

MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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*Focus on Learning – Every student, every adult, every day – Achievement for all*

August 14, 2017

Dear Madison Families:

Another school year is about to begin!

**Our first day of school is Wednesday, September 6. School begins promptly at 8:55am and the last bell rings at 3:45pm.**

I would like to personally welcome each student and family to Madison. We have an amazing year planned and I know we are going to see the continued success of all of our students. As your Principal, it is my goal to inspire, motivate, and support each member of our school community.

Madison Middle School has a very proud tradition. The instruction and guidance that the Madison staff has provided to students over the years has been exceptional. We are committed to our goal to connect with every child, every day. It is going to be year full of fun, adventure and hard work.

I am excited to see what our amazing students will accomplish. I look forward to meeting our new students and connecting with families. We have many events for students and families to attend. After sixth grade orientation on September 5, the next event is Curriculum Night.

**Sixth Grade Orientation**

**Tuesday, September 5 8:00am-1:00pm in Madison's Gym**

The transition to middle school is an important one. We have a special event planned for all of our new sixth grade students including a welcome assembly, school tour, small team building groups with their year-long WEB leaders, introductions to advisory teachers and individual locker assignments. This event is for students only. Parents and guardians may drop off students at the gym in the south parking lot.

If 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are unable to join us for orientation on Tuesday, schedules and lockers will be distributed and assigned in the morning on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 6, in the library beginning at 8:25am.

**School Picture Day**

**Thursday, September 21. Re-take day is scheduled for Friday, November 3.**

## Curriculum Night

**September 21 6:30-8:00pm**

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. This evening is designed to provide all parents and guardians with an overview of their student's day, meet teachers in their classrooms and learn about the curriculum and general expectations of each grade level. This is a parent and guardian only event.

## Supply List: See attached list (also on the Madison website)

We have found that some middle school students purchase binders and backpacks that are too large for our lockers. The dimensions of our school lockers are as follows: width, 10 inches, height, 34 inches and depth, 13 inches. Please bring only supplies and backpacks that will fit into the lockers. This basic supply list includes all that your student will need during the first week of school. Specific items not on this list may be requested by some teachers, however these items will be fine to start the year off prepared.

## Start Time

Madison's bell schedule has changed for the 2017-18 school year. The first bell will ring at 8:50 with class beginning promptly at 8:55 a.m. School will be dismissed at 3:45 p.m. Of course our day really doesn't end at 3:45; we have an extensive after school program called M.O.S.T. (Madison out of school time) that your student may participate in beginning in October. Program information will go home with students in September.

Middle School sports begin soon! Madison offers Girls Soccer and Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee in the Fall. All athletes must have a current sports physical and release on file in order to try out or play sports. Pick up a sports physical form in the main office or visit the district or Madison's website.

## Transportation Questions

If you are unsure of your student's assignment, please contact the district transportation office 252-0900 or access information via the district website at <http://www.seattleschools.org/departments/transportation>.

I am excited about the upcoming school year. At any time if you have questions or concerns please contact me at 206-252-9200 or [rgary@seattleschools.org](mailto:rgary@seattleschools.org).

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Gary  
Principal

- **Student schedules will be available on the first day of school and will be distributed in the Library, Commons and Gym beginning at 8:25am. Doors open at 8:15am.**
- **6<sup>th</sup> grade – Pick up schedule in Library  
7<sup>th</sup> grade – Pick up schedule in Gym  
8<sup>th</sup> grade – Pick up schedule in Commons**

## 2017-18 School Year Calendar Dates

**Students will be released 75 minutes early every Wednesday**, except for the first day of school. This is to support improved teacher collaboration and student academic performance.

Important Calendar Dates:

**Wed., Sept. 6, 2017** First day of school (regular school hours apply)

**Mon., Sept. 11, 2017** Kindergartners first day of school (three-day delayed start)

**Fri., Oct. 13, 2017** State-In-Service Day (no school)

**Fri., Nov. 10, 2017** Veterans Day (no school)

**Nov. 20-22, 2017** Elementary Conference Days (no school for elementary and K-8 students)

**Nov. 23-24, 2017** Thanksgiving Break

**Fri. Dec. 15, 2017** 1-hour early dismissal (holiday break)

**Dec. 18, 2017 – Jan. 1, 2018** Winter break including New Year's Day (no school)

**Mon., Jan. 15, 2018** Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)

**Wed., Jan. 31, 2018** Day between Semesters (no school) \*possible snow make-up day (1 of 3)

**Feb. 19 – 23, 2018** Mid-winter break including Presidents' Day (no school)

**April 9 -13, 2018** Spring break (no school)

**Mon., May 28, 2018** Memorial Day (no school)

**Fri., June 22, 2018** Last day of school (1-hour early dismissal)

**June 25 and 26, 2018** Possible Snow Make-Up days

# 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

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## Supplies needed for all students:

- ✓ All grades: Calculator
  - A cheap (less than \$5) basic calculator is fine. **Put your name on it!**
  - Students taking **8<sup>th</sup> grade math** will be using a TI-84 graphing calculator. (Texas Instruments). It is a valuable tool that may be used through college. A TI-84 (Regular or Silver edition) costs between \$100 and \$150.
- ✓ All grades: Glue
- ✓ All grades: Colored pencils
  - A set of 8 to 12 would be perfect. Be sure to have red and blue ones.
- ✓ All grades: Sturdy Pencil Pouch/Supply box
  - Bring this with you every class every day! This can be basic and inexpensive. It should hold most of the (non-paper) items on this list.
- ✓ All grades: Pencils and personal mini pencil sharpener
  - Keep 2 to 4 pencils with you at all times. Expect to use at least 24 pencils this year. Try to have #2 pencils. They are easier to read and required for some tests you will take this year. Mechanical pencils are okay, but you must bring your own spare lead every day.
- ✓ All grades: Ink pens (6<sup>th</sup> grade – blue and black pens)
  - Keep 2 to 4 pens with you at all times. Expect to need up to 12 pens this year. Please have some blue ink pens **and** some black ink pens. Remember, Sharpies and other permanent ink markers are not allowed at Madison.
- ✓ All grades: Loose leaf lined paper
  - Expect to need 200+ sheets this year. This paper won't all fit in your binder, so plan to keep most of it in your locker and some of it at home. This should be 3-hole punched. The width of the lines doesn't matter. Please stick to basic white. The fancy colors are harder for teachers to read.
- ✓ All grades: 1 pack of 3" X 5" index cards
- ✓ All grades: If you would like to bring in a box of tissues, hand sanitizer and #2 pencils to your advisory teacher to share, that would be very nice.

## Specific Supplies by grade level:

### 6<sup>th</sup> graders:

- 3-ring binder (3" to 4" wide) with 6 dividers
- 3 single subject spiral notebook for math, science, and other. (optional graph notebook for math)
- 3 single-subject hardcover composition books (for Language Arts and Social Studies + 1 additional for when LA notebooks are full)
- One pack of 3" by 3" Post-it note pads
- Highlighters
- Two rolls of clear tape

### 8<sup>th</sup> graders:

- 1 (one) 3-ring binder
  - 2 1/2 inch wide – This is for all of your other subjects. **Or 3 (three) 1 1/2" binders**
  - 1.5" 3-ring binder is required for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science
  - No cloth or zippered binders!
  - 1 set of Binder Section Dividers per binder
- 2 Composition Books for Humanities
- 1 Spiral Notebooks for Math
- Loose graph paper – 1 package
  - Expect to need around 200+ sheets this year. This paper will not all fit in your binder, so plan to keep most of it in your locker and some of it at home. It should be 3-hole punched. It is best if you can get the 4 or 5 squares per inch or centimeter squares. Again, please stick to basic white.
- One pack of 3" by 3" Post-it note pads
- Highlighters
  - Have a set of 4 different colored highlighters with you at all times. The thinner kind is better for our purposes.
- Ruler
  - Make this metric and standard (centimeters and inches). A 12-inch is best. The ones with holes to put in the binder are great!

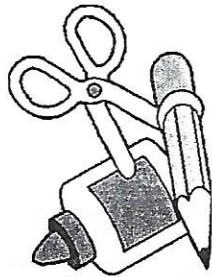
\*There may be additional requirements from individual teachers

*Bought a pair - share a spare? Bring it to the main office for students needing assistance preparing for school.*

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7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Supply List: for the 2017-18 school year

Class	General Supplies: To be used in all classes (leave extras in your locker)	Math	Science	Language Arts	History	Advisory
Supplies Requested: If you are unable to purchase some supplies please see your team leader or guidance counselor for assistance in gathering them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One 2 inch binder (No larger please and NO Zip-up binders)</li> <li>○ Glue sticks or two rolls of clear tape</li> <li>○ Colored Pens</li> <li>○ Highlighters</li> <li>○ Pencils</li> <li>○ Post-it notes (regular and mini)</li> <li>○ Pencil Pouch to hold the small items above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hole punched folder that fits in binder</li> <li>- Graphing Notebook</li> <li>- Regular 7<sup>th</sup> grade math, no calculator required.</li> <li>- Calculator needed for MATH 8 or ALGEBRA ONLY; TI-84 or similar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hole punched folder that fits in binder</li> <li>- 100 page (minimum) composition book/journal. Threaded pages, not spiral bound.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hole punched folder that fits in binder</li> <li>- 100 page (minimum) composition book/journal. Threaded pages, not spiral bound.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hole punched folder that fits in binder</li> <li>- 100 page (minimum) composition book/journal. Threaded pages, not spiral bound.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To help us maintain a healthy supply all year:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 box of tissues</li> <li>- 1 box of pencils</li> <li>- 4 rolls of clear tape (w/o dispenser is fine)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



Consider purchasing : TWO extra journals, in case yours fill up or you have an elective class that requires one.