

SeDoMoCha School Organization - SSO

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The SeDoMoCha School Organization (S.S.O) supports the educational experiences of all children at SeDoMoCha Elementary School. The S.S.O meets the second Wednesday of each month (September to May) at 6:30 p.m. at SeDoMoCha Elementary School. All Parents are invited to become part of the S.S.O.

The S.S.O holds fundraisers throughout the year to support educational enrichment opportunities for students. These enrichment opportunities include author visits, puppeteers, and live performances.

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Preparing Your Child For Eighth Grade

SeDoMoCha Middle School



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Welcome to Grade Eight!

The eighth grade is the final year for students within the SeDoMoCha complex. It is a year filled with active learning, increased responsibilities, higher expectations and expanding horizons.

In some ways, the eighth grade is very similar to the seventh grade in that you will be part of a strong team of people who are here to support you as a student and an individual. The teachers work together in a team approach, sharing the same goals to make your last year at the middle school rewarding and memorable.

How is the eighth grade different from other years in the middle school? Many of your lessons will encourage self-paced, independent learning. In addition, activities and projects will enhance your learning. You can look forward to the annual Science Fair, a Holiday Tea, and the Civil War Wax Museum. We wrap up the year with a fantastic unit on the Fifties Decade, ending with the popular Fifties Day Sock Hop!

Of course, this is also a transition year, preparing students for the passage to high school. Beginning in February, staff and students from Foxcroft Academy will start making connections with SeDoMoCha's eighth graders through a series of activities and events to make the move to high school as smooth as possible.

Expectations

You are going to be the oldest students in the middle school. You will enjoy some added privileges because of your status as the school's leaders, but the position has responsibilities, too. Eighth graders need to be positive role models for the younger students.

We also are expecting that you develop many qualities and skills that will make you a stronger student and person, including:

- having the ability to work independently,
- being responsible for yourself and your actions,
- having a positive attitude,
- being respectful to everyone,
- practicing solid study habits,
- demonstrating a healthy work ethic,
- being polite, and
- having an open mind.

You will find that your eighth grade teachers will be focused on developing your organizational skills. You will be expected to have all your materials, including your school assignment book—every class, every day.

During the summer, set some positive short and long-term goals for yourself as an eighth grader. What would you like to accomplish? How would you like to improve yourself? How will you challenge yourself?

Please keep up with your reading habit during the summer, too, by completing at least a few of the books on the summer reading list. It will keep your mind sharp! We stress the value of reading during the school year, too. Be ready to read!

Supply List

Organization is one of the keys to success in eighth grade. Please gather the supplies on the list, below, before the start of school and bring them with you on the first day. (A school-provided assignment book is required and will be given to you when you get to school.)

- a three-ring binder large enough for four different subjects

OR

- four single-subject binders

AND

- an ample supply of notebook paper
- notebook/subject dividers
- a homework folder with pockets
- a huge supply of pens and pencils
- a ruler with English and metric measurements
- erasers
- a set of colored pencils
- a re-usable water bottle
- earbuds or headphones

(Sharpie® pens and permanent markers should be left at home. Thanks.)

AND

- a scientific calculator (necessary for two classes!) (This is not the same as a graphing calculator. Be sure to purchase the correct one.)

Please check your child's supplies in December and resupply as needed.