

A large, stylized illustration of a pencil and a ruler in the top corners of the page. The pencil is on the left, pointing towards the center, and the ruler is on the right, angled downwards. Both are in a light orange color with dark blue outlines.

## SAINT TERESA SCHOOL

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

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# 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  
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitts  
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  
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen  
Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen  
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Tex by S.E. Hinton  
Down River by Will Hobbs  
River Thunder by Will Hobbs  
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien  
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 Tolkien  
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)
- (5) 1" three -ring binders (1) in each of these colors: **white, blue, black, green, red**
- (2) spiral one subject notebooks - (1) black and (1) color of your choice
- (5) sets of dividers for the binders
- (5) packages loose leaf paper
- (2) composition books
- (1) black folder with prongs
- (2) black folders without prongs
- (6) folders - (3) orange, (3) color of your choice
- 300 index cards
- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- (5) thin black sharpie markers
- Pencil case (not hard plastic)
- (1) 9" x 12 " sketchbook
- (6) glue sticks
- (1) package of blue and black pens
- (3) red pens
- (2) boxes of pencils
- Erasers, ruler
- Personal pencil sharpener
- Scissors
- White out tape (not liquid)
- (3) highlighters