

# Monroe Township Middle School Team Odyssey



"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust the sails to always reach my destination." ~James Dean

## **odyssey (noun)**

od·ys·sey

1. a long wandering or voyage usually marked by many changes of fortune
2. an intellectual or spiritual wandering or quest

## All Aboard!

Welcome to Team Odyssey. Like many journeys you will experience in the years to come, this one is both an end and a beginning: the end of your years here at MTMS, and the beginning of your preparation for high school. Along the way, the teachers are the guides dedicated to your success and to leading you on an adventure in learning and discovery. We are excited to begin this odyssey with you!

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our team planning time period 4.



# 8th Grade Supply List

## Personal Supplies:

- (2) 2" binders (for all classes)
- (5) packs of dividers (various styles)
- (3) Packs of loose leaf paper
- Hole reinforcements
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Assorted colored pens (Including black, blue & red)
- (4) 2 Pocket Folders
- Pack of 4 White board markers (Expo Dry Erase Marker)
- Small Individual White (Dry Erase) Board
- Scissors
- Ruler
- White out
- Glue stick
- Colored pencils
- Pack of Markers
- Tape (5 rolls at minimum)
- Mini Stapler w/staples
- Paper Clips
- 1 pack of 3x5 or 4x6 index cards
- Pack of Highlighters
- (2) pencil cases with holes to place one in each binder

## Math 8

- (1) pack graph paper
- Scientific calculator (TI30- XS MultiView)
- Protractor

## Algebra 1

- Graphing NB (no loose graph paper)
- Scientific Calculator- any type (NO graphing calculators permitted)

## Geometry

- (1) pack graph paper
- (1) two-pocket folder
- Compass and protractor
- \*Recommended Scientific calculator (TI-30XS Multiview)

## English Language Arts

- Post-it notes
- Library Card

## World Language

- Merriam Webster Spanish-English Dictionary



## Summer Reading

To promote reading, we invite students to read books of their choice by authors they love. Both quality and quantity of reading are important. Students should read a volume of text and also engage actively with their reading. This means exercising the habits of a good reader such as: asking questions, marking the text, keeping post-it notes, maintaining a log or a reader's notebook, reading and writing reviews of books, having favorite books and authors, reading books in a series, having reading routines, and talking about books. Students should come to class in September ready to engage in learning activities that will utilize the various books read over the summer.

## Summer Math Packets

ALL MTMS students will be required to complete a summer math packet, which highlights the skills necessary to move to the next grade level. In the packets are skills that students should have mastered by the end of their previous year. Packets are **due on the first day of school**. Students are required to complete these packets to the best of their ability. Find copies of the packet and other resources on Monroe's school website under the "Math Department" folder.

## Important Dates:

<b>9/6</b>	First Day of School
<b>9/26</b>	Back to School Night for 8th Grade (5:30 PM)
<b>TBD</b>	1st Team Day
<b>11/6 - 11/10</b>	School Closed
<b>TBD</b>	Parent Teacher Conferences (8th Grade)

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." ~Lao Tzu