



Welcome Back to School!

On behalf of the seventh grade team, I would like to welcome you all to grade seven. The team and I are very excited about our “Hacks and Happenings” program for your youngsters. We have been busy all summer planning unique experiences and wonderful opportunities. We will be sharing our vision with you at “Open House” on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please meet the team in the auditorium for first period. However, our first field trip is just around the corner. The seventh grade will be going to the Museum of Natural History on September 28, 2017. This trip supports both the science and social studies frameworks mandated by the New York State Department of Education.

At the museum your children will investigate how the environment affected daily life of Native Americans and how European influence changed their world forever. Students will experience cornerstone ideas for Life Science units on evolution and body systems in the Hall of Human Origins, as well as many ecological connections on every floor.

We have a reservation for an IMAX 3D movie, “Earth Flight.” The museum trip will create innumerable experiential callbacks for every curricular discipline. We will leave school at 8:30 am and return home around 5:30/6:00 pm, depending on traffic. When we are a half hour away from school, your child will call you on their cell phone to give you an estimated time of arrival. All students must bring a bagged lunch for the field trip. Appropriate dress is required which will include the wearing our team t-shirt. The cost of the trip will be \$29.00. This includes the price of admission, show, coach buses, and an environmental education grant discount. Checks must be made out to NSCSD and the field trip application (on the reverse side) must be completed. Payment must be made on or before September 20, 2017.

We all look forward to meeting with you at Open House and sharing with you our vision for this new school year.

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