

Hello (new and returning) Middle School Students and Families -

Can you believe this summer is already almost over?! We have great expectations for the new school year and are looking forward to seeing you soon. Below you will find your supply lists and messages from your middle school teachers.

(links provided for examples/suggestions and are not required brands or purchases)

For your Backpack:

1. A 3-inch Binder, Zip up Binder, or Trapper Keeper ([example](#))
2. A 1.5-inch or 2-inch Binder for Math
3. Headphones that are sturdy enough [not to break](#) in a backpack. (Name on them) Or... [consider using](#) a [case](#) for earbuds. No bluetooth.
4. A Pencil case/pouch
5. A WATER BOTTLE with your name on it.

For your 3-inch Binder/Trapper Keeper:

1. At least 3 3-hole-punched pocket folders
2. 1 package of college-lined paper (3-hole) ([reinforced holes are nice](#))
3. (you might consider a pencil pouch that is made to go inside a binder)

For your Pencil Case/pouch:

1. Box of pencils (#2)
2. Pens (Black, Blue, and Red) ([Frixion erasable pens](#) are great!)
3. Highlighters (optional - [Erasable Highlighters](#) are REALLY helpful as students learn to highlight.)
4. Crayons and colored pencils.
5. [THIN Expo markers](#) and eraser to use with individual whiteboards
6. [Sticky Notes](#) (various sizes big and little)
7. [Index cards](#)
8. A good pair of scissors.

To Leave at School:

1. A wire notebook (not a composition notebook) to leave in science.
2. A composition notebook for advisory.
3. A journal for Writer's Workshop that you, the student, will LOVE and will enjoy filling with your writing! (at least 200 pgs)

OPTIONAL

1. Locker supplies.
2. [5 tab dividers](#) for Humanities (I like the pocket ones but you can use whatever)
3. Small tupperware container of [kinetic sand](#) (this is a favorite class fidget since it is quiet, not too messy, and not distracting!)
4. Fidget putty (like "[thinking putty](#) a zillion to choose from!") but NO slime please.

The following donations to the classroom would also be appreciated whether it includes all items to all three teachers or just some of the items for some of the teachers:

- [Expo Dry Erase Markers](#) (colored washable)
- [Glue Sticks](#)
- Paper Towels ([example](#))
- Tissues ([example](#))
- "Clorox" [Wipes](#)
- [Alcohol Wipes](#) (for Chromebooks)
- [Hand sanitizer](#)
- Sharpies ([black](#) & [colored](#))
- Plastic Ziploc Bags (any size-[example](#))
- [Construction Paper](#)
- [Colored Index Cards](#)
- Band-aids
- Pencils
- Tape
- Glue Sticks

[\(Humanities Classroom Wishlist on Amazon\)](#)

Dear Students and Families,

I'm looking forward to teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade Humanities again this year. Humanities is like Social Studies, Civics and ELA smooshed together. Draco, my bearded dragon, is also looking forward to seeing you again!



I'll start by telling you a little about me: I have a M.Ed. in Arts Integration and Curriculum. I have been a teacher, a paraprofessional, a curriculum editor, a special ed advocate, and I am a parent to 5 children (all grown up now). I'm also a singer & musician.

This summer I got to be part of the iCivics design squad again (I'm hoping we'll see some multiplayer games soon!) For a summer job I taught rising 1st-grade students for Power Scholars Academy with the YMCA! That was fun. I got to visit family and friends in Michigan, where I grew up. (Did you know the Great Lakes have more than 20% of all the world's freshwater!?)

I read a LOT of books this summer (25 and counting)! Most of them were from the library. I encourage students to get a library card. Even if they never go to the library they can use their library card for tons of great online resources like ebooks, audiobooks, and online research databases. Those databases will help you with the interest-driven projects I like to let students pursue whenever possible.

I look forward to learning with and *from* you this year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Wessels (Humanities and 6th-grade Advisory)

Dear Middle School Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Over the summer, my family and I spent a lot of time swimming, enjoying the outdoors, and visiting friends and family. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again for Math this year! I have some great projects and arts integration opportunities planned to get you excited about Math. We will celebrate Pi Day again this year! I know we will have another great year!

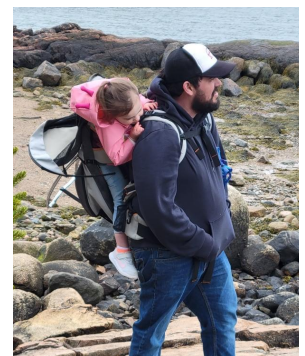
- Mrs. Bell (Math and 7th-grade Advisory)



Hello Everyone -

This summer I have been staying busy with my side job, family, and yardwork. I've also been retaking guitar lessons and have been getting out to lots of live music shows (I've missed them so much over the last couple of years). The first week of summer break I drove overnight to North Carolina to visit my best friend from college. We had a great time hanging out and as a bonus, I got to catch my two favorite bands playing on tour together near my friend's home.

I'm looking forward to the new year of exploring science with all of you. I have some exciting projects in the works and hope to have a science fair this year.



See you soon!
Mr. Ward
(Science and 8th-grade Advisory)

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to visit our classroom, schedule a conference, or volunteer to help out, you can contact us by email or by calling the school.