

Dear 7th Grade Parents,

June 2018

We warmly welcome you and your child to 7th grade! Seventh grade is a time of extraordinary growth and change in children, and as a team, we respect and enjoy the realities of this quirky, yet delicate, age. We have lots of activities and projects planned, and we work closely to make our programs exciting and relevant. This year we will be participating in a three-day, two-night program at Chewonki October 10th through the 12th. We are delighted to be able to offer this unique environmental program, which we will connect with our school's science and art curriculums. In addition, group and team development are key elements embedded in the Chewonki program. **Mark your calendar for the parent meeting that we will host on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM about this experience.**

We have high expectations for 7th 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 homework club, which will be from 2:45 – 3:15 this coming year. 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 7th grade experience a success we need your help. You can always send any of us a short email with questions or concerns. We try hard to keep you posted on what is happening throughout the year through our "WIP (Week In Preview)" emails.

We look forward to working with your child. The suggested school supplies for various subjects are listed on the back of this letter.

Sincerely yours,
The 7th Grade Team

Sam Zwecker, Beth York, Sarah Whittam, Hilary Flagg, John Dietter, Elphie Owen, & Tammy Hilchey

See Below For Supply List

*Please contact the main office if you need assistance with acquiring supplies.
We have extra supplies available.*

2018–2019 Seventh–Grade Materials List

7th Grade Math

- a single subject spiral notebook - Higher quality with thicker gauge wire

Advanced Math – Tammy Hilchey

- Three ring binder
- Lined paper for notes (to keep in binder)
- Scientific calculator (not graphing)

Language Arts

- One 3-subject spiral–bound notebook with pocket folder dividers
- Other important supplies for class are listed in the “All Classes” section below. For LA, it will be important to have **lots** of pencils, Scotch tape, and handheld pencil sharpener.

Social Studies

- 1 spiral–bound or hardcover/marbled composition book
- pocket folder
- Clear tape and/or glue stick

Science

- Students will be supplied with a science lab notebook.
- Other important supplies for class are listed in the “All Classes” section below. For science, important supplies are: colored pencils, glue stick, and handheld pencil sharpener.

Spanish

- 1" three-ring binder with five tabbed sections and some extra blank lined paper
- Students can be encouraged to re-use their binders for all four years of Spanish.

All Classes

- one 1 ½ “ Binder to store planner, homework folder, & pencil case. (This will travel class to class.)
- good quality pocket folder for homework -- avoid accordion folders and big binders
- **dozens of pencils – this is a HUGE need; will need to be replenished mid–year**
- High quality handheld pencil sharpener
- colored pencils – 1 set of 24
- Headphones - earbuds
- pencil case for holding all of the above

Homeroom

- 2 boxes of tissues (please bring the first week of school)
- 1 package of loose–leaf lined paper
- Multi-pack of Scotch tape
- Multi-pack of glue sticks
- Cap erasers – small box