

Capstone Project Requirements: Keep these in mind when deciding on your project.

1. All 8th graders must complete a Capstone Project
2. These projects can be completed individually or in teams of 2 or 3 (within your advising group).
3. Each project will include Research on a chosen topic, Service Learning (community service), Character Reflection, and Presentation components.
4. Students will choose a topic that they are interested in and want to learn more about – these topics should lend themselves to a service learning component as well. For example, a student interested in Gardening could do research about certain plant species, benefits, etc. and then volunteer to plant a community garden in their town.
5. Each student or team will write a proposal and submit it to their Advisor.
6. Each student will keep a Capstone Journal that will contain
 - all research notes collected on their topic
 - a schedule for carrying out their community service component
 - a log of time spent on the project with descriptions of what was done
 - character reflection section where during the project and at the projects completion, students write about how their character is being developed
7. Each student or team will give a presentation to the 5th – 8th grade students and parents about their projects. These presentations will include a speech and a visual (poster) to describe their projects.

Capstone Project Proposal

Please type up a project proposal that answers the following questions. Each student must sign the proposal and have his or her parent sign the proposal. When your proposal is complete and has been signed, hand it in to your Advisor for approval.

1. What topic will you learn about in doing this capstone project?
2. How will you create a community service opportunity out of your learning? What need will this community service component fill and who will benefit from your service?
3. What are your overall goals for this project? What do you want to gain yourself and what do you hope to do for others?
4. What steps will you have to take to accomplish these goals? Be as specific as possible.
5. As you complete this project, what obstacles might you encounter – what might be difficult? How will you overcome these obstacles? Also, what character traits will be necessary for you to use and develop in order for you to complete this project successfully?