

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Program  
M-F 8:05-9:00, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Room

Dear, soon to be, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

I am looking forward to a spectacular 8<sup>th</sup> grade year with your children and hope they will walk away from social studies with a greater appreciation and understanding of the men and women who built this country from the foundation up. With that being said, when the school year begins, we will be studying the American Revolution. I have selected a novel, "My Brother Sam is Dead", as a required summer reading. The novel itself is an award winning book that brings a personal touch to the Revolutionary War. Often times, war is something we only read about in a newspaper or watch on the evening news. This wonderful novel sheds light on the impact war has on so many families. Your child will receive the book this Friday before school is out and will be required to read it over the summer vacation. Upon their return from summer break, we will work to expand their knowledge of the historical facts from the story and delve into the underlying emotions.

Your child will be able to receive AR points upon return to school and will have a leg up in their pursuit of understanding the "American Experience".

Sincerely,

Mr. Sullivan

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