

Dear Parents,

June 2016

We warmly welcome you and your child to seventh grade! We will provide your child with a rigorous academic program and look forward to meeting everyone. Seventh grade is a time of great growth in children. We respect and enjoy the realities of this quirky, yet delicate, age.

We have lots of activities planned for next year and work closely as a team to make our programs exciting and relevant. Thank you so much to those of you who have already sent in your Tanglewood paperwork. We are delighted to be able to offer this unique environmental program. A special thank you to all of those who have offered to chaperone! To those of you who are thinking of chaperoning, it's not too late! **We are still in need of day and evening chaperones, especially on the girl's trip, September 12-14.**

We have high expectations for seventh-graders and recognize that they lead very busy lives. Students have many opportunities outside of class for individualized help and teachers are available during Schooner Time, as well as 2:15 - 3:00 during homework club. We encourage students to self-advocate and take responsibility for their learning. This is a year of increased independence and ownership and our focus is on encouraging a growth mindset and accepting challenges as integral to learning. This focus can be challenging for many and we are here to help guide that growth.

To make your child's seventh-grade experience a success we need your help. We will be in touch with you within the first week of school to request your preferred contact method: phone, email, or text. You can always send any of us a short email, or make an appointment to meet with the full team during one of our team meetings. We try hard to keep you posted on what is happening throughout the year.

We look forward to working with your child. **The suggested school supplies for various subjects are listed on the back of this letter.** If for any reason your family is unable to provide these materials, please call Tanya Young (guidance) or email tanya.young@fivetowns.net. Enjoy your summer and see you next fall.

Sincerely yours,
The Seventh Grade Team

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Turn over for Supply List

2016-2017 Seventh-Grade Materials List

7th Grade Math

- 2 single subject spiral notebooks
- a ruler with inch and metric increments (can also be used for science)
- pocket folder

Advanced Math - Tammy Hilchey

- 2" loose leaf notebook
- scientific calculator

Language Arts

- 1 spiral-bound or hardcover/marbled composition book
- pocket folder
- pens

Social Studies

- 1 spiral-bound or hardcover/marbled composition book
- pocket folder
- a glue stick (may need to be replenished mid-year)

Science

- pocket folder
- a ruler with inch and metric increments (can also be used for math)

Spanish

- 1" 3 ring binder
- 1 subject composition or spiral notebook
- 6 dividers

ALL Classes

- dozens of pencils - this is a HUGE need for students; pencils may need to be replenished mid-year
- cap erasers - small box
- colored pencils - 1 set of 24
- headphones/earbuds - 1 set
- handheld pencil sharpener - 1
- pencil case for holding all of the above

Homeroom

- good quality pocket folder for homework -- avoid accordion folders and big binders
- 2 boxes of tissues (please bring the first week of school)
- 1 package of loose-leaf lined paper
- roll of scotch tape