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Mennonite
Elementary & Middle Schools

Grade Eight Supply List 2024-2025

**Parents are responsible to supply the following:
(Please label all items)**

- School bag/backpack
- Water bottle
- Headphones
- Pencil case
- 1 Kleenex box

Bulk supplies will be purchased by the classroom teachers. Please send in payment of **\$40.00** on the first of school (Cheques can be made out to WMS)

The teacher will purchase bulk supplies and necessary student resource materials such as: Pencils, ruler, glue sticks, markers, erasers, etc.

PHYS. ED: It is very important to wear appropriate clothes and athletic shoes for PE to ensure that everyone gets to fully participate! The following items are compulsory:

- 1 pair indoor athletic shoes
- 1 change of clothes -**bottoms** (sweat pants or shorts mid-thigh length and consider black for team sports) and **t-shirt** in a **SMALL suitable gym bag**
- 1 stick deodorant (to be kept in gym bag)

We are continuing to encourage students to bring their sandwiches, drinks and desserts in reusable containers. You can help the school cut down on the amount of garbage generated at lunch time by following this practice wherever possible.

When shopping for school clothing, please be reminded that our school's code of conduct also refers to appropriate attire. We appreciate parental support in supplying children with suitable clothing for use in our school's context.

Welcome to Grade 8! Start Up Conference Questions – September 2024

Student Questions:

1. What are you looking forward to in grade 8?
2. What concerns or worries do you have?
3. What areas do you want to improve in? (Academic, social, personal...)
4. How do you learn best in school?
5. Any questions for me?

Parent Questions:

1. What are you looking forward to for your child this year?
2. What concerns do you have?
3. What areas do you want them to improve in? (Skills, academic, social, etc)
4. Any questions for me?



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Dear Parent/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that starting September 2024 at Katherine Friesen, we are introducing a “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) practice for students entering grades 7 and 8. This means that students will be expected to bring their own personal laptops to use for educational purposes in the classroom. Laptops will need to have WIFI accessibility and be able to run Google Apps, therefore a device in the \$300 - \$600 range will be enough for this program. Much like personal cell phones and other items brought to school, each student will be responsible for their own device if damaged.

We live in an increasingly digital world and, as a community of educators, we have a responsibility to prepare our students for the future. By incorporating technology into our learning and teaching practices, we can provide our students with more interactive, collaborative, and creative learning experiences. In addition, we can take a hands-on approach in supporting our students to use technology in a way that is safe and responsible. Our intention is not to significantly increase your child’s screen time but rather improve on its quality via critical thinking approaches, source analysis, and access to up-to-date information right in the classroom.

When your child begins school in September, teachers will train their students on effective use of devices and will communicate school guidelines around the use of devices in the classroom to ensure that they are being used for educational purposes. Please note, our IT department will not be responsible for troubleshooting or the repair of hardware issues.

We appreciate your support in this endeavour and look forward to working together to ensure that our students receive the best possible opportunities in their education.

Sincerely,

Curt Krahn
Principal