

Dear Parents,

We welcome you and your child to the Seventh Grade.

As your child is growing and maturing, expectations and challenges are also growing. Seventh grade is the pivotal year in the transition between elementary and high school. We try to create an environment that supports this growth in your child as well as the increase in expectations.

Students will change classes and teachers every period. For this reason the students need to learn to manage their materials more efficiently. They cannot leave belongings in the desks in their homerooms. In the beginning of the year we typically allow students to return to their lockers for forgotten supplies. However, after a period of adjustment, students are expected to be prepared for class and will not be allowed back to their lockers.

Some suggestions for how you can help your child in seventh grade:

- Provide a quiet work area; away from the television, computer or cellphone and a consistent nightly homework period.
- Have a survival kit ready with supplies of pens, pencils, colored pencils, stapler, ruler, and plenty of paper.
- Understand that your child may want your help with test or quiz preparation, practice of math facts, vocabulary study, etc.
- Consider asking your child to explain a concept as talking will cause them to work through understandings.
- Encourage your child to read essays or compositions to you. Feel free to comment on sections that sound unclear. Ask questions and give suggestions. **Please DO NOT rewrite a passage or introduce your words into a paragraph. If you are physically holding the pen and writing words on the rough draft, you are going too far, giving too much. If you are dictating to your child what to write, you are doing his/her work.** It is not a good learning experience for your child. It also makes it difficult for the teacher to analyze your child's writing strengths and weaknesses and to help accordingly.
- Look through your child's notebooks, as it will help to keep them organized.
- If your child is spending what you consider to be an inordinate amount of time studying, please drop us a note.
- Seventh graders are often more worried and insecure than they appear. They need encouragement and support.
- **When absences are unavoidable, please make every effort to access work assignments through Google Classroom and/or by contacting a classmate.**

We feel strongly that parent-teacher communication can be the key to a successful seventh grade year. If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to send us a direct email. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding school year. With caring collaboration between home and school we will be able to accomplish a great deal.

Sincerely,
The Seventh Grade Teachers

7th Grade Supply List

A Note Regarding Binders...Each subject has noted approximately how much binder space students will need - this can be in a small individual binder for each subject or in a larger binder shared between **2 subjects each**.
Note: Math prefers that students have a separate binder as they must keep their class notes and their books in them.

Homeroom

- Box(es) of Tissues

ELA

- Pocket folders
- Composition or Spiral notebook (college ruled)
- Post-It Notes (Assorted Sizes)

Social Studies

- 1/2" of Binder Space
- Post-It Notes (Assorted Sizes)
- 3 Dividers

Math

- 1" Binder
- 3 Dividers
- Scientific Calculator (not graphing) example - [TI-30-XIIS](#) (less than \$15)

Science

- 1" of Binder Space
- Pocket Folder
- 3 dividers

World Language

- 1/2" of Binder Space
- Index Cards 3x5 (French Only)
- 5 Dividers (French Only)

Art

- Spiral Bound Drawing Pad (From 6th Grade or New)

Music

- Binder for Orchestra and Band (1/2")
- Essential Elements Book 2 (Orchestra)
- Measures of Success Book 2 (Band)
- Pencils

Supplies Shared Between Subjects

- Headphones Corded (Wireless does not work for testing)
- Notebook Paper
- Pencil Pouch
- Pens (any Color)
- Pencils (#2)
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Scotch tape
- Ruler

Summertime Fun Time Bingo

Over the course of the next few months, take this BINGO card with you as you travel. Do your best to complete as many tasks as possible. Journey throughout our state and take note of the things that make Connecticut special. Be sure to take lots of pictures! Bring your card back to Mrs. Cassidy at the start of the next school year to be eligible for a drawing!

Summertime Fun Time BINGO				
Visit the Beardsley Zoo, or other zoo	Photograph a mural or create your own mural	Go camping	Go canoeing, kayaking, or paddleboarding	Visit a state park
Ride the Bushnell Park Carousel, or any other carousel	Travel on a scenic byway	Walk across any famous bridge in Connecticut	Play mini golf	Go to a play
Tour the Capitol or other historic building	Take a picture of a waterfall or rapids	 Memorial Middle School	Visit a statue of a person	Go to a museum or historic site
Have a picnic in a public park	Go fishing	Eat a "traditional" Connecticut food	Build a campfire	Tour/visit a cave, mine, nature preserve, or wilderness area
Pick fruit	Attend an outdoor concert	Read a book set in Connecticut (or write one)	Jump into a lake (from a dock, boat, beach, etc.)	Go to a county fair or city festival