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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to seventh and eighth grade at Lisbon Regional School. We look forward to seeing your children on the first day of school, and we have put together some information we hope will be helpful to you as you prepare for the upcoming school year.

The first day of school for the 2021 – 2022 school year will be August 30th. Students' homerooms will be posted on the outside of the main entry on the first day. They will report to homeroom at first bell and will receive their class schedules at that time. They will also be receiving many forms, several of which will need to be signed and returned. Students may be assigned lockers, and if so, they will receive a locker number and combination. To help you prepare for school, there is a list of materials students will need for their core classes on the back of this letter.

Seventh and eighth grade is often a challenging time for students. Social issues and concerns become the priority for many and this can cause difficulties academically and behaviorally. One concern we hear often as a staff involves homework. Typically, students will have some sort of homework every night. Homework includes studying for tests, working on long term projects, reading and/or completing daily assignments. Please be aware there is a homework club available for all students, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30. We will be using a web-based grading program called PowerSchool. Using this program allows you to view your child's progress online, at your convenience, from any computer with Internet access. We will be updating frequently. The office will provide you with information on how to access PowerSchool if you are not already using the program.

To encourage positive behaviors and work habits, we have created a "Paws-i-tive Incentive Program" for the middle school. Students have the opportunity to earn "panther paws" on a weekly basis. These can be earned for excellence or improvement in habits of learning and/or achievement. "PAWS" can be redeemed to participate in special reward activities during the year.

School will be 100% in-person learning this year. If students are absent for any reason, there will be no option to "attend" classes virtually. It is recommended that students contact teachers for work when they are absent, and deal with pre planned absences/vacations through the office.

We want to maintain a positive and safe environment for all students. Please be sure to review the school handbook with your child when it is received, and do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns. We all have email accounts we check frequently, and they can be accessed from the school's web page.

We all look forward to communicating with you and working with your children during the school year. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Middle School Staff

Materials List for Core Subjects (Language Arts, Math, Science, and World Studies)

The school has purchased daily planners for all students.

8th Grade

- *1 large binder for math/U.S. history
- *1 large binder for science/language arts
- *4 packages of notebook dividers, preferably without pockets (LA, math, and science)
- *3 pocket folders (U.S. history and LA)
- *5– 1 subject spiral bound notebooks with holes (LA, Science, U.S. History and two for math - one with a hard cover is recommended)
- *calculator
- *pencils, pens (red and blue or black), and erasers
- *a case to hold your pens, pencils, etc. in your bag
- *a ruler that can be clipped into a three-ring binder (math)
- *package of colored pencils

7th Grade

- *1 large three-ring binder math/world studies
- *1 large three-ring binder science/language arts
- *4 packages of notebook dividers, preferably without pockets (LA, math, and science)
- *3 pocket folders (world studies and LA)
- *5– 1 subject spiral bound notebooks with holes (LA, Science, World Studies and two for math - one with a hard cover is recommended)
- *2 composition notebooks (math)
- *calculator
- *pencils, pens (red and blue or black), erasers
- *a case to hold your pens, pencils, etc. in your bag
- *a ruler that can be clipped into a three-ring binder (math)
- * package of colored pencils

Computer Class

- *earbuds or headphones of your own

Other

- * You may wish to have your own wipes and hand sanitizer.
- *A good bag or backpack that can contain all your school supplies
- *A water bottle