

## Marcy Open School Grades 6-8 Welcome Letter 2019-2020

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 have four 50-minute 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, 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. Please complete the attached contact form. If you have shared an email address, one way we communicate is via a Middle School 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 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><b><u>All Subjects</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4" or larger binder (4" cloth zipper binder is available on Amazon)</li> <li>● Pencil pouch</li> <li>● Many many pencils</li> <li>● Hand held sharpener with cover</li> <li>● 8 index divider tabs with pockets</li> <li>● Highlighters</li> <li>● Post-It Notes</li> <li>● Earbuds-personal use</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Advisory</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Composition or spiral notebook</li> <li>● Folder</li> <li>● \$3.00 for lock rental to be returned at end of the year (must be school issued lock)</li> </ul> <p><b>Students will receive one (1) FREE planner (\$5 to replace)</b></p>	<p><b><u>6th Enrichment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 spiral notebook</li> <li>● Folder</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Focus Math, SpEd, &amp; ELL</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 spiral notebook</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Social Studies (Stef &amp; Sonya)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 spiral notebooks</li> <li>● Folder (3 hole punched-needs to fit in binder)</li> <li>● Colored pencils! (you need to have these with you in class daily)</li> <li>● Glue sticks</li> <li>● Double sided tape</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Math (Beth &amp; Leif)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4 spiral notebooks (Yes, you will really use 4!)</li> <li>● Folder</li> </ul> <p>We will provide graph paper</p>	<p><b><u>Science (Holly &amp; Erin)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 Composition Notebooks</li> <li>● Colored pencils to keep in the science classroom (marked with student name)</li> <li>● Optional (Tape for notebook)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Language Arts (Leslie &amp; Camille)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 spiral notebooks</li> <li>● 1 folder</li> <li>● Index cards</li> <li>● Pencils - every day!</li> <li>● Red pens</li> <li>● Colored pencils</li> <li>● Glue Sticks</li> <li>● Highlighters</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Spanish (Amanda)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 spiral notebook</li> <li>● Folder (3 hole punched-needs to fit in binder)</li> <li>● 1 pack of index cards</li> <li>● Colored pencils or markers</li> </ul>

### Donations for 6-8 Team (these can be brought to Advisory teacher throughout the year)

Clorox Wipes

Glue Sticks

Kleenex (lots and lots of tissue!)

Wide or college-ruled loose leaf paper

Pencils

Hi Families,

As we enter the new school year, we want to make sure students 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. **You can fill this out online at:**

<https://forms.gle/iojPeXKZ2TjAmdXr8>

***Please PRINT neatly!***

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. \_\_\_\_\_