

TAWASENTHA 8 SUPPLY LETTER

2026-27 edition

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

We are so excited to welcome you to eighth-grade Tawasentha this year.

Eighth grade brings many challenges and added responsibilities as we work toward your (exciting!) transition to high school. Below this welcome letter is a list of the supplies you'll need to start the year. In September, we will spend time in each class talking about our individual supplies, where you should keep them, and what we expect students to bring to class each day.

While not a physical item on our supply list, eSchool is also an important tool students will need to be successful in 8th grade. That will be your single greatest resource regarding class assignments, including missing work. *(Please take a moment to log into eSchoolData to make sure that all of your contact information is up to date and accurate).* We also utilize individual Google Classrooms, a whole-team Google Classroom, and ParentSquare.

We would also like to take a moment to highlight the updated cell phone policy, as required by state law. At no point during the regular school day are students allowed to use cell phones; they may not even carry the cell phones on them. **Phones must be left at home or stored in students' lockers.** Please take a moment over the summer to teach your student to use a combination lock if necessary. Students are encouraged to visit the house office to use the phone (and will be allowed to do so) if they need to contact home for any reason during the school day. We have found that removing cellular devices encourages students to be more present with their peers and more engaged in class.

We are eager to meet all of our new students and are looking forward to everything this school year will bring! We look forward to meeting many of you at our open house, Tuesday, September 15, from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Sincerely, your **team of teachers**,
Mrs. Blanchard, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Lagios, Mrs. Pollack, Mrs. Albright

A note on STUDENT LOCKERS AND LOCKS

FMS Students will be assigned two lockers: a hallway locker near their homeroom and one for physical education. Students will need to bring in **two combination locks***:

- One for their homeroom locker.
- One for their PE locker.

** Homeroom and PE teachers will keep the combination on file to help students who may forget their combination.*

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Team Supply List, 2026-2027

The following is a list of supplies we are requesting students have for their core classes.

HOMEROOM

- 2 Boxes of Tissues
- 1 Combination Lock

ALL CLASSES

- Pencils
- 24 pkg Colored Pencils
- Multi-color Highlighters
- Earbuds*** (*Very important!*)
- Pencil Pouch containing: *Pens/pencils, earbuds, dry erase marker (1), colored pencils (above package)*

ELA

- 2-pocket folder
- Lined composition notebook
- 1 pkg post-its (any color)

MATH

- 2" 3-Ring Binder
- 3 Binder Dividers
- 2 Thin Dry Erase Markers
- Calculator (which type depends on which Math Class):
 - **MATH 8:** TI-30 SXII
 - **ALGEBRA 1:** TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator

SCIENCE

- 1½" - 2" 3-Ring Binder with 5 dividers
- 24 Color pencils
- Highlighters

SOCIAL STUDIES

- 2" 3-Ring Binder with Pockets
- 10 Binder Dividers

If purchasing a calculator or any other supplies creates a financial burden, please contact your child's teacher or school counselor to work on a plan. Solutions can and will be found.

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