

Dear Families,

Welcome to 7th Grade at The Franklin School of Innovation! It is very exciting to start the new school year with what we know is a stellar class of returning students, and we look forward to meeting all the new faces, too. Beyond introducing ourselves and saying, "Welcome!" We also want to take this opportunity to overview some expectations we have for our students and families, and in turn let you know what you can expect from us.

From students, we expect everyone to help contribute to a positive classroom culture. A positive classroom culture is one where we speak and listen respectfully, maintain a growth mindset, arrive prepared to work and learn and take care of our campus and materials. We expect students to follow the dress code and guidelines of our school handbook, and to show every adult at school the same respect they show their classroom teachers.

From our parents, we ask for your patience and support as much as you can offer it. Each of us is entirely committed to the success of every child, but while you have one son or daughter in our class, please remember that we have many sons and daughters to work with each day. Please remember that when you approach us about conflicts, concerns, or the needs of your child, that our goals are the same as yours: we want the best for him or her! Let us show students that we are working together towards our common goals, and provide a model of cooperation through this process.

From your teachers, you should expect us to know your child as an individual. We will strive to make personal connections to every student, to know all of their strengths and weaknesses, and to push every student towards academic and personal growth. You can expect us to make decisions based upon your child's best interest and to get timely communication from us when a concern arises or if you email or call us with a concern of your own. You can expect us to help, to guide, to encourage, to model the values and behaviors we teach, and to push students to do more than they ever thought they could.

We are very excited to kick off what we hope will be the best year yet at Franklin. As school commences, you should look for more information from each teacher regarding his or her class. In the meantime, here is a brief overview of our core classes to get you started:

English-Language Arts with Ms. Ashley O'Dell

Students in ELA will be studying various books and texts throughout the year that focus on real world issues. We will continue to develop skills they learned in 6th grade such as gathering textual evidence to support claims, analyzing texts and using language dives to deconstruct sentence structure within a text. Group work and discussion will be a significant part of class, and students will continue to learn how to work together to produce high quality work, both individually and as a team. We will continue to use writing strategies that will help them organize their ideas, establish claims and write well

reasoned, thoughtful essays. Students will revise their work using peer review and Habits of Character, which we will study throughout the year. My hope is that students will use critical thinking to think deeply about the texts and grapple with new concepts that inspire them to think about how they can impact their community in a positive, productive way.

Science with Ms. Sarah Lydon

Seventh grade junior scientists engage in scientific practices and ways of thinking. We will build on the inquiry skills they developed in sixth grade by strengthening their abilities to form explanations based on evidence, use models to understand phenomena, and design and conduct experiments. We will explore physical life and earth science, topics including cells, genetics, human body systems, force and motion, electricity and magnetism, and weather and climate. Students will apply their math and literacy skills in science as we work with graphs and elements of scale and practice non-fiction reading and scientific writing throughout the year. My hope for every student is that they maintain an attitude of curiosity as we work to answer questions about the natural world.

Math with Ms. Zoe Wallace

Students in 7th grade math class will reinforce the concepts of the operations with rational numbers and solving single variable equations. We will focus on unit rates and ratios with an in-depth study on the relationships between fractions, decimals, and percentages. Students will increase their understanding of solving one-step equations and using this knowledge towards solving multi-step equations. Student inquiry will be based on problem-based tasks throughout the year. Students will be assessed by class assignments, quizzes, projects, and their notebook. I am looking forward to a wonderful year and for you all to grow into fantastic mathematicians.

Social Studies with Mr. Grace Nyanga

Seventh grade Junior Historians will continue to build on the knowledge and skills they investigated in 6th grade with an examination of the world from the Age of Exploration to the modern day. I am looking forward to a very rewarding year for your child in their academic endeavors. My goal is to help each student succeed to his or her fullest potential and I will do what I can to make sure that happens. Students will be challenged to work on study habits or habits of scholarship skills in the next year. We will focus on geography by continuing to apply the themes used in 6th grade of location, place, movement, human-environment, and region. Students will deepen their understanding of the role of these various themes by examining the many factors that have influenced the modern world and the impact they've had on global interconnectedness. Students will be evaluated based on their individual and group in-class participation, research projects and presentations. It is important that students remain informed citizens. We will meet this expectation by watching or reading world news tailored for the consumption of students.

Finally, thank you for choosing to entrust our team with your child's education. We can't wait to get to know them and to watch them grow. Please feel free to be in touch with us as needs arise and we will do the same. It's going to be an exceptional year.

All the Best,

Ashley O'Dell

Grace Nyanga

Zoe Wallace

Katie Lapinski




Sarah Lydon

7th Grade Course Supply List

2023-2024 School Year

Dear Franklin Families -

We are so excited to work with you and your student in the coming school year! When students have all of their supplies ready for the beginning of school, we are able to jump into deeper learning from day one. Please note that your students may or may not be in all of the classes listed for each grade level.

7th Grade				
<p>English/Language Arts Instructor: Ashley O'Dell aodell@thefsi.us</p>	<p>Social Studies Instructor: Grace Nyanga gnyanga@thefsi.us</p>	<p>Science Instructor: Sarah Lydon slydon@thefsi.us</p>	<p>Math Instructor: Zoe Wallace</p>	<p>ART Instructor: Jennifer Lipsey-Edwards</p>
<p><u>Required:</u> *Small 3-ring binder (1 Inch) with 5 dividers. *Folder *Loose leaf notebook paper *Pens/pencils *Sticky Notes *Colored Pencils</p> <p><u>Recommended:</u> *Highlighters (Shared) *Scissors (Shared)</p>	<p><u>Required:</u> *3-ring binder (1 Inch) w/ at least 9 dividers *Composition journal(<i>Similar to the image below</i>) (This composition book cannot be shared with another class)</p> 	<p><u>Required:</u> *One Composition Book (<i>Similar to the image below</i>) (This composition book cannot be shared with another class)</p>  <p>*One Pocket Folder *Pencils</p> <p><u>Recommended:</u> *Colored Pencils</p>	<p><u>Required</u> *LOTS of pencils *3-ring 1 inch binder *composition notebook (cannot be shared with another class)</p>  <p>*Calculator</p> <p><u>Recommended:</u> *Protractor *Compass</p>	<p>-#2 pencil x 4 -white art eraser -2 or more fine tip sharpies -2 or more broad tip sharpies -1 container disinfectant wipes -1 roll paper towels *These supplies will be combined with many other supplies and equipment provided by the school such as clay, paint, pastels, papers, markers and more! We welcome additional donations, email Ms. Jen for a wish list.</p>
<p>Theatre Instructor:</p>	<p>P.E. Instructor: Coach Gillis agillis@thefsi.us</p>		<p>Technology Instructor:</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>number 2 pencils</p>	<p>-Sneakers - no boots or crocs allowed on the gym floor. -Water bottle</p>		<p><u>Required:</u> Headphones: Earbuds or over-ear are both fine. Do not send expensive sets that might be easily damaged.</p>	<p>--headphones/earbuds -water bottle (filled at home every morning!)</p>

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Summer Reading List:

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| <i>The Son of Neptune</i> by Rick Riordan | <i>The Benefits of Being an Octopus</i> by Ann Braden |
| <i>The Girl Who Drank the Moon</i> by Kelly Barnhill | <i>The Magical Imperfect</i> by Chris Baron |
| <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> - Madeleine L'Engle | <i>The Outsiders</i> by S.E. Hinton |
| <i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i> - Ursula Le Guin | <i>Booked</i> by Kwame Alexander |
| <i>Paperboy</i> by Vince Vawter | <i>When You Trap a Tiger</i> by Tae Keller |
| <i>Keeper of The Lost Cities</i> by Susanne Messenger | <i>Howl's Moving Castle</i> by Diana Wynne Jones |
| <i>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i> by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle | |
| <i>The Hobbit</i> by J.J. R. Tolkien | <i>The Invention of Hugo Cabert</i> by Brian Zelnick |

Classroom Shared Supplies (Donations appreciated!)

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| - Pens/ Pencils | - Scotch tape refills |
| - Markers/ Colored pencils | - Sharpies |
| - *Boxes of tissues | - Binder Clips |
| - Whiteboard markers/Expo Markers | - Highlighters |
| - Whiteboard erasers | |
| - Glue sticks | |

Our Wish list if you would like to donate to help Visual Arts and families in need at FSI:

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| -Colored Sharpies | -11x17 copy paper |
| -Fine tip black Sharpies | -white art erasers |
| -Broad tip black Sharpies | -#2 pencils |
| -Prismacolor colored pencils | -Micron Pens any size |
| -Ebony pencils | -Facial Tissues |
| -Oil pastels | -disinfectant wipes |
| -Chalk pastels | -hand sanitizer |

Teacher Wish List Items (Optional for all grades):

*If you would like to support our school classrooms, we would love donations of any of the following items at the beginning or throughout the school year:

- Post-It Super Sticky Easel Pads (These are the big ones. Approximately 25 X 30 inches)
- Donations of any of the student supplies to support families with financial needs
- Extra 3 ring binders
- Extra 8 ½ x 11 inch, 80 page composition books
- Extra Composition books
- Extra 2 subject spiral bound notebooks



Thank you so much for your support in helping your student be ready for the beginning of school. If you have any questions about supplies, please feel free to reach out to the individual instructors of each course.

If you have supplies to donate or if you are in need of supplies, please reach out to Meagan Barnhard 7th grade Resource teacher mbarnhard@thefsi.us 828-412-4007.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

-7th grade team