



# 8th Grade *Mustang Minute*

November &  
December  
2021

## Important Dates & Reminders

**\*\* For daily lessons and practice, check Itslearning \*\***

11.2: Football Banquet 6:00 pm in Cafeteria

11.4: BBall Scrimmage vs. Gainesville Middle

11.6: Saturday School 9-11:00 am

11.10: Family Connect Night

11.11: BBall vs. Hendricks (Boys Home & Girls Away)

11.13: Saturday School 9-11:00 am

11.13: FCS Middle School One Act Festival

11.16: Family Engagement Night (ELA)

11.16: BBall vs. South Forsyth (Boys Away & Girls Home)

11.18: Dodgeball Tournament (During Connections)

11.18: Picture Make-up Day

11.18: BBall vs. Desana (Boys Home & Girls Away)

12.1: BBall vs. Piney Grove (Boys Away & Girls Home)

12.2: BBall vs. Vickery Creek (Boys Away & Girls Home)

12.4: PTO Mustang Holiday Market

### Schedule

Monday- Skinny Day

Tuesday- A Day

Wednesday- B Day

Thursday- A Day

Friday- B Day

## Class Information

### ELA

In November, students will be completing a summative informational project on multiple intelligences. We will then be starting an argumentative unit that will be themed around inventions.

In December, we will have a writer's workshop, focusing on argumentative essays and counterclaims with rebuttals. The workshop will conclude with a summative argumentative essay about inventions and their impacts on humanity.

### Math

In math we will be focusing on finishing up our unit with slope. We will then begin a short unit over functions.

There will be a summative at the end of November. In

December we will start our statistics unit over scatterplots and two-way tables.

### Science

8th Grade Physical Science: We just finished up Physical and Chemical Properties and Changes. Students really enjoyed that unit. We will begin The Patterns of the Periodic Table!! They will be learning all about the Periodic Table. They will have a formative, summative, and project for this unit. We will begin on Monday, 10/25.



## Social Studies

Students just wrapped up their unit on Colonial Georgia. Now we are digging into the Declaration of Independence and students are writing their OWN declaration of freedom for a SUMMATIVE grade!! They will be following the same format as the DOC with a list of grievances and how they plan to make a change. We are excited to read these; maybe these kids can solve all the world's problems!!

## Spanish

Our unit theme is Amigos en Mexico and students are learning how to describe themselves, family, and friends. Students are also exploring the important holiday Dia de Los Muertos as it is recognized and celebrated in Mexico. Students will have their next summative test the week of November 15.

## Advanced and Accelerated Classes

Adv. ELA	Algebra	Accel Alg/Geo
<p>During the month of November we will be wrapping up our Mini Unit 3: Spooky Short Stories focusing on figurative language and literary devices. We will end that unit with a summative writing, short, spooky narrative. Before the Thanksgiving break we will begin Unit 4 with a theme of Inventions. Upon returning we will begin an argumentative writing workshop that will wrap with an argumentative essay summative focusing on modern day inventions and their impacts on humanity.</p>	<p>We are currently learning about graphing and writing linear equations. Students will have a summative on Nov. 4th. For the remainder of November, we will study systems of equations with a summative scheduled after Thanksgiving break. If time permits, we will begin our unit on functions to end the semester.</p>	<p>We are now studying one of the largest units in the Algebra curriculum: Quadratic Functions. This unit is broken into two parts. There will be a summative on factoring and solving quadratics on Nov. 10, followed by part 2 - Graphing Quadratic Functions &amp; Word Problems, which will wrap up in early December.</p>
Adv. Science	Adv. Social Studies	
<p>We're currently exploring the effects of</p>	<p>Students are learning about the Revolutionary period and how it</p>	

nuclear power on our environment with examples like Chernobyl. Students are calculating half life to determine when radiation becomes safe. We will end the unit with a gallery walk and unit test on 11/9 or 10. Our next unit will focus on phases and gas laws.

impacted Georgia. Students are working in groups to complete Google Site tabs for both Colonial Georgia and Revolutionary Georgia. Students will also examine the Declaration of Independence in depth and complete other assignments and activities in the unit.

## Counselor's Corner

Students will continue to learn about career opportunities through a virtual career fair. Students will also learn about high school graduation requirements. Information regarding these topics can be found [here](#) or on our school website.



The Place at Forsyth is once again offering holiday assistance. If you could benefit from this resource, please reach out to Ms. Howell, the 8th grade counselor.

## Family Engagement News

English Language Arts Family Night will be hosted in-person on November 16th. We encourage everyone to come and learn some amazing tips for English Language Arts.

## ELA Study Tips



1. Read Daily
2. Form a study group
3. Pay attention in class
4. Take good notes

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