

# 8-1 Pathfinders



2025-26 TEAM  
UPDATES



*This page will contain weekly team updates to help families navigate the 8<sup>th</sup> grade experience.*

Team- Welcome to 8th grade!  
Semester 1  
Team Website: [8-1 Pathfinders](#)

## Updates for Week of 9/2 - 9/4

Team Announcements	<p>Track out week! No school Monday or Friday!</p> <p>Haw River <a href="#">Field Trip information</a> and Permission Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Due back by 9/29/25</li><li>• Reach out to <a href="mailto:sroberts@wcpss.net">sroberts@wcpss.net</a> with any questions</li></ul>
ELA	<p>C1 and C4: Refugee Project due on Tuesday! We will have our final test on IOBA 9/3! Make sure students are finishing up Part 4 of IOBA!</p> <p>C2 and C3: We will continue our unit on "Facing History and Ourselves." Our "Bridges of Empathy" infographic project will be due Wednesday, 9/3!</p>
Math	<p>Math 8: Unit 2: Similar Figures and Slope</p> <p>Math 1: Unit 2: Linear and Exponential Functions</p> <p><a href="#">Math Class Google Document</a></p> <p><b>*Please encourage your child to complete the Weekly Extra Credit Problem due Monday or before each week.</b></p>
Science	<p>Be sure that all work for Quarter 1 has been turned in before track out.</p> <p>We will start the Energy unit this week and continue after we track back in.</p>
Social Studies	<p>We will cover the French and Indian War as a cause of the American Revolution and reflect on our learning from quarter 1. <b>Grades have been updated.</b> (So, "I turned that in, but she hasn't graded it yet" is not valid at this point. 😊) Great first quarter! Thanks for your support!</p>

## Updates for Week of 8/25-29

<b>Team Announcements</b>	<p><b>Late Work Deadline-</b> Friday, August 29th is the Late Work Deadline</p> <p><b>Haw River</b> <a href="#">Field Trip information</a> and Permission Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due back by 9/29/25</li> <li>• Reach out to <a href="mailto:sroberts@wcpss.net">sroberts@wcpss.net</a> with any questions</li> </ul>
<b>ELA</b>	<p>C1 and C4: We are done with Part 3 of our book! Just Part 4 is remaining. We will start our final major project (Refugee PSA Project in Canvas). We will have our final test on IOBA 9/3!</p> <p>C2 and C3: We will continue our unit on "Facing History and Ourselves." All students and parents please continue to reference our class calendar located in Canvas.</p>
<b>Math</b>	<p>Math 8: Unit 2: Similar Figures and Slope</p> <p>Math 1: Unit 2: Linear and Exponential Functions</p> <p><a href="#">Math Class Google Document</a></p> <p><b>*Please encourage your child to complete the Weekly Extra Credit Problem due Monday or before each week.</b></p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>The end of the quarter is approaching fast! Make sure all late, missing work, and work for the quarter is completed by Thursday 8/28</p> <p>We will have our Chemistry End of Unit Assessment on Wednesday 8/27. A study guide has been posted on canvas.</p>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<p>We are currently learning about the various groups who immigrated to North Carolina during the 1600-1700s. We will learn about sectional divisions in our state and how they led to the Battle of Alamance in 1771 just a few years before the American Revolution. "No taxation without representation!" Quick Quiz on Friday, 8/29</p>

<b>Updates for Week of 8/18-8/22</b>	
<b>Team Announcements</b>	<p><b>Grade Updates-</b> All students received a paper grade sheet today through math class. Please sign your child's yellow tracker (back) to indicate that you have seen their grades.</p> <p><b>Haw River</b> <a href="#">Field Trip information</a> and Permission Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passed out today. Due back by 9/29/25</li> <li>• Reach out to <a href="mailto:sroberts@wcpss.net">sroberts@wcpss.net</a> with any questions</li> </ul>
<b>ELA</b>	<p>C1 and C4: We are done with Part 2 of IOBA and moving into Part 3. Please encourage students to use their sticky notes to annotate in their books!</p> <p>C2 and C3: We will continue our unit on "Facing History and Ourselves." All students and parents please continue to reference our class calendar located in Canvas.</p>
<b>Math</b>	<p>Math 8: Unit 2: Similar Figures and Slope</p> <p>Math 1: Unit 2: Linear and Exponential Functions</p>

	<a href="#">Math Class Google Document</a> <b>*Please encourage your child to complete the Weekly Extra Credit Problem due Monday or before each week.</b>
<b>Science</b>	This week the Elements Superhero Projects are due on Tuesday (8/19). We will start to learn about the Law of Conservation of Mass. Students will have a test on Physical vs. Chemical Change on Thursday (8/21)
<b>Social Studies</b>	We finished the week focusing on the colonization of North Carolina. We will review the 13 colonies on Monday and <b>quiz on Tuesday, 8/19</b> . Then, we will learn about the development of the Carolina colony and the various groups who immigrated to the colony during the 1600-1700's, focusing on sectional divisions leading up the American Revolution.

<b>Updates for Week of 8/4-8/8</b>	
<b>Team Announcements</b>	Teachers are now beginning to enter grades into Infinite Campus. We encourage you to check your child's grades and have your child reach out to their teachers with any questions or concerns.
<b>ELA</b>	Week of 8/4 we will start our new unit about refugees and "crossing borders." Cores 1 and 4 will start our novel: Inside Out and Back Again. We have gotten the go-ahead to start setting up grades in Infinite Campus so please take a look at that. Also please continue checking out the calendar posted in Canvas. Thank you!
<b>Math</b>	Math 8: Unit 2: Similar Figures and Slope  Math 1: Unit 2: Linear and Exponential Functions  <a href="#">Math Class Google Document</a> <b>*Please encourage your child to complete the Weekly Extra Credit Problem due Monday or before each week.</b>
<b>Science</b>	This week students will continue to learn about the periodic table and how they can predict characteristics of elements depending on the place in the periodic table. They will take a science test on Thursday (8/07). Students will be given a study guide and we will review in order to prepare.
<b>Social Studies</b>	Assessment on Monday, 8/4 covering Native Americans and Early European Explorers. More details in Canvas (study guide in "Announcements"; slide decks and notes pages in "Modules"). Next, we begin Colonization with a comparison of Jamestown, Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay using both primary and secondary sources.

<b>Updates for Week of 7/28-8/1</b>	
<b>Team Announcements</b>	<b>Paper Grade Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While grades are not available in Infinite Campus, teachers will be printing and sending home grade reports with students when possible. Social studies grade</li> </ul>

	reports will come home Thursday, 7/24. Other classes will be forthcoming.
<b>ELA</b>	Week of 7/28 we will be turning in our Personal Narrative early in the week. This is our first major assessment. Rubric and assignment sheet are posted in Canvas. Keep checking those for the calendar and assignments! Thanks y'all!
<b>Math</b>	<p>Math 8: Unit 1: Transformations (Translations/Rotations/Reflections/Dilations)</p> <p>Math 1: Unit 1: Sequences</p> <p><a href="#">Math Class Google Document</a></p> <p><b>*Please encourage your child to complete the Weekly Extra Credit Problem due Monday or before each week.</b></p>
<b>Science</b>	We are in the middle of our chemistry unit. Students are working on an element superhero project that will be completed before track out. Students will work on this at school. This week we will start to investigate the periodic table.
<b>Social Studies</b>	We are currently in our Natives and European Explorers unit. Next week, we will learn about the Roanoke Voyages, including the Lost Colony.

Updates for Week of 7/21-7/25	
<b>Team Announcements</b>	<p><b>Calendar:</b> Check out your child's Quarter 1 calendar! All students received a cardstock calendar to keep up with important dates and deadlines. They should keep their calendar in their tracker folder and update/check it daily. This will hopefully help students remain aware of due dates, manage their time, and build executive functioning skills that they can carry with them to high school and beyond.</p> <p><b>Attendance Notes:</b> You may send emails with absences to: <a href="mailto:attendance551@wcpss.net">attendance551@wcpss.net</a> You may send digital doctor notes to this email. This should be for excused absence notes/questions only. You may also continue to send paper attendance notes if you choose.</p>
<b>ELA</b>	Week of 8/4 we will be turning in our Personal Narrative early in the week. This is our first major assessment. Rubric and assignment sheet are posted in Canvas. Keep checking those for the calendar and assignments! Thanks y'all!
<b>Math</b>	<p>Math 8: Unit 1: Transformations (Translations/Rotations/Reflections/Dilations)</p> <p>Math 1: Unit 1: Sequences</p> <p><a href="#">Math Class Google Document</a></p> <p><b>*Please encourage your child to complete the Weekly Extra Credit Problem due Monday or before</b></p>
<b>Science</b>	We are in the middle of our chemistry unit. Students are working on an element superhero project that will be completed before track out. Students will work on this at school. This week we will start to investigate the periodic table.
<b>Social Studies</b>	We are finishing up geography and NC regions and will assess on that unit on Monday, 7/21. Next we will move into learning about indigenous North Carolinians and the first European explorers. The NC T-shirt design will be due on Tuesday, 7/22.

Updates for Week of 7/14-7/18	
<b>Team Announcements</b>	<p><b>Calendar:</b> Check out your child's Quarter 1 calendar! All students received a cardstock calendar to keep up with important dates and deadlines. They should keep their calendar in their tracker folder and update/check it daily. This will hopefully help students remain aware of due dates, manage their time, and build executive functioning skills that they can carry with them to high school and beyond.</p> <p><b>Attendance Notes:</b> You may send emails with absences to: <a href="mailto:attendance551@wcpss.net">attendance551@wcpss.net</a> You may send digital doctor notes to this email. This should be for excused absence notes/questions only. You may also continue to send paper attendance notes if you choose.</p>
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<b>Science</b>	<p>This week we were able to learn about atoms, molecules, elements, compounds and mixtures. Students completed a lab where they made qualitative and quantitative observations about if a solution was saturated, unsaturated, or supersaturated. We also started our Elements Superhero Project. This will be completed and presented in class and will be due before the end of the quarter. Next week we will have a Science Quiz on Thursday (7/24) over the content we have covered so far.</p>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<p>We are finishing up geography and NC regions and will assess on that unit on Monday, 7/21. Next we will move into learning about indigenous North Carolinians and the first European explorers. The NC T-shirt design will be due on Tuesday, 7/22.</p>

Updates for Week of 7/7-7/11	
<b>Team Announcements</b>	<p>Thank you! We appreciate your support by sending in the requested (and even some extra) supplies. These supplies help us run our classrooms efficiently and provide the best possible learning environment for our students. We appreciate everything!</p> <p>Sign Up or Renew your WCPSS Volunteer Registration: <a href="https://www.wcpss.net/Page/55232">https://www.wcpss.net/Page/55232</a> We will be looking for parents to chaperone our field trip in October and to help with fun 8th grade activities throughout the year.</p>
<b>ELA</b>	<p><b>We had two assignments due the first week of school: Letter to Teacher AND One Pager. My Core 1 parents: please return the pink sheets and signed handbook. Week of 7/14 we will start our mini-unit on short stories and memoirs!</b></p>
<b>Math</b>	<p>Math 8: Unit 1: Transformations (Translations/Rotations/Reflections/Dilations)</p> <p>Math 1: Unit 1: Sequences</p> <p><a href="#">Math Class Google Document</a></p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>Be sure to sign and return the <u>lab safety contracts</u> in order for your student to be able to</p>

	<p>participate in upcoming labs!</p> <p>I will do my best to update canvas so students have a digital version of work and videos when possible.</p> <p>Quarter 1 we will be focusing on Chemistry! Including atoms, the periodic table, mixtures, solutions, physical and chemical change and law of conservation of mass</p>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<p>We started Quarter 1 with NC/US geography. Map Assessment- Tuesday, 7/15. NC Fact Sheet (1st graded assignment) due Friday, 7/11.</p>