

Welcome to 8th Grade! Meet the 8th Grade Team



Mr. DeVries
Social Studies

In 2018 I graduated from Calvin College with a Bachelor's degree in History and Social Studies. Teaching History and Social Studies is a passion of mine. I love learning new things about the past and seeing how they are important today! This will be my first year at Knapp and can't wait to get started with all of you!

When I'm not in the classroom, I love to spend time outside hiking, and playing games with my friends. Also love to go to the movies and would love to talk about movies with any of you! Overall, I'm looking forward to meeting and learning with each one of you and sharing my love of History and Social Studies with you.



Miss Kukowski
Language Arts

I graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe in 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in secondary education- English and a minor in Spanish. During my time at ULM, I competed on the varsity women's soccer team and volunteered with Young Life. I am originally from Grand Rapids, and I am very excited to start my first year of teaching! I love reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.



Mrs. Quinn
Science

I graduated from Ferris State University in 2015 with my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. I also have my certification in Science and Language Arts. You might recognize me, as this will be my third year working at Knapp Charter Academy. I have spent my time at Knapp in a support roll and subbing in many classrooms throughout the building. Science is a huge passion of mine and I look forward to sharing that with each of you this year. Outside of school my husband Aaron and I spend most of our time chasing after our two-year-old son Gavin and our two dogs. In my free time I enjoy reading, crafting and traveling.



Mrs. Steketee
Algebra/Mathematics

I graduated in 2005 from Aquinas College with a Bachelor's degree in Math and Language Arts, then in 2009 from Cornerstone University with a Master's degree in the Art of Education. I taught middle school math and language arts at Vista Charter Academy for four years, then moved here to Knapp eight years ago. I have been married to my husband for eleven years this summer. He is a principal at Godfrey Lee Elementary. Our daughter turned 7 in May and we have twin boys who turn 5 in July. I enjoy reading and spending time with my family. I am excited for the new year with all of you!



8th Grade "Highlights"

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In Eighth Grade we participate in many middle school team building activities such as Camp Roger, Earth Day movie, and Academic Fair. We also visit Grand Valley University as well as some high schools throughout the year to help prepare and encourage students to become college ready. At the end of Eighth Grade we go to Chicago as a class to celebrate the year.

Exciting Opportunities

With school of choice, parents have an opportunity to choose a school for their child. With that in mind, parents have to look at many different aspects of a school and decide which would be the best fit for their child and allow their child to develop academically.

Knapp Academy has the best of both of these: a perfect fit for any child and exceptional academics. Knapp teachers greet students at their doors with a warm welcome and handshake making students feel appreciated and cared for as soon as they enter the classroom. With that mindset, students feel more comfortable to express themselves and try their best in class. Students also participate in activities where they get to know each other, respect differences, and learn from each other's strengths.

A Standard of Excellence

The Eighth Grade team is very focused on making sure your child meets all of their educational objectives. We take pride in giving every student the best educational experience and we do this by teaching the students at their own individual level.

We work closely with one another to make sure that we are sharing our strengths and weaknesses as a team. We meet weekly to plan strategies and resources that will best meet the state objectives as well as the needs of our students.

Supply List:

Math Supplies

1 Composition notebook
10 Glue sticks (or more)
1 TI-30 calculator or higher
Pencils and Pens
2 Kleenex Boxes

Science

1 Composition Notebook (black marbled - 100 pages)
1 Pocket Folder
1 Spiral 1-subject notebook or loose leaf lined paper
Pencils/Pens
Colored Pencils
Scissors
Glue Sticks
(1) Box of Tissue

Language Arts

1.5 inch binder
5 dividers for binder
highlighters
pencils/pens
single subject notebook
2 Kleenex boxes

Social Studies

College Ruled Composition Notebook
(at least 100 pages)
Different color highlighters
Pencils/Pens
A 3-ring binder/folder

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