

SUPPLIES FOR ALL EIGHTH GRADERS

- Pencils with good erasers
- Two or three blue or black ink pens
- A notebook for each class (*see list of specific requirements below*)
- Agenda book (*This will be handed out the first day of school.*)

SUPPLIES FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

MATH

- spiral notebook and folder (separate from other subjects) or 3 ring binder
- Scientific calculator with the ability to enter fractions (*Strongly suggested, TI-34ii Texas Instruments available at Staples .*)
- thin, dry erase marker

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

- * highlighter, post-it pads

SCIENCE

- one inch (1") three ring binder (*A section in a trapper notebook is not appropriate.*)
- four dividers
- 3x5 index cards (*unlined or lined*)

SOCIAL STUDIES

- colored pencils and highlighters
- Three subject notebook
- Ear buds (available at Five Below stores)

RR/MATH, LAL, SCIENCE, SOC. STUDIES

- Three ring binder with DIVIDERS
- one "accordion folder"
- TI-34ii—Texas Instruments Calculator

As you can see, we expect your best effort in the eighth grade. Our job as your teachers is to help you learn. That learning happens every single day. Sometimes the lessons are learned from books, videos or lectures. Other times you will learn from the experience of others. You will participate in group work, team sports or other extra curricular activities. All of these components will help you to become a well-rounded student. That is our goal. In June, when you are ready to be promoted and move on to high school, you can feel good about all we have accomplished together.

We are a team. Welcome to our team!

Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation. Come to school on the first day with the right supplies and a positive attitude. Together, we can make this your best year yet!

Sincerely,
The Eighth Grade Team



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Dear Member of the Class of 2017,

Welcome to the Eighth Grade! You are now part of the most experienced group of students in Somerville Middle School. Now that you are entering your third year of middle school, we want to remind you of the fact that you should be more mature, more responsible, more independent, and more motivated to do your personal best. You will be expected to set good examples and to be good role models for the younger students. It is a big job that hopefully you are willing to undertake. Set your goals high and work to achieve them!

We have prepared this brochure to provide important information and to list the rules, expectations, policies, and the supplies required for your eighth grade school year. Please take the time to read this information carefully. Share it with your parents/guardians. Then put it somewhere safe to use as a reference tool throughout the school year.

EIGHTH GRADE TEAM

Mr. Michael Dlugosz, Team Leader
Mr. Nicholas Petronko
Mr. Freddie Shaker
Ms. Debbie Trifari
Mrs. Jocelyn Eckardt
Mrs. Sally Booth
Ms. Jennifer Ferguson
Ms. Jessica O'Halloran
Mr. Bryant Hatch
Ms. Elaine Ramos
Mr. Kevin Aeschliman

RULES

1. Be on time to class. This means you must be in your seat when the bell rings.
2. Come to class with all required materials.
3. Raise your hand to ask or answer a question unless directed otherwise.
4. Negative comments or behavior towards another person will not be tolerated.
5. No food, gum, or beverages are permitted in class.
6. You may only go to your locker at assigned times. As an eighth grader, you will have an additional opportunity.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Take responsibility for your actions. Don't blame others.
2. If you need extra help, ask for it. Don't wait until the marking period is almost over.
3. Adopt a personal value system. You know the difference between right and wrong. Be sure to make the correct choices. Your peers will respect you for it.
4. If you are part of an extra curricular activity, for example Peer Leadership or Peer Mediation, or miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to meet with your teachers to get work. Follow the school policy in regard to how many days you have to turn in missed assignments.

STANDARDS

1. All work must be neatly written with correct grammar and spelling. Major projects should be typed and must have no errors in spelling.
2. You must be prepared for class. This means with a proper writing utensil, a notebook, the required textbooks and agenda book.
3. All work must be submitted on due dates for full credit. This means you must plan ahead for major projects, tests, quizzes and labs. We will deduct ten points a day for any long term project turned in late. After two days, no work will be accepted.
4. In order to receive full credit for homework and class work, you must have the assignment with you the exact period that the work is due on the exact date it is due. You may **not** go to your locker to get your work.



HOMEWORK

Homework is given regularly to reinforce skills taught in class or to prepare for the following day's lesson. All homework must be turned in on time. For example, if an assignment is due in class on Tuesday, it must be turned in during that class on Tuesday. No exceptions! **Failure to turn in a homework assignment will result in a zero.**

CONSEQUENCES FOR BROKEN RULES, STANDARDS

1. Verbal warning
2. Detention after school - 24 hours advance notice will be given.
3. Change of seat and/or phone call home.
4. Office referral to Vice Principal according to school policy.
5. Conference with the Eighth Grade Team of Teachers.
6. Meeting with Principal

EIGHTH GRADE EVENTS

This year will be filled with many exciting events and activities that are exclusive to 8th Grade. **As long as you are eligible**, you are given the opportunity to participate in the following anticipated activities:

**Branchburg/SMS 8th Grade Mixer
Philadelphia Trip (October 2016)
Washington, DC Trip (May 2017)
Eighth Grade Dinner Dance
Awards Ceremony
Promotion Assembly**

*~Welcome to
the Third
Floor~*