

John G. Borden Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 7th Grade! We look forward to working with you and your child during the upcoming school year.

We would like to make you aware that there will be a designated period each day when all your child's teachers will meet. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to meet with the team of teachers, please call the Guidance Office to schedule an appointment (895-7179).

Please help your child be prepared. We would like to let you know what supplies your child will need for 7th grade. Having the necessary supplies right from the start will set the tone for a positive school year.

English:

Mrs. Knapp	Social Studies: Mr. Shanley
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One 2-pocket folder• Loose-leaf paper• Writing utensils (pens or pencils)• One pack of index cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loose-leaf paper• Writing utensils (pens or pencils)• Index Cards (200 - we will use a lot of them!)• Highlighter• Binder and Dividers (8)

Science:

Ms. Mildner	Mathematics: Mrs. Nunez
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One 2-pocket folder• Composition notebook• Scientific calculator (shared with math)• 2 packs of 3x5 index cards• Loose-leaf paper• Writing utensils (pens and pencils)• Highlighter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One 2-pocket folder• Scientific calculator (Texas Instruments TI - 34 MultiView is recommended)• Pencils (A lot of them! Mechanical are preferred.)

We believe that being prepared for class every day and doing homework are keys to success in 7th Grade. All team members will give homework on a regular basis. Students must write homework assignments down each day in their agenda. Homework assignments are also posted on our faculty Schoology pages. Homework reinforces skills taught in class and is an important part of each student's quarterly average. Although the task of handing in completed homework on time is the responsibility of the student, it would be helpful for parents to check that assignments are being recorded and completed.

A quiet place to work should be available for your child. We recommend each student follow a consistent homework schedule. Even when there is no specific work due the next day, your child should be reviewing current material. Mid-term exams will be given in January and cumulative final exams will be given in June.

We believe that keeping an open line of communication between home and school will lead to a productive and successful school year for our students. Please feel free to share your suggestions and/or concerns with us at any time by e-mailing us or calling the Main Office at 895-7175 or the Guidance Office at 895-7179.

Once again, we look forward to an exciting and productive school year with you and your child. Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Sincerely,

The 7th GRADE BLUE TEAM TEACHERS

Mrs. Calderone: English ICT Teacher
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Mrs. Knapp: English Teacher
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Ms. Mildner: Science Teacher
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Mrs. Nunez: Mathematics Teacher
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Mr. Shanley: Social Studies Teacher
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Mr. Nace: Guidance Counselor
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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

First, WELCOME to John G Borden Middle School! The 7th Grade White Team is extremely excited to have you join our school family... and our team! It is going to be a great year with a lot of new firsts! There are so many things for your child to learn and for us to discover together. Our priorities will always be your child's well-being and that they are able to succeed and perform to the best of their ability. We know there are a lot of questions about the start of the upcoming school year, but we want you to know that we are here for you, to help your child grow and learn. We look forward to working with you this year and are excited to begin our year together.

In preparation for the first day of school for students, September 6, 2023, the following is a list of supplies that your child will need for the school year. Having the necessary supplies right from the start will set the tone for a positive school year.

Social Studies:

English:

Mr. Schenkman	Ms. LaPolla
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Green Folder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Yellow Folder

Science:

Math:

Mrs. Petrie	Mrs. Musch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Blue Folder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Red Folder

GENERAL SUPPLIES REQUIRED IN ALL CLASSES (replenish as needed):

- Loose-leaf paper
- Pens (blue or black) and pencils/pencil sharpener
- Pencil pouch
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- Index cards
- Earbuds or Headphones
- **TI-34 Multi-View Scientific Calculator**
- Homework folder
- Agenda (assignment book is provided by the school)

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A quiet place to work should be available for your child at home. We recommend each student follow a consistent homework schedule. Even when there is not specific work due the next day, your child should be reviewing current material. Mid-term exams will be given in January, and cumulative final exams will be given in June.

We also believe that keeping an open line of communication between home and school will lead to a productive and successful year for our students. To that end, you have access to the Parent Portal on our district website. This system provides access to view your child's schedule, attendance, assignment grades, progress reports and report cards. In addition, we wanted to ensure transparency by providing you with access to your child's Schoology account. This access will enable you to see what assignments your student has, what work he/she needs to complete, and what grades he/she has earned. You can request your access code by contacting the Guidance department. Both systems will be important tools for you to attain information about your child's progress in school. Please feel free to share your suggestions and/or concerns with us at any time through e-mail or by calling the Main Office at 895-7175 or Guidance at 895-7179.

Again, we look forward to a wonderful school year. Know that we are here to support you and your child in any way we can. Enjoy the remainder of the summer! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You can reach us via email:

Best Regards,

Ms. Jaime LaPolla – ELA 7W jlapolla@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us

Mrs. Kristin Musch – Math 7W kmusch@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us

Mrs. Jacqui Petrie – Science 7W jpetrie@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us

Mr. Adam Schenkman – Social Studies 7W aschenkman@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us

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