

Supply list for math students_ Grades 7 & 8
 St. Louise de Marillac Catholic School

This document provides the following information:

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What supplies do you need for class each day?
<p>1 good night's rest_ 9 hours in a room separate from all means of electronic communication</p> <p>1 good breakfast Archimedes always started his day w/ oatmeal.</p> <p>1 folder w/ (2) pockets</p> <p>(5) sheets of graph paper $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$, 3-hole punched; of a weight sufficient that you can write on both sides w/o bleed through, and erase without tearing or wrinkling (recommendation: Five Star 20 lb. paper); re graph paper: gr7_4 squares/ inch gr8_4 or 5 squares / inch</p> <p>1 notebook computer supplied to you by the school with charged battery & external power supply.</p> <p>the smallest possible zippered pouch or case containing: (2) sharpened no.2 pencils w/ clean erasers;</p> <p>sm., good quality pencil sharpener that can be used over any wastebasket;</p> <p>(1) medium ballpoint pen w/ blue ink (Bic is good) (for writing correct answers when we check HW in class)</p> <p>ruler _6-in or 12-in _hard plastic_ inches on one edge (markings showing $\frac{1}{16}$ "), centimeters on the other (markings showing millimeters);</p> <p>protractor_ 1-piece_ clear hard plastic_ w/ 4" (or 6") ruler (smaller is better) _(markings showing each of 180° in both directions);</p> <p>compass w/ pencil **Charles Leonard & Staedtler are good names;</p> <p>IXL login _ HOLT login _ Both logins are supplied on DAY01 & must be bookmarked on your notebook computer & memorized < DAY2.</p> <p>Handkerchief or small package of tissues.</p> <p>Nothing else.</p>

<p>PROHIBITED in class:</p> <p>notebook of any description; mechanical pencil, fountain pen, retractable pen; white-out; a red writing instrument (only Martin uses RED); binder of any description; eraser other than the eraser with which the pencil was manufactured; any supply not expressly listed here as needed.</p>
<p>PROHIBITED at all times in all places: calculator</p>

 supplies needed for home

Every supply that you need for class, you also need for work at home. For that reason, please keep a duplicate set of supplies at home. The pouch of non-paper supplies should stay in school.

In addition, please keep AT HOME:
 large supply of graph paper as specified;
 (1) 4-in, 3-ring binder dedicated exclusively to math.

 rules re supplies

Parents:

We are teaching & practicing the habits of good students. They include

- attention to detail
- preparation
- self-discipline
- responsibility.

We will practice those valuable traits daily.

NO BAIL-OUT: Nothing listed here will be provided to your child. This is why:

If I were to hold supplies for distribution, some students would take advantage. Some students would rely on my cache. Fielding student requests for missing supplies and fulfilling those requests take time from the class period. No student is permitted to do that. I love speaking with students between classes. I have no interest in speaking about a student's unpreparedness.

NO SHARING: No student is permitted to borrow a supply from or share a supply with another student. If that were permitted, some students would take advantage of others. Allowing a generous student to supply an unprepared student distracts both and others from the day's lesson. No student is permitted to do that.

Please help your child adhere to all specifics.
"Blue ink" means ink that is blue. NOT luminous yellow.
Pencil is required. Mechanical pencil is prohibited.

Success in math requires an appreciation for rules and a practiced habit of following them. Substantial compliance is not adherence. Effective the first Monday after Day 01 of the school term, a student's breach of any rule regarding supplies will result in deduction of points. If a student reports for a test w/o a pencil or something else required here, he will not be permitted to take that test in the class period. In that event, he will be required to make up that test after school that day.

Let's work together to teach respect for rules.

Thank you.

other notes re supplies

Here are considerations that detail and motivate these requirements:

Every supply listed above is invisibly modified by the word "boring." What are listed are tools for work. When they become something more, they distract.

Where to buy?

If LL Bean doesn't sell it, I buy from Amazon.

re the folder:

Required is 1 folder w/ (2) pockets. The purpose of the folder is for transporting between home and school the paper supply, homework, handouts, and test and quiz papers and other work product.

The folder should go home every night and come to school each day. That one folder is a parent's way of insuring that your child has with him, at home AND at school, every piece of paper related to his work, today's work AND the work we will do tomorrow.

Clean paper supply should be assessed and refreshed as needed. Math papers needed for the next day should be collected with that night's math HW and returned to the folder. Math papers not needed for the next day should be transferred to the large binder, so that all are collected, organized and ready for review and study at test time.

The folder must be exclusively dedicated to math. The folder and the student's folder-related practices must be such that papers are not dog-eared, torn, gratuitously folded, or lost. The math folder may not be part of or within a multi-pocket file folder or multi-subject binder. It's not enough to have all math-related

papers collected in one location. Multi-pocket or multi-subject inventions too quickly become large and unwieldy. Even when well-maintained, the handling of such an invention is slower and threatens catastrophe when dropped. If accessing a second sheet of graph paper in class requires a student to flip through a multi-subject collection within a 3-ring binder, within a zippered-case sometimes stored in a backpack, he will miss a substantial portion of the class and disrupt classmates sitting in his vicinity. Such contraptions are prohibited.

re: notebooks

NOTEBOOKS ARE PROHIBITED. What does that mean?
No spiral bound notebook.
No collection of paper glued or otherwise held in place on any edge.

This is WHY: They facilitate doodling & other distraction. They invite competition in noise-making. Anytime an edge of a paper can be torn off, that steals time and results in garbage that finds its way into a desk or onto the floor. They are unnecessary.

Tissues & handkerchiefs

Grades 7 & 8 is not too soon to practice students in the important protocol of attending to the nose:

Carrying and quickly accessing a small collection of tissues from home or a handkerchief;

How to discretely handle and use such toiletries, with minimal ceremony and noise, and to quickly return to the work at hand.

In an effort to prompt that development, I do not provide tissues to students.

When I have provided a supply of tissues in the classroom, it is interpreted by a few students as license to leave their seat at any time, unannounced, any number of times; saunter to the back of the classroom; looking to make eye contact with other students; experiment w/ fun noise-making capabilities; and promenade back to his seat by way of the wastebasket. Such antics are distracting, unhelpful and prohibited.

I ask for your help.

Thank you.

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