



PLEASANT VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome back! We know this school year will be a positive experience for your child. I had the opportunity to speak with your child's class today. The reason for my class visit was to discuss the opportunities available to your child for the 9th grade year. The opportunities are: Honors English 9, Advanced Placement (AP) US History, Honors Earth Science and MCTI.

In order to be eligible for **Honors English 9**, your student will need to meet the following requirements:

1. 92% final average or higher in 8th grade Language Arts and Reading
2. Successful completion of the English Honors Entrance Examination (to be administered in the spring)
3. Teacher recommendation
4. Completion of summer reading and project assignments (to be distributed prior to the end of the school year)

In order to be eligible for **AP US History**, your student will need to meet the following requirements:

1. 92% final average or higher in 8th grade History
2. Successful completion of the AP History Entrance Examination (to be administered in the spring)
3. Teacher recommendation
4. Completion of summer reading and project assignments (to be distributed prior to the end of the school year)

In order to be eligible for **Honors Earth Science**, your student will need to meet the following requirements:

1. 92% final average or higher in 8th grade Science

MCTI (Monroe Career Technical Institute) is full day program for 9th grade. For more information regarding MCTI and the programs they have to offer, please visit monroecti.org. In order to be eligible for MCTI, the acceptance committee will look at the following:

1. Attendance
2. Grades
3. PSSA scores
4. Discipline

In addition, I discussed the expectations of 8th grade and the criteria needed to be promoted to 9th grade. Below is a summary of our promotion and retention requirements:

- Students must pass 4 out of 5 of their core area subjects in order to be promoted to 9th grade.
- **If your child fails two or more classes, he or she will be retained in 8th grade.** Should you wish for your child to remediate these failures and possibly be promoted to the next grade level, one of the following options is available:
 - Summer school may or may not be offered at PVMS, depending on the number of students who need to attend summer school. The cost is **\$200 per course**.
 - Other districts may offer summer school at a higher cost for out of district students.
 - Thirty (30) hours of private instruction, provided by a certified teacher, hired and paid by the parent, and approved by the principal.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at (570) 402-1000, ext. 2013. Thank you for your time and commitment ☺

Sincerely,

Nikki Layton

8th Grade School Counselor

The vision of the Pleasant Valley Middle School Community is to prepare all students for success in an ever changing world by providing multifaceted interdisciplinary instruction.

Excellence in Education: A Community Commitment