

Welcome back Eagles, Eagle parents, and supporters,

As the 2016-2017 school year quickly approaches, it's time to begin those highly anticipated back-to-school shopping runs. Listed below is a school supply list for your child's campus. Please realize that the some teachers will likely ask for additional items on the first day of school and throughout the year as well.

For Jr. High Students:

The middle school years are a critical time for students to grow as independent learners. As their first educators, supporting them in a positive way is vital to their success. Organization as an executive skill sets the stage for your child to be successful before they even step into the classroom. The organized student has a huge advantage both academically and in self-confidence as well. Please sit down with your child to discuss what organization system has worked in the past. Was it the 2 multi-subject spiral system, one for the morning, one for the afternoon? Was it a different spiral for each subject? Was it the popular accordion binder that houses ALL classes? (Research says this method is highly successful with middle school boys who then just grab one item before going home -- they are less likely to forget things at school.) In addition to what has worked, be sure to frankly address what has not worked and devise a new plan. Allowing your child to choose their own organization system means they buy into being organized and are more likely to continue that system throughout the year.

Remember, an organized student is better prepared for success and academic achievement. If you're a parent that is hoping for a little guidance or suggestions as to how to help prepare and support your child in this endeavor (like me), here is an exert from Homework Made Simple: Tips, Tools and Solutions for Stress-Free Homework by A. Dolin. (Don't let this article's title below discourage you.) Copying this specific link into a search engine brings up a 28 page PDF article from the book.

[HELP YOUR DISORGANIZED STUDENT - HubSpot](#)

Even if you spend 10 minutes reviewing this article, supporting, encouraging, and equipping your child to be organized is what they need from you as parents and from us as teachers. Remember, organization as an executive skill starts as an early habit.

In Christ,

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Jr. High School Supply List

Items to be turned into the first period teacher

- 4 boxes Kleenex
- 4 pkg. copy paper
- 1 pkg of dry erase markers - Min. 4 pack, larger are welcome

General Student Items

- 10 #2 pencils
- 1 box colored pencils
- 10 ballpoint pens (black or blue)
- 5 + ballpoint pens (red)
- 1 Catholic Bible (NAB- purchased at school if needed)
- 4 pkg. college ruled notebook paper
- 1 pkg. highlighters
- 3-4 pkg. subject dividers (5 ct.)

Additional Items by teacher

please note some teachers may require additional supplies for their classrooms during the first week of school

English

- 1 composition notebook – *regular ruled*

History

- Single subject spiral
- Map pencils
- Construction paper
- Glue sticks

Math

- 2-inch binder
- 1 pkg. of dividers
- 1 eraser
- 1 ruler with both inches and metric units—easy to read.
- 1 protractor
- Wide-ruled 3-hole notebook paper

Science

- 6th & 7th graders: 3-ring binder or spiral—student preference: will be turned regularly