

*a note from...*

# Mr. Glenn H. Cermak

Dear Parent,

Welcome back to another school year! I will be your child's World History teacher this school year. I know you always receive piles of papers from school the first week, but I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself, and explain to you some of the resources that you, and your child, will have available to you this year.

This is going to be my sixth year of teaching at Central Dauphin Middle School. In World History this year, we will be covering everything from the dawn of man up to the Renaissance and Reformation. We cover eight main units - Early Man, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Reformation. During each unit there are a variety of assignments, most of which are completed in class. Each unit has one main test, and at least one project.

As I'm sure you will hear from your child later in the year, we use a great deal of technology in our classroom. We use a SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard and a touch-screen podium to interact when content during lessons. Our classroom is currently the only one in the district that has a permanent set of SMART Response remotes. These handheld remotes allow students to be more engaged during lessons by answering questions and giving their input at the press of a button. We also have several iPads, a document camera, a wireless slate, several digital video cameras, and a webcam we use to have video conferences with other classes and history experts via Skype. You can learn more about the technology in our room by visiting our classroom website.

A resource I'd like to make sure you are aware of is our classroom website. This website, [www.mrcermak.com](http://www.mrcermak.com), has been designed to keep you up-to-date with everything going on in our classroom. It also contains various resources for both you and your child to use from home. These include things like an online textbook, podcast reviews before tests, and several extra credit opportunities. There is also a classroom Twitter account that is updated with everything from project and test dates to schedule changes. There is also a Mr. Cermak's Class Facebook page that, once 'liked', will automatically post classroom updates to your Facebook newsfeed. Probably the most important aspect of the site is that it allows you to sign up to receive an e-mail everyday with the homework assignments for all of your child's classes.

As the year goes on, please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help seventh grade go smoother for your child. My contact information is at the bottom of this letter, and our classroom website also has ways to contact me – including the ability to send a message directly to my cell phone if you have an urgent message. Please do not hesitate to contact me anytime, about any issue.

I look forward to working with you, and your child, this school year.

Sincerely,

*Glenn H. Cermak*