

EIGHTH GRADE PROJECT WEEK 2016

FROM: The Eighth Grade Team – (John Hay, Leslie Long, Susan Neitlich, Cindy Raymond, Julian Schlusberg, Drew Sweet)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6:

Arrive at Foote for homeroom at 8 a.m.; our day will end at Foote at 3 p.m. We will travel to the Newington Challenge Course in Newington, CT for a day of low and high elements, including climbing.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7:

Arrive at Foote for homeroom at 8 a.m.; our day will end at Foote at 3 p.m. We will travel to and spend the day at Burr Pond State Park in Torrington. While there, students will engage in two different activities during the day. They will canoe or kayak on a lake. They will also be part of a “Catapult Build and Launch” activity that involves problem solving, physics and healthy cooperative competition. Both activities will be led and supervised by staff affiliated with Newington Youth Services which run the Newington Challenge Course (the destination of our Tuesday trip).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8:

Arrive at Foote for homeroom at 8 a.m.; our day will end at Foote at 3 p.m. We will spend the day engaged with sculpture, hearing from a local artist, visiting either the Yale Art Gallery or the British Art Center, and viewing outdoor sculpture. We will eat a pizza and salad lunch, family-style, at Yorkside Pizza. If your child has dietary restrictions, there are other food options available; please email Leslie Long at llong@footeschool.org by Friday, September 2.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9:

Arrive at Foote for homeroom at 8 a.m.; our day will end at Foote at 2:15 p.m. We will spend time in advisory groups getting organized and students will have brief meetings with each of their academic classes. We will also meet as a grade to talk about plans for the Halloween Fair; we hope to have the opportunity for a first get-together with our second grade buddies.

Prior to our trips, each student must return a signed permission slip (attached and available online at www.footeschool.org/forms) for the Newington Challenge Course. (This is in addition to the school’s travel permission slip (Emergency Consent and Medical Information Form). **Please send the attached form, specific to our Newington activities, to Foote, care of Cindy Raymond, by August 30.**

What to wear

Tuesday & Wednesday

comfortable footwear (low-heeled, such as sneakers)
for Wednesday – water shoes or sneakers that can get wet
NO sandals or flip-flops
loose, durable, washable, weather-appropriate clothing
shorts long enough for climbing harness

Thursday

comfortable footwear; we will be doing a lot of walking in downtown New Haven;
casual dress, appropriate for a gallery visit

What to bring**Tuesday**

non-microwavable lunch
snack for bus ride home
water
sunscreen
bug spray
hat/sunglasses (optional)

Wednesday

non-microwavable lunch
snack for bus ride home
water – at least two bottles 16 – 32 oz.
sunscreen
bug spray
towel
extra dry shorts, shirt, and shoes
for the bus ride home
hat/sunglasses (optional)

Thursday

water
sunscreen

Friday

non-microwavable lunch
writing implements
folder(s) or binder
notebook or writing paper

Please do NOT bring iPods or other electronic equipment, as we would like to encourage lively conversations among friends who may not have seen each other over the summer.