

## Student Supplies 2011-2012

Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Parents/Guardians:

In order to be prepared for the start of school on September 6, it is important for your child to have certain school supplies. In the past the middle school provided these materials to students using a small portion of the supply money collected at the beginning of the school year. However, we believe that you may be able to purchase these supplies at a less expensive price. This also would allow students an opportunity to appropriately personalize their materials.

Each student is expected to come to school on September 6 with the following supplies:

- An appropriately sized binder. (Approximately 1 ½" D-ring has seemed to work for most students.)
- A supply of notebook paper.
- A supply of pencils.
- A pencil holder for the binder
- Set of 5-tab dividers
- Art sketch book 9" x 12" that is spiral bound at the top or side and at least 30 pages.

Students will want to have extra supplies available at home. We will not have extra supplies available at school.

Students in the third year program have found it very helpful to have personal copies of many of the books used in language arts purchased for them so that they could write notes in the book. The supply fee this year includes money towards the purchase of these books. Among the books that will be purchased for your son/daughter to keep will be a writing source book that we feel will be useful beyond Benchmark. The other books that we will be purchasing with this money are also books that we think will be helpful in your child's next school. We realize that this is a significant increase in the supply money for third year students. If the amount presents a problem for your family, please contact Mr. Hurster.

There are still numerous expenses incurred for purchasing other materials for your child's use in various classes. Therefore, there is a materials fee for 3<sup>rd</sup> year middle school students of \$241. This includes, among other things, an assignment book, the anticipated cost of English books, and a summer math workbook.

Please send a check to school with your child on September 6 for \$241 made payable to "Benchmark School." Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eric C. MacDonald, Ed.D.  
Asst. Middle School Head