

# Welcome to 8th Grade



Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to 8th Grade at Our Lady of the Assumption School! I'm Jennifer Houghton and look forward to spending this transitional year with you. Many of you know me, and I look forward to meeting those of you who don't soon. Our team at OLA has been working hard to make this year's transition from middle school to high school a memorable experience.

Without a doubt, each 8<sup>th</sup> grader will need to work hard this year! Studying, completing classwork/homework assignments and participating in class discussions, are crucial to student success! The main difference is that now each student must remember concepts, build on past skills, and apply new learning through communication and writing. It is also mandatory to pass English, Math, Science, Religion and Social Studies each trimester in order to graduate. Eligibility for extracurricular activities is dependent upon their grades and behavior inside and outside of the classroom.

I believe that home to school communication is very important. I hope to talk with each of you early this school year and continue in the future. I would also like to extend an invitation for you to contact me at any time. I can be reached through the main office at school (909) 881-2416, Class Dojo, or by email at [houghton@olabruins.com](mailto:houghton@olabruins.com).

This will be a busy and exciting year for all of us. Together, we will help your student focus on performing at their highest level. Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation! I'm looking forward to a great school year.

Blessings,

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