



SAINT TERESA SCHOOL

2026-2027 SY

Dear Middle School Students,

Welcome (or Welcome Back) to Middle School!

We are so excited to start this new school year with all of you! Whether you're continuing your middle school journey or just starting it for the first time, we want you to know how proud we are to have you as part of our school community.

If you're returning to middle school, you already know that this is a place full of new challenges, new choices, and exciting opportunities to grow. You've already started to build the skills and confidence that will help you take on the year ahead—and we can't wait to see what you'll accomplish next.

If you're new to middle school, welcome! You're about to begin an exciting chapter filled with new subjects, new teachers, and new friends. We know it can feel a little overwhelming at first, but we'll be here to support you every step of the way. You're not alone—we're all learning and growing together!

This year, all students will have the chance to explore interesting topics in class, take fun electives, join clubs and activities, and become more independent in their learning. Whether you're stepping into middle school for the first time or stepping into your final year with us, this will be a time of big growth, discovery, and connection.

One habit we encourage every student to build is daily reading. We expect everyone to read for at least 30 minutes a day—from books you actually enjoy! We've included a list of great titles to get you started, but you're welcome to choose any book that excites you—graphic novels, mysteries, fantasy, nonfiction, and more. Reading every day helps build strong thinking skills, vocabulary, and imagination.

As you enjoy your summer, take time to relax, recharge, and get excited for the year ahead. We're looking forward to seeing familiar faces and getting to know our new students. Together, we're going to make this year amazing! Enjoy your summer—we can't wait to see you soon!

Your Middle School Team





Hello! Summer Reading

Middle School students are expected to read 30 minute per day over the summer. You will have a formal assessment of your summer reading when you return to school. Your child may select a reading of their choice - some suggestions are included.

Suggested Books:

The Giver by Lois Lowry
Gullivers Travels by Jonathan Swift
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Heidi by Johanna Spyri
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen
Tex by S.E. Honton
Down River by Will Hobbs
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolken
Northwind by Gary Paulsen
As Long as the Lemon Tree Grows by Zoulfa Katouh
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkein
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose





Middle School Supplies

The following items are required for middle school next year. Please pay attention to the colors of notebooks and folders - the colors are important.

- Chromebook or laptop (not a tablet)
- Wired headphones
- Refillable water bottle
- Calculator (basic with square root key)
- (4) 1" three -ring binders (1) in each of these colors: **white, blue, black, purple**
- (1) 2" Binder
- (2) spiral one subject notebooks - any color
- (2) sets of dividers for the binders
- (4) packages loose leaf paper
- (1) package clearview/ protector sheets
- (3) folders - color of your choice
- 300 index cards
- Hole reinforcers
- Multi-colored pens (3-4 choices by BIC)
- Crayons
- Markers
- (2) Packages of colored pencils
- (5) thin black sharpie markers
- (2) Pencil case- zippered
- (1) 9" x 12 " sketchbook
- (6) glue sticks
- (2) boxes of pencils
- Erasers, ruler
- Scissors
- (3) highlighters

**Donations of the
following items are
greatly appreciated!**

Paper Towel Rolls

Clorox Wipes

Kleenex

Hand Sanitizer