



John G. Borden Middle School, 109 Bona Ventura Avenue, Wallkill, NY 12589

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Michael Redmond, Principal

Michael Pritts, Dean of Students

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 8th Grade Blue Team! We look forward to collaborating with you and your child during the upcoming school year. Please help your child be prepared! The following is a list of supplies that your child will need for the eighth-grade school year. Having the necessary supplies right from the start will set the tone for a positive school year.

GENERAL SUPPLIES REQUIRED IN ALL CLASSES AS OUTLINED IN GENERAL SUPPLY LETTER (replenish as needed):

Subject/Teacher	Supplies Needed
Social Studies Ms. Velazquez	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2-inch (or 3 inch) binder with 3 dividers. (If you are having trouble finding a binder, please see me).• Looseleaf paper• Pocket folder (hole punched) to keep handouts (to be kept in binder)• Blue or black ink pen or pencil• Earbuds/headphones shared by all classes
ELA Mr. Rios	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1-inch binder• Pocket folder• Earbuds/headphones shared by all classes
Science Mr. Carelli	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1-inch binder• 5-tab dividers• Calculator (shared with math)• Earbuds/headphones shared by all classes
Math Mr. Dirago	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Texas Instruments TI-34 MultiView (shared with science)• Pocket folder• Earbuds/headphones shared by all classes• USB/Bluetooth mouse
Algebra Mrs. Keesler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graphing Calculator - Texas Instruments TI-84• (Note: Student may choose to buy their own to be used for the rest of their math education or can loan one from the middle school for the year)• Pocket folder• Chromebook Stylus – Mixoo recommended

We believe that being prepared for class every day and completing daily homework are the keys to success in eighth grade. All team teachers will assign homework on a regular basis. Students must write homework assignments down each day in their agenda. 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 if parents check that assignments are being recorded and completed. Many teachers either use Schoology or have a webpage which lists homework assignments, assessment, and project due dates as well as other valuable information. The web pages and Schoology pages are found on the district's website: www.wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us. We also encourage parents to use parent portal.

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. Please feel free to share your suggestions and/or concerns with us at any time by 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 rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

THE BLUE TEAM TEACHERS

Mr. Carelli; Science
Mr. Dirago; Math
Ms. Velazquez; Social Studies
Mr. Rios; ELA
Mr. Nace; Guidance

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 8th grade! We look forward to working with you and your child during the upcoming school year.

Please help your child be prepared. We would like to let you know what supplies your child will need for eighth grade. Having the necessary supplies right from the start will set the tone for a positive school year. A Chromebook will be issued to students at the beginning of the school year and will be taken back and forth from school to home to assist in completing assignments.

We encourage you to contact any one of us if you have any questions about this upcoming school year.

SUPPLIES NEEDED BY EIGHTH GRADERS ON THE WHITE TEAM

Subject/Teacher	Supplies Needed
ELA Ms. Becker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 inch binder • 3 subject dividers • Pens/pencil everyday
Social Studies Mr. Kelso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 inch binder • 3 subject dividers • Pens/pencil everyday
Science Mrs. Sandberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 inch binder • 3 subject dividers • Pens (blue or black) and Pencils everyday • Colored pencils (to keep at home)
Math Mr. Dirago Or Mrs. Keesler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Calculator –Texas Instruments TI-34 MultiView preferred (shared with science) • Pocket folder • Headphones • USB/Bluetooth Mouse • Chromebook Stylus – Mixoo recommended
Algebra Mrs. Keesler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphing Calculator - Texas Instruments TI-84 Note: Student may choose to purchase their own to be used for the rest of their math education or can loan one from the middle school for the year • Pocket folder • Chromebook Stylus – Mixoo recommended
Living Environment Mr. Haver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 inch binder • 3 subject dividers • Pens (blue or black) and pencils everyday

General Supplies Needed in all Classes:

- loose-leaf paper
- pens (blue or black)
- pencils
- highlighters
- agenda (assignment book is provided by the school)
- calculator for Math and Science
- Chromebook
- headphones
- mouse (if students prefer it)

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Please feel free to share your suggestions and concerns with us at any time by calling the Main Office at 895-7175.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

The 8th Grade White Team:

Ms. Becker – English Teacher

Mrs. Rubin – Special Education Teacher

Mr. Dirago – Math Teacher

Mrs. Sandberg – Science Teacher

Mrs. Keesler – Math Teacher

Mrs. Wager – Special Education Teacher

Mr. Kelso – Social Studies Teacher

Mr. Haver – Living Environment Teacher

Ms. Sinacori – Guidance Counselor