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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope the summer has treated you and your family well so far! It's hard to believe the new school year is quickly approaching; school supplies are filling the shelves and back to school commercials have filled our televisions and ads.

This year your child will be faced with a lot of new faces, changes and places. We all understand that the transition to Tyrone Middle School can be a tough one for some students and parents, so we are here to give you a few helpful tips and tricks! Review the items with your child and please feel free to contact any of the fifth-grade teachers if you have any further questions. We hope to see you at Meet the Teacher Night on **Monday, August 24th**. This year, we will have a brief orientation for all fifth-grade students and parents at 5PM in the high school auditorium before the open house begins. The orientation should last no longer than 20 minutes. If you are unable to make it to the orientation in the auditorium, your child's advisory teacher will be in his/her classroom by 5:25 PM to give your child his/her schedule. We thank you in advance for your support and we can't wait to get this year started!

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Team





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What should I expect?"

The Food: Each student will have the option of the main entrée, salad, PB&J, pizza, a cheeseburger, or a chicken patty sandwich. For questions regarding your child's lunch account, contact the food service director (see contact list below).

Lockers: There is no need to worry or stress about lockers! All students will be assigned their own locker. This year, cell phones are required to be placed in lockers throughout the school day. Students will have plenty of practice time to learn how to use the combination locks on their lockers.

Field Trips & Fundraisers: 5th grade will visit Penn's Cave in the spring. Every Friday, 5th graders can wear a hat for a dollar. These funds help pay for fun activities throughout the year.

Student Arrival: Students are able to enter the building at 7:30AM, but they will not report to advisory until 7:45AM. Students can report to the cafeteria or wait in the middle school lobby until 7:45. During this time, students are able to get breakfast, chat with friends, read, draw, or work on schoolwork, or play games on their chromebooks until the 8:00 bell.

Student Dismissal: Dismissal time is 2:55.

Electronics: Electronic devices are allowed to be used before and after school but must be turned off during school hours. Students **are not** allowed to take pictures of themselves or others with phones or chrome books when they are in the school building.

"What classes will I have?"

Advisory: Each student will have homeroom/advisory. This class is used to build positive relationships and discuss upcoming events, schedules, grades, and assignments.

ELA (English Language Arts) and Math: Everyone will have a block of English Language Arts and Math.

Science and Social Studies: In science students will learn about Ecosystems & Food Webs, Water Cycle & Earth's Systems, Earth & Space Patterns, Stars & Planets, and Chemical Reactions & Properties of Matter. In social studies students will be studying World Cultures.

Specials: Students will have different specials on different days. Students are responsible for being prepared for these classes. This includes but is not limited to dressing appropriately for physical education and bringing their instrument for band.



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****All classes will now be graded****

Sapphire Grades: Your students will now be graded in each of their classes. Keep track and check your students' grades online using the Sapphire parent portal (see below)

Sapphire Gradebook Sign Up Instructions (to view student grades):

1. Go to www.tyrone.k12.pa.us
2. Select "Sapphire Community Web Portal" and click the parent tab
3. If you do not already have an account, click: [Apply for a Sapphire Community Portal account](#)

"What does my child need to bring the first few days of school?"

Your child will be traveling to different classes at the middle school, so it's important to make sure they stay organized. We know that each child is different. Please discuss what would be the best way for your child to keep their items organized (example: keeping everything in a binder)

Students are not permitted to carry backpacks throughout the school day. Materials will be stored in their lockers that they will not need for class (jackets, backpacks, lunchbox, etc). Students are permitted to bring a sinch-sack/draw-string bag to carry items if they wish.

Suggested items for fifth grade:

1. Pencils - **Ticonderoga** work best in our sharpeners, but any brand is fine
2. A binder that can hold folders and help keep things organized
3. 3 Folders
 - Science/Social Studies
 - Math
 - ELA
 - ***Each student will receive an orange assignment folder from their advisory teacher that students need to bring to school every day. This folder will be used for homework/important papers that need to go home, etc)***



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Optional Items 5th Graders Find Helpful:

1. Corded headphones or earbuds (***cordless are not allowed***) - students WILL receive a pair of headphones at school, but they are not always the best quality and break easily.
2. Ringed pencil pouches
3. Colored pencils
4. Crayons
5. Mouse for chrome books (most students find this easier than using the Chromebook touch-mouse)
6. Glue Sticks
7. Highlighters for ELA

Classroom Donation List

We always appreciate classroom donations! We are in constant need of the following items:

1. Pencils
2. Highlighters
3. White board markers (black)
4. Tissues
5. Anti-bacterial wipes
6. Washable Markers/Color Pencils
7. Earbuds with cord

We know that this is a lot of information to process, and we know that you will probably have more questions as the school year approaches. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us and we will do our best to answer your questions and ease your worries! We cannot wait to meet you because this year is going to ROCK! Thank you in advance for your support. We are looking forward to an exciting school year!

Best Wishes,

The 5th Grade Team



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