May 31, 2018

**Dear SPSA Middle School Students,**

We are so happy to hear of all the things you have accomplished this school year.  We are looking forward to next year, which will be a year of new beginnings, learning, and growing in our faith.

During your vacation, it is very important that you continue to practice skills that you have learned to get ready for Middle School.  Attached you will find some assignments for you to do over the summer. **Do not wait until the last week of the summer to do your assignments**.  Pace yourself and do things a little at a time.  **Copies of this packet will not be given in the school office,** but they can be found on our school website at spsacatholic.org and at spsamiddleschool.weebly.com.

**Reading/Writing:**

6th-8th grade will read **two** of the book options for your grade level over the summer. There will be a project assessment given during the first week of school which will be a test grade.

**6th grade:**

* *Sounder* by William Howard Armstrong
* *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford
* *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
* *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
* *Lions of Little Rock* by Kristen Levine
* *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
* *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

**7th Grade:**

* *Holes* by Louis Sachar
* *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
* *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
* *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Ginnefer Choldenko
* *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
* *Dragon Wings* by Laurence Yep
* *The Slave Dancer* by Paula Fox

**8th Grade:**

* *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne
* *Sing Down the Moon* by Scott O’Dell
* *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
* *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Spreare
* *Up from Slavery* by Book T. Washington
* *Johnny Tremain* by ‎Esther Forbes
* *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World* (**Young Readers Edition**) by Malala Yousafzai

**Sight Words:**

It is important to be knowledgeable of vocabulary, especially ISEE vocabulary words, which will be important to know in order to be successful and receive acceptance into the Catholic high school of your choice.  You should know how to read/define/use all of these words by the first day of school.  Here is a website with the most tested words:

<http://toptestprep.com/about/vocabulary-and-word-list/>

Create a set of 50 flashcards from the ISEE vocabulary list above. You must include on your flashcard the following items: word, definition, and word used in a sentence. These will be turned in on the first day of school and will be taken for a grade.

**Math:**

Regularly study your addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.  Complete the enclosed math worksheets (make extra copies if needed).

**Religion:**

Since you have received the Sacrament of Eucharist, you should not forget to make mass a regular part of your summer. We should never take a vacation from God.

**Have a safe and restful summer vacation.  We will be working hard this summer too in preparation for a wonderful year with all of you!  GOOD LUCK!**

**SPSA Middle School Teachers**

Middle School Website: spsamiddleschool.weebly.com

**2017 – 2018 Middle School School Supply List**

Dear Parents and Student,

Welcome to Middle School!  We are looking forward to working with you.  In order to get off to a great start, we all need to be prepared.  These are the supplies that you will need for the coming school year:

* 4 packs of **college-ruled** filler paper
* 1 pack of graph paper (hole-punched for binder)
* 2 1½- or 2-inch binders
* 2 pack of dividers labeled
* 1 pack of Manila paper
* 1 pack of construction paper
* 1 box of colored pencils (write student’s name with a permanent marker)
  + Permanent markers are **not** allowed on school property
* 2 packs of glue sticks (write student’s name with a permanent marker)
* 1 box of markers (write student’s name with a permanent marker)
* 1 pair of scissors
* 1 pencil pouch
* 5 packs of index cards (3x5)
* 4 boxes of #2 pencils (The value ones tend to break more often and don’t sharpen well.  Please try to get Dixon, Ticonderoga, Staples, or Office Depot brands)
* 2 boxes of blue or black ball point pens (without erasers)
* 1 box of red ballpoint pens
* 2 pocket folders
* 4 rolls of paper towels
* 6 boxes of Kleenex
* 3 containers of Clorox cleaning wipes
* 1 hand sanitizer
* 1 flash drive (write student’s name with a permanent marker)
* 4 reams of copy paper
* 1 set of earbuds/headphones
* 1 public library card
* 1 ruler
* 1 medium size dictionary

In a **SEPARATE** bag, please bring the following items for their **SPECIALS** classes.

* 2 Package of Glue Sticks
* 1 Box of Pencils
* 2 Packages of Colored Cardstock Paper
* 1 Package of Sharpie or Permanent Markers (ART)

\*At home, students should have pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, one set of flashcards with multiplication facts, and one set of division facts.

Please note that some of these supplies may need to be replaced throughout the year.  All students should bring their supplies to our Welcome Back/ Meet the Teacher event on Saturday, August 5th.

Thank you,

Middle School Team