

Dear Parents/Guardian of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Welcome to the middle school! You and your child are about to embark on a truly unique academic experience: seventh grade. In seventh grade, many aspects of your child's school day will be different from previous years. Students will experience a greater degree of independence. For example, students will utilize lockers, change classrooms and have different teachers for each class. Students will also have increased academic responsibilities, ranging from nightly homework to long term projects.

Students will be placed on a team, consisting of common math, science, social studies, and language art teachers. In seventh grade the teams are Henry Heinz, Jonas Salk, and Andrew Carnegie. In order to properly prepare for this experience, please find our list of suggested supplies, which include:

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| <b>Science:</b>        | one 1" binder with a supply of paper and a basic calculator                        |
| <b>Social Studies:</b> | one 1" binder  |
| <b>Language Arts:</b>  | one 1"-1.5" binder with a supply of paper, pencils, and red pens                   |
| <b>Mathematics:</b>    | one 1" binder with (or notebook), a supply of paper, pencils, <b>no calculator</b> |
| <b>World Language:</b> | one 1" binder with dividers, 3x5 note cards, yellow highlighter, red pen           |
| <b>All Subjects:</b>   | supply of pencils and book covers throughout the year                              |

Students traditionally succeed at the middle school when they are involved. Now is a great time to try out new clubs and extra-curricular activities, such as History Day, Newspaper, Yearbook, Forensics, Literary Magazine, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, Science Olympiad, Math Counts, Student Council, or any of the many sports teams.

We have found that students who consider and meet these expectations are very successful in seventh grade. In addition, at the beginning of the new school year, each teacher will review the specific items that may be useful in each class.

We look forward to meeting you soon!