

**7th Grade ELA/Social Studies/RICA**  
**Arts Impact Middle School**  
**2020 - 2021**

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**Class Website:** <https://sites.google.com/columbus.k12.oh.us/waddelluniversity>

**Mobile APPS for class (for smart phone, iPad, tablet, etc.):** Flipgrid, Quizizz & Wakelet

**Supplies**

- Two Spiral notebooks, college ruled, 150 sheets or more, non-tearable cover
- Scissors & Glue/glue sticks
- markers/colored pencils/crayons
- pencils - enough for the entire school year
- folders for trapper keeper/notebook
- filler paper for the entire year
- USB drive recommended. We will be using Chromebooks often for assignments. Having a flash drive is an easy way to save work for future use. Work will also be saved using Google Drive. Each student has access to many of the Google products because they are CCS students.

**Assessments**

- Projects, Interactive Notebook, Final Copies, Test & Quizzes, Classwork, Homework, Participation

**Grading Scale**

90%-100% A

89%-80% B

79%-70% C

69%-60% D

59% and below F

- Grades will be available on-line through the Infinite Campus. In early September, usernames and passwords will be sent home so that you and your child may check grades on a regular basis.

**Homework Policy**

- Homework may be given 1-2 times per week. Expect about 45 minutes each night if assigned. However, we do much of our work/projects in the classroom as groups, and there may be weeks at a time with no take home assignment.
- In the case of an excused absence, homework should be turned in the day you arrive back at school. Students are responsible for copying the homework assignments off the homework board each day and into their planners. Parents should monitor the homework planners, but it is not necessary to sign them.

**Independent Reading Program**

- Students will be expected to read several novels independently throughout the school year. They will need to do a book review for each book. The Columbus Metropolitan Library will provide the books, as well as the AIMS library.

### **Interactive ELA/Social Studies Notebook**

- These must be spiral notebooks, college ruled, 150 sheets or more, and a non-tearable cover. Your student will be taking notes for my subjects 3-4 days a week.
- Tests and quizzes will mostly be given with the open notebook policy.
- Notebooks will be evaluated at the end of each quarter on completeness, neatness, organization, and creativity.
- The notebooks are data driven, meaning your student will be required to save most of their assessments and assignments for the quarter.
- The process of keeping good notes not only teaches students to process written information and content area data collection. It also teaches them organizational skills.

### **RICA, or Reading in the Content Areas**

- This is an identified period of intervention and enrichment built into the middle school schedule for 2020-2021. RICA is a direct response to the Community Research Partners Survey results, which indicated the need for a flexible period of intervention for middle school students. I will hold office hours from 1:45-2:30P, and use this period as a study hall until we return.

### **Social Studies**

- *History of Our World - The Early Years.*
- *Khan Academy Interactive Learning*
- *NewELA*

### **Google Classroom**

- Each of your children will be assigned a Google classroom account for assignments. Google classroom offers free programs for word processing/typing, assignments, and presentations. It allows the students to access their work anywhere there is access to the internet, and Google Chrome.

I am looking forward to a great school year together. Please call or email if you have any questions. I prefer email.

Sincerely,  
Gregory S. Waddell II  
Grade 7 ELA & Social Studies

**Please sign and return:**

Parent/s-Guardian/s name:

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Student Name:

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Contact Number/s:

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Contact Email (if available for use):

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