



**A Community of Caring and Excellence**

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Summer 2016

Dear Eighth Grade Parents and Student(s),

The eighth grade Red Team teachers would like to welcome you to another exciting year at TMS! We are looking forward to another year of learning and growth! We hope you are enjoying the summer and are looking forward to returning to the middle school this September. To help you prepare for that event, we have put together the following list of supplies that you will need to purchase and maintain throughout the year. ***The list below is intended for Red Team members only and does not apply to other eighth grade teams.***\*\* The list includes requests from multiple teachers who teach the same subject. Please make sure you are purchasing materials for your assigned teachers only. Our list includes the following items:

**General Supplies**

- Scientific Calculator for Pre-Algebra and Core students
- Package of binder dividers
- Loose leaf paper
- 1 gum eraser
- White-Out (pen style)
- Pens (blue or black non-erasable)
- Box of Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Index cards
- Yellow Highlighters
- Pencil sharpener with cap
- Pencil Case
- Flash Drive
- Box of Tissues

**Language Arts**

*Mr. Foerg-Spittel*

- 1 ½ inch binder
- Larger Post-It Notes
- 6 dividers
- Public Library Card for Research

**Mathematics**

*Ms. Ashby*

- 1 ½ inch Binder
- TI-85 Graphing Calculator for all Algebra & Geometry Students only
- 1 Pocket folder

**Science**

*Ms. Lorenc*

- 1 ½ inch Binder with Loose leaf paper
- Social Studies
- Mr. Zorovich
- 1 ½ inch Binder with Loose leaf paper

**Study Skills**

*Mrs. Barrett-Barnes*

- 1 Red plastic folder

**World Language**

*Ms. Lane, Mrs. Neira, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Sesti, Mr. Vargas, Mr. Fahrenkopf*

- Plastic two-pocket folder
- 1 ½ inch Binder with dividers

**\*\* Please cross check the 8<sup>th</sup> grade supply list posted on Middle School website: [www.ms.tenafly.nj.us](http://www.ms.tenafly.nj.us). Be sure you are not duplicating materials.**



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***To Our Students:***

This year you will need to put your study skills to work on a daily basis in all of your classes. For example, keep track of all your materials, both at home and in your locker, and come to class, on time, with everything you'll need for your classes. You will not be able to return to your locker for missing materials once class begins. In addition, every day you will copy all homework into your planner, as well as any studying or projects you may need to take care of. We expect you to bring all work in on time.

Good “studentship” skills are very important, too, to help you be the best student you can be: listen carefully in class, follow directions, and participate equally with group-members. Do your best, but let your teacher know if you could use some extra help or if you'd like to talk about how you're doing. Remember to check the Student Portal regularly to stay up to date on your progress. We are available for extra help whenever we can be, so help yourself to get ahead and stay ahead with one-on-one time with a teacher when you need it. We're confident that with responsible academic habits, this year will be a rewarding and fruitful year for you!

***To Our Parents:***

Welcome to 8 Red! We each have an updated website which will include projects, test and quiz dates, and other team related information to help you remain abreast of your child's academic requirements throughout the year. Please make sure you check the Parent Portal on a regular basis to stay up to date on your child's progress and feel free to contact us if you have a question or concern you may have by e-mailing us directly. Our email addresses can be found under the staff directory on our website: [www.ms.tenafly.nj.us](http://www.ms.tenafly.nj.us)

Remember, the first day of school is **Tuesday, September 6th**, so don't wait until the last minute to purchase your supplies. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office: (201) 816-4900.

We look forward to meeting you this fall. Please enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

**Grade 8 Red Team Teachers**

Ms. Ashby, Mathematics  
Mrs. Barrett-Barnes, Study Skills  
Mr. Foerg-Spittel, Language Arts

Ms. Lorenc, Science  
Mr. Zorovich, Social Studies

**World Language Teachers**

Mr. Fahrenkopf, Spanish/French  
Ms. Lane, Chinese  
Mrs. Nelson, French

Mrs. Neira, Spanish  
Mrs. Sesti, Spanish  
Mr. Vargas, Spanish