



A Community of Caring and Excellence

"Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, Take Care of This Place"

Summer 2017

Dear Eighth Grade Parents and Students,

The eighth grade 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 general supplies that you will need to purchase. These are for all 8th grade students. You may need to purchase additional supplies that are course specific depending on your schedule. Teachers will announce this on the first day of school. Your team assignments and schedules will be available at the end of August. Please also reference the P.E./Family Life and Music supply list attached to this letter.

Students, it will be your responsibility to maintain these supplies as the year continues. Please label all materials with your full name, team and homeroom.

General Supplies

- Team T-shirt. Order form attached to this letter. It is to be given to the **homeroom** teacher with \$6.00 payment at the beginning of the year. Cash and exact change, please.
- 1 Five-subject spiral notebook
- 1 Gum eraser
- 1 Large box of tissues
- 2 Packages of 8-tab binder dividers
- 2 Two-inch binders
- 2 Two-pocket folder
- Colored pencils
- Earbuds/headphones
- Loose leaf paper
- Pencil sharpener with cap
- Pencils
- Pens (blue, black and red)
- Post-It Notes flags
- Public library card
- White out (pen style)
- Yellow highlighters
- Yellow Post-It Notes (large)

Mathematics

- Scientific calculator for **Pre-Algebra and Math students ONLY**
- TI-84 Graphing Calculator for **Algebra and Geometry Students ONLY**
- 1 ½" binder for **Geometry students ONLY**
- 5-Subject notebook with pockets for **Algebra and Pre-Algebra students**

Study Skills Students ONLY

- 1 Plastic Red Folder

World Language Students ONLY

- 1 ½" binder
- Plastic two-pocket folder



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 will need. In addition, every day you will need to write down all homework and project assignments into your planner. You are expected to bring all assignments in on time.

Good “studentship” skills are very important, to help you be the best student you can be. Listen, follow directions, and participate fully in groups. Always try your best. If you could use some extra help, reach out to your teachers. Let them know how you are doing. We are confident that with an open mind to learning and responsible academic habits, this year will be rewarding for you!

To Our Parents:

Teachers regularly update websites, which may include projects, test/quiz dates, and other team related information. To help you remain informed of your child’s academic requirements throughout the year, please check the ***Parent Portal*** on a regular basis. You can also visit your team’s study skill teacher’s website, which provides a comprehensive look at their team’s assignments. If you have concerns or if your child is struggling, talk to your child about their learning and studentship skills. Encourage him or her to reach out to the teacher. We want to foster independence and problem-solving skills for our students. If the issue persists or you feel you can give us important insight about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher directly. The staff directory is listed on our website: www.ms.tenafly.nj.us

Remember, the first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th. We look forward to meeting you this fall. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

The 8th Grade Teams

8 Green

Ms. McKenna, Language Arts *Team Leader*
Mrs. Barker, Mathematics
Mr. Sabourin, Science
Mrs. Kristan, Social Studies
Ms. Damiano, Study Skills

8 Red

Mr. Foerg-Spittel, Language Arts
Ms. Ashby, Mathematics
Ms. Lorenc, Science
Mr. Zorovich, Social Studies *Team Leader*
Mrs. Barrett-Barnes, Study Skills

8 Teal

Ms. Trombetta, Language Arts
Mr. Tully, Mathematics *Team Leader*
Dr. Browning, Science
Mr. Juan, Social Studies
Ms. Brown, Study Skills

World Language

Ms. Diaz-Gallardo	Ms. Nelson
Mr. Fahrenkopf	Ms. Sesti
Ms. Lane	Mr. Vargas
Ms. Neira	Ms. Yoon



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Supply List: Physical Education/Family Life and Music Classes

Physical Education and Family Life

Family Life:

- 1 two-pocket folder with loose leaf paper

Physical Education:

All students must have a school issued lock for the locker room. All new students and incoming sixth graders should bring \$5.00 to their P.E. class on the first full day of school. Exact change and cash only, please.

Teachers will be selling locks during the first week of school in Physical Education.

CLASS ATTIRE

- Required for class preparation; a change of clothes different from clothing worn to school:
- Athletic sneakers with laces (no slip on or open toe sneakers)
- Athletic socks
- Athletic shorts (no zippers)
- Athletic t-shirt (no tank tops)
- Sweatpants/Sweatshirt (no hoods)
- Hair ties
- Clear stick deodorant
- Small cardboard or plastic box with lid
- A cloth bag to carry gym attire

Clothing must follow the TMS dress code at all times.

Label all closing with first and last name inside the collar or waistband.

Music

Band:

- 1 inch 3-ring binder with dividers
- 2 pencils with binder pencil case
- Loose-leaf notebook paper

Chorus:

- Sturdy 2-pocket folder with center clips containing loose-leaf paper and pencils

Orchestra:

- Rosin, to be kept in your instrument case

Exploring Music:

- 1 inch 3-ring binder

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE – Music:

For our Winter and Spring concerts, students must have proper concert attire as follows:

Gentlemen

- Black *dress* pants
- White button down dress shirt
- Long neck tie (color of your choice)
- Black *dress* shoes
- Long black socks

Ladies

- Black *dress* pants or skirt
- Black *dress* blouse or ALL black dress
- Black *dress* shoes

Please note – All skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer. When seated, it cannot come up above the knee.

NO sneakers, leggings, shorts, jeans, stretchy, or Capri pants!

The purpose of concert attire is to draw attention to the ensemble, but not to any one individual. Our concert attire must always be neat and clean and must follow the TMS dress code at all times.



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TMS Team Tee-shirts Order Form

Each team will be designing their own team logo for their team's tee-shirt. Students wear their team tee-shirt on Advisory days, field trips, and spirit days throughout the year.

Please have your student return the bottom portion of this form to their homeroom teacher in an enveloped marked "Tee-Shirt" with their full name, the homeroom and \$6.00. Payment can be cash (exact change only, please) or a check made out to "Tenafly Middle School."

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RETURN TO HOMEROOM TEACHER with \$6.00.

DO NOT BRING TO THE OFFICE

Payment can be cash (exact change only, please) or a check made out to "Tenafly Middle School."

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Homeroom: _____ Team: _____

Size – please circle one. All sizes are "Adult"

SMALL

MEDIUM

LARGE

EXTRA LARGE