

Marcy Open School Grades 6-8 Welcome Letter

Dear Families,

We are excited to welcome you to another year at Marcy Open School. This year promises to be a year of challenge, growth, and fun. We are very excited about the community we will be building together and the opportunity to get to know all of you.

This year students will continue to be big buddies for younger students, have four 50-minute long core classes (math, science, social studies, and ELA), work with an artist in residence, and have a 55 minute centers class. Some additional classes for students include Spanish, ELL, reading and math intervention, and 6th grade enrichment. Students will begin their day building community in their advisory classroom. All students will be learning the rituals and routines to be successful in middle school. There will also be opportunities for extended learning through ALC/Community Ed after school programming and sports.

We love to communicate with families about school events, topics studied, and student progress. This past spring, if your student was at Marcy, you have given us updated contact information. If your contact information has changed or you are new to Marcy please complete the attached contact form. If you have shared an email address one way we communicate is via a bi-weekly newsletter. The newsletter will also be posted on the Marcy website. Another way to track your student's progress is the Parent Portal. You can see the progress your student has made in each class and it is updated bi-weekly. The website is:

<http://parentportal.mpls.k12.mn.us/>. Please reach out to us with questions or concerns at any time. You are welcome to call, email, or send a written note with your child. We can also arrange a team meeting with your all of your students' teachers if needed.

Remember, you are still your student's most important teacher! We believe that we can be the most effective team for your student with your help. We are looking forward to meeting you and working with your student this school year. Together, we can make a big difference. Thank you for entrusting us with your student's academic and social learning.

Sincerely,

The Middle School Staff

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*See Marcy website staff directory for any other personnel you need to contact.

Supply List for 6-8 Middle School

<p><u>All Subjects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4" or larger binder (4" cloth zipper binder is available on Amazon) ● Pencil pouch ● Many many pencils ● Hand held sharpener with cover ● 8 index divider tabs with pockets ● Highlighters ● Post-It Notes ● Earbuds-personal use 	<p><u>Advisory</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Composition or spiral notebook ● Folder ● \$3.00 for lock rental to be returned at end of the year (must be school issued lock) <p style="text-align: center;">Students will receive one (1) FREE planner (\$5 to replace)</p>	<p><u>6th Enrichment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 spiral notebook ● Folder <p><u>7 & 8 Math & Reading Enrichment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 spiral notebook 	<p><u>Social Studies (Stef & Sonya)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 spiral notebooks ● Folder (3 hole punched-needs to fit in binder) ● Colored pencils! ● Glue sticks ● Double sided tape <p>Supplies for History Day projects will be needed in January (budget \$10-15 for mid year)</p>
<p><u>Math (Beth & Leif)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4 spiral notebooks (Yes, you will really use 4!) ● Folder <p>We will provide graph paper</p>	<p><u>Science (Holly & Erin)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 Composition Notebooks ● Folder ● Colored pencils to keep in the science classroom (marked with student name) 	<p><u>Language Arts (Leslie & Camille)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 spiral notebooks ● 1 folder ● Index cards ● Pencils - every day! ● Red pen 	<p><u>Spanish (Amanda)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 spiral notebook ● Folder ● 2 packs of index cards

Donations for 6-8 Team (these can be brought to Advisory teacher)

- Clorox Wipes
- Decorative Duct Tape for binder repair
- Glue Sticks
- Kleenex (lots and lots of tissue!)
- Wide or college-ruled loose leaf paper

Hi Families,

As we enter the last weeks of the quarter we are working with your student to get them ready for the next grade. We want to make sure they have the skills needed to be successful. We also want to be able to easily be in contact with you. As we work to update our communication we would like to know the best phone number and, if applicable, email address to reach you. Returning this is a grade for your student in advisory. **Please write clearly!**

Thank you.

Student Name: _____

My student will be in _____ grade next year.

Contact Number 1:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Is this a work, cell, or home number? _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Contact Number 2:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Is this a work, cell, or home number? _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

3 Great Things About My Student:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____