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**Meet Your QUEST Teachers**

**English Language Arts/Team Leader—Ms. Sammut**
Welcome to 7th grade ELA with Ms. Sammut! I hope you were able to recharge over summer vacation. I spent my summer out on Lake Minnetonka, relaxing on the beaches of the Jersey Shore, and reading a boatload of mystery and suspense novels. This year in language arts, you will have the opportunity to read books of your choice on a daily basis. Our reading units will consist of realistic fiction, classic short stories, poetry, informational articles, narrative nonfiction, drama, as well as fantasy and science fiction. We will also explore writing genres including poetry, literary analysis, expository writing, as well as narrative writing. Be prepared to challenge your comfort zone, explore new genres, and learn more about yourself and each other. Together, we will learn that the key to becoming better readers and writers is to READ, READ, READ. Looking forward to meeting all of you in September!

**Science—Mrs. Shayamsundar**
Welcome to 7th grade Science! Hope you all had a fun summer. I had a busy but enjoyable time traveling with my family. I am looking forward to meeting you all in September and starting our journey in Earth and Space Science. We will learn about the oceans, weather, atmosphere, earth's structure and changing landscapes. In astronomy, we will start with the Sun-Earth and Moon systems and then move on to other planets and galaxies. You will build on your prior knowledge and learn new concepts which will help you analyze and explain phenomena related to earth and space sciences. See you all soon!

**Spanish—Senora Kapcsos**
Welcome to the wonderful world of español. I hope you all enjoyed your summer. I had a very relaxing summer in Florida and the Jersey Shore. In seventh grade, you will begin your journey to becoming a competent Spanish speaker. As a Spanish language learner, you will improve your proficiency in the listening, speaking, reading, and writing modalities. You will also develop an appreciation and understanding of the various Latino cultures and the many contributions made by Latinos. We are going to have a great time speaking Spanish!

**Social Studies—Mr. Manahan**
Welcome back! It is hard to believe that it is almost that time of the year again where we will continue our QUEST for knowledge. I hope you had a relaxing summer with your families and you are entering the year recharged and ready to learn. Over the course of the summer, I attended a number of concerts, relaxed on the beach, and worked at the Monroe Township Recreation Summer Camp. This year we will explore the continent of Europe. We will begin our journey in Greece and then travel to Rome. Furthermore, we will discuss life during the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Lastly, we will discuss the movement known as Reformation. Prepare to collaborate with classmates, meet new people, and enjoy exploring a time period that still continues to shape our lives today. I look forward to meeting you and working with you this school year!

**Math—Ms. Schieda**
I hope you are looking forward to a fun and exciting year in Math! I had a very busy summer traveling with my daughter up and down the east coast playing softball. This year in math we will be building on the foundation you have from 6th grade and learning some new and challenging material. Our year will begin with deepening our understanding of the number system. We will explore two dimensional geometry in addition to studying surface area and volume. A significant portion of our time will be dedicated to mastering equivalent expressions and understanding ratios and proportions. We will finish up with probability and an introduction to statistics. It will be a great year and you will learn real life applications for all of the mathematical concepts we learn. Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you soon!!