

Welcome to Team Highlander!



We are pleased to welcome you to sixth grade in the Middle School. We hope you have enjoyed the summer and have had time for rest, relaxation, reading, sports and many activities with family and friends. As we get ready for the 2026-2027 school year, we want to give you some information to help you prepare and be ready for Tuesday, September 8th.

In the Middle School you will experience more independence but also more responsibility! You will no longer have a teacher walk you from class to class (you will know your way around the school after the first week, we promise!). With this new independence, you will be expected to act appropriately in the hallways and classrooms as well as be prepared for every class.

Our team goal is to create a learning environment to engage all students. In sixth grade, you will be studying many interesting topics in both your core and encore classes. The core classes include English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science. The encore classes are those on your schedule that are not taught by us (Health, Technology, Foreign Language, P.E., Art, and Music).

Grown-Ups...Please E-mail Us!!!

As your child's core teachers, we would like to get to know your child as quickly as possible. It would help us greatly if you would send us an e-mail telling us about your child to help us get to know them before the school year starts. Also, our team sends out a weekly e-mail letting parents know what the upcoming week looks like so please also send us the e-mail(s) you would like this weekly update sent to.

Just some ideas to include...

- *What is special about your child?
- *Does your child have any special talents?
- *How does your child feel about school?

- *What does your child enjoy doing (in and out of school)?
- *What is your goal for your child?
- *Anything else that is important?

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We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday, September 8th and to an exciting 6th grade year.
Enjoy the rest of your summer!



Below is the list of supplies that are needed for the school year. Please remember that some of these supplies will need to be replenished throughout the year.

Supply List

- ☐ 2 packages of #2 pencils (to be replenished when needed)
- ☐ 2 boxes of tissues PLEASE- we tend to go through **a lot** during the year
- ☐ **4 plastic folders** with pockets and 3 holes-these are used all year and we have found plastic lasts longer. Please put the student's name on each folder and the subjects Math, Science, ELA and Social Studies.
- ☐ 1 red folder to use as a homework folder
- ☐ 1 pack of loose leaf paper
- ☐ Texas Instrument TI30XIIS calculator
- ☐ A pack of dry erase markers (math)
- ☐ Earbuds or headphones to plug in to computer and chromebooks
- ☐ A pack of highlighters
- ☐ *Optional:* pencil pouch and a binder to hold the folders-this is student choice!

For Foreign Language:

- ☐ loose - leaf paper
- ☐ pocket folder
- ☐ 30 index cards

For Phys Ed:

- ☐ Crew neck t-shirt and sweatshirt
(no inappropriate logos)
- ☐ Elastic waist shorts (appropriate length)
- ☐ Socks, sneakers (that tie or velcro securely)
- ☐ Deodorant (stick) to keep in PE Locker

For Health:

- ☐ pocket folder

For Technology:

- ☐ pocket folder

For Home & Careers:

- ☐ 2 pocket folder

Combination lock – You will receive a letter from the school with details about purchasing a combination lock for your locker.

We will help your student organize everything the first week of school and we will check in with them about organization throughout the year!

If your family is unable to purchase school supplies at this time, please contact one of the teachers on the team so that we can be sure your child has what he or she needs when school begins. You may email us or call the Middle School Main Office at **(518) 382-1263**. Thank you.