid
(2) Black sharpies	Pack of dividers with at least 8 tabs	(2) Spiral notebooks
(2) Composition notebooks	(2) pocket folders with holes so that they will fit in the rings of the binder	
Additional paper	Construction paper, assorted colors	Pencils (wooden or mechanical)
Crayons/colored pencils/ scissors	Expo marker (for student use)	Paper towels/Tissues

(Students may need additional items for projects throughout the school year.)