



### Language and Literature

In ELA 8, students are learning that societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire. As students learn about propaganda techniques and elements of dystopian societies through document, textual and media analysis, they will work to

create their own examples of propaganda connected to their selected dystopian books. Students will also write literary analysis essays in which they demonstrate their understanding of the dystopian elements in their book.

### Math

Pre-Algebra 8: We are finishing our 3D Solid figures unit within the next 2 weeks.

Algebra & Intensified Algebra: Students worked on solving equations, and evaluating and analyzing functions for the month of December. After break we will continue to model and explore with linear functions.

Int Geometry: Students spent time working on their mathematical communication in the form of proofs, while learning about the properties of parallel lines. Students will continue to write proofs as we explore the many properties of triangles.

### Physical and Health Education

The Jefferson Health & Physical Education Department is finishing up a 3-week rotation this week. Mr. Heath's and Ms. Pierce's classes will be switching from Health to Physical Education. Mr. Rodriguez' and Mr. Stith's classes will start health next week on Tuesday. Mr. Curran's and Ms. Patterson's classes will continue with their Physical Education lessons for the next 3 weeks. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. If your child has any questions for their Health & Physical education teacher, they may ask questions during office hours on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

If you have any questions specific towards an individual teacher, please use email or questions can be answered at office hours on Monday's from 9:30- 10:30. All contact information can be found on each teacher's canvas homepage.

### Sciences

In Science, students are learning that Innovations have changed our community's relationship with materials, carrying consequences that can be reversed through meaningful interactions to promote recycling.

Students are exploring questions like:  
How can physical and chemical properties be used to identify an unknown substance? Why is recycling essential to communities?

Student understanding will be demonstrated through a virtual lab analysis and a plastics recycling project. This project could also become the Community Project for students interested in climate action.

### From the Library:

The library has been teaching monthly digital citizenship lessons during TA. This month's lesson reviews the library skills we taught during library orientation at the beginning of the year. We want to make sure every student knows how to access and use our digital resources over break.

#### Reminders:

- Read our weekly Library Buzz Newsletter in Canvas!
- Students have access to our great collection of digital books, audiobooks, and magazines and can put holds on print books (to pick up in the bus loop on Monday/Thursday).
- Please **return library books** checked out last year--we are still missing a lot of books. Return them to Jefferson during office hours.
- **TAB Club** continues to meet in Canvas during Thursday lunches every 2 weeks. It's not too late to join--Canvas message us!
- If you have any questions about anything, please send Ms. J Miller, Ms. Wall, or Ms. Rosegrant a Canvas message or email us.

### Updates/Reminders

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- See every course their child is enrolled in
- See all content in the course, including their child's submissions, grades\*, and feedback for any assignments graded in Canvas
- Adjust their notifications and frequency communicate with teachers via the Inbox

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