

# TOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you have had a good school year and we are looking forward to working with you again next year.

Grades 6 through 8 at TMS are organized in teams of teachers. A sixth grader's day is spent within his/her team. This team structure provides the students with the best of two worlds: a variety of teachers means a diversity of teaching styles and a change of setting; keeping students within teams means a limited number of students are the focus, and more than one teacher is monitoring and encouraging each child's progress. A main function of a team is to plan, carry out, and evaluate each student's instructional program.

Your child's homeroom teacher for next year is indicated on the certificate attached to this packet. Following are the sixth grade teams:

Blue Team: Mrs. Markow, Mrs. McDermott, Mr. Milici  
Gold Team: Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Marlin, Mrs. Olander  
Red Team: Mrs. Cayward, Mrs. Rioux, Mrs. Sleeman, Ms. VanOstrand  
White Team: Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Krantz

Your child will spend his/her day with one of the teams above. Additionally, each quarter your child will have a special subject of Art, Music, ROPE (Rite of Passage Experience) and Library. Physical Education will meet twice a week. Exploratory courses will also be incorporated in your child's academic program. Your child will receive an individualized schedule during the first week of school.

All students in the Middle School use agenda booklets. You are already acquainted with this daily assignment booklet, which is also a place for messages between teachers and parents. Your child should bring this to and from school, and to all classes daily. We know this approach assists with study skills, homework responsibility/accountability, and school/home communication. You will also find the Student Handbook in the front of the TMS agenda. We thank you for your support of this schoolwide system. The agenda is supplied by the school **therefore, you do not need to purchase an assignment book.**

There are still openings in our summer school programs. Please call the office if you want to consider a 2 or 4 week program in language arts, math and/or study skills for your child. This summer school is conducted from **July 7 – 18, and July 21 – August 1.** Please contact the school for a registration form.

The first day of school for all Tolland students is **Wednesday, August 27, 2008.** This will be a full, regular day of school. We understand the nervousness and excitement at TMS moves to its new location at One Falcon Way (the old high school). If your child just can't wait until the first day of school drop by

on Tuesday, August 26, from 11:00 – 12:00 to take a peek at the new TMS. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent Open House evening is scheduled for **Thursday, September 18.**

Please have your child join the summer reading-at-home program at the town library. Tolland Middle School has received state recognition as one of the top reading schools in Connecticut. Let's keep up that outstanding effort for summer reading!

Please find attached the grade six supply list and the summer reading assignment. Enjoy reading, and have a wonderful summer.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter Willett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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## GRADE 6 SUPPLY LIST

- Pencils
- Pens - blue or black
- A set of fine tip water soluble colored markers (not Sharpie)
- Colored pencils
- 12" Ruler (US Standard/metric)
- Calculator
- 2-3 Highlighters
- Glue stick
- Zippered pencil pouch

In addition, each team of teachers has specific requests:

### TEAM BLUE

Mrs. Markow, Mrs. McDermott, Mr. Milici

- 2 1" binders
- 1 three-subject notebook
- 1 math notebook
- 1 five-subject notebook
- 2 100 sheet package loose-leaf paper dividers
- 6 plastic perforated pocket folders (each a different color)
- 3 marble composition books
- 1 fine or medium Sharpie black marker
- assortment of colored pens
- dividers
- erasers
- index cards and a box to put them in
- post-it notes

### TEAM RED

Mrs. Cayward, Mrs. Rioux, Mrs. Sleeman, Ms. VanOstrand

- 4 different colored 1" three ring binders with matching pocket folders
- 1 yearly supply of loose-leaf paper
- 9 dividers
- 3 ultra fine black sharpie markers
- 1 3" X 3" post it notes
- 1 Fiskar student scissors
- 1 large eraser

### TEAM WHITE

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Krantz

- 1 large three ring binder/trapper keeper with tabs for science, social studies, reading, English, spelling and important papers
- 1 yearly supply of loose-leaf paper
- 6 sturdy two pocket folders
- 2 ultra fine point Sharpie markers
- 2 red pens
- index cards
- scissors
- 1 large eraser or several cap erasers
- 1 marble composition book
- Post-it notes/post-it flags

### TEAM GOLD

Mrs. Hart,  
Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Marlin, Mrs. Olander

- 1 1" or 1 1/2" three ring binder
- 1 Plastic accordion folder
- 1 yearly supply of loose-leaf paper
- 1 three subject notebook for S.S.
- 1 three subject notebook for Science
- 1 graphing notebook for Math- 3 hole punched
- 2 different colored marble composition books for LA
- 2 packs of 2 - 3 X 3" Post-it notes
- 2 red pens
- 2 ultra thin black Sharpie markers
- index cards (3 X 5" or 5 X 8")

