



John Story Jenks Middle School Academy

Summer 2016 Information Packet

Name: _____

Dear Jenks students and families,

Inside this packet you will find information regarding the 2016-2017 school year. Please read over this information with your families NOW so you can prepare over the summer and be ready on day one of the upcoming school year.

~The Jenks Middle School Team

Middle School Supply List



Please come prepared on the first day of school with the following supplies:

- 1 two-inch ZIPPER binder
- 4 packs of lined loose leaf paper placed in your binder (Leave in the package)
- 5 subject dividers (you will use your binder in all of your classes)
- 4 folders WITH binder holes
- 4 black & white marble composition notebooks (Labeled for each subject)
- 4 three-subject spiral notebook
- 12 pack of pencils, pens, and markers
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
- a zippered pencil pouch for your binder is recommended
- 12 pack of sticky notes
- 4 reams of copy paper size 8.5" x 11" (3 packs white, 1 pack color)

Mandatory:

- 1 pair of headphones or ear buds – kept at school
- 1 pack of AAA batteries

- 1 pack of Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 2 boxes of facial tissues/Kleenex
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

*** 6th grade: TI-73 Graphing Calculator (optional)**

* Due to the small size of the lockers, please only purchase a small book bag (no wheels). Book bags will not be stored in the classrooms; they must be stored in the lockers. All textbooks are available online, to help prevent students from carrying home excessive weight.

Required Summer Reading

This summer students at Jenks will participate in our new summer blended learning program called IGNITE. In order to bridge summer learning loss and jump-start the school year, teachers have worked to create thematic learning opportunities to keep skills sharp.

Students will be responsible for completing a total of two Explorations of study. There are eight themes for students in the MSA to investigate. Each theme integrates literacy, math, science and social studies exploration. Students must choose two themes to complete as his/her summer work.

In addition to the built-in support provided through Google Classroom, a staff member will troubleshoot and monitor on-line submissions periodically.

Students will submit their work through Google Classroom folders. Work will be monitored for completion throughout July and August. The work will be graded by the subject/grade teacher in September. All work will be evaluated and credited to the first marking period. Student work completed during the IGNITE program will be celebrated and displayed at our two Back to School Nights.

Please take the two-minute survey, located on the Prezi, to tell us learn about your experience and improve on future Explorations.

Middle School Uniform Policy

The uniform policy for the middle school students has been revised for the 2016-2017 school year. Please see the description below to make sure your student is properly in uniform every day.

Girls:

- * White OR light blue Oxford dress shirt. An Oxford shirt has a collar and buttons from the collar to the bottom of the shirt.
- * Jenks sweatshirt with/out a hood
- * Navy Blue cardigan or sweater vest.
- * Belair (hunter green/navy blue plaid) skirt or navy/khaki blue dress pants. Skirts should be knee-length. Pants cannot be skinny cut.
- * Navy blue or white stockings or socks
- * Black or brown dress shoes
- * Hair accessories must be navy blue or white. Bandanas are not permitted. Earrings must be kept as studs only. Flashy jewelry will not be tolerated.

Boys:

- * White or light blue Oxford dress shirt. An Oxford shirt has a collar and buttons from the collar to the bottom of the shirt.
- * Navy blue cardigan or sweater vest
- * Belair (hunter green/navy blue stripe) OR navy blue necktie.
- * Navy/khaki blue dress pants (no cargo pants)
- * Black or brown dress shoes
- * Socks that show must be navy blue or white.

Phys. Ed Uniform

- * Solid navy blue sweat pants
- * Solid navy blue t-shirt
- * The only logo that may be worn is the Jenks logo

Examples of these uniforms will be posted on the JS Jenks school website at: <http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/schools/j/jsjenks>

School District of Philadelphia
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2016-2017 - Middle School Dues

In an effort to create a challenging, high-school ready student population, the JS Jenks Middle School Academy has ordered materials to supplement our curriculum. Cross-curricular activities connecting subjects like literacy and science or math and art are being planned for an exciting and enriching school year. All middle school students will receive a homework planner book on the first day of school to facilitate home/school communication and keep students organized.

Our goal is to provide a top-notch education even though we will receive minimal funding for the 2016-2017 school year. We are asking Jenks Middle School families to assist with the cost of these supplementary supplies. In return for financial support, all materials will become the property of the student. These materials total more than \$60 per student, so your assistance for half of the cost is greatly appreciated.

Materials are listed below:

6th Grade

- PSSA test prep materials
- Novel (1): *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko
- Novel (2): *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- Novel (3): *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor
- Homework Planner

7th Grade

- PSSA test prep materials
- Novel (1): *Parallel Journeys* by Eleanor Ayer
- Novel (2): *The Pact* by Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt
- Novel (3): *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
- Homework Planner

8th Grade

- PSSA test prep materials
- Novel (1): *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Novel (2): *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- Novel (ALL Year): *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey
- Homework Planner

Payment Information

If you pay by Friday, September 23, 2016, the total cost for supplies is \$30.00. After September 23 the total cost for supplies is \$40.00 (due to expedited shipping). Payments **will** be accepted now through the beginning of next school year.

*Please send all payments (cash or money order only) in a SEALED envelope with student's first name, last name, and grade level for 2016-2017. Receipts will be issued on the same day.

Thank you for your continued support!