

## Cedarbrook Middle School Supply List September 2016

Students will leave their bookbags in their lockers at Central, and on hooks in their HR classes at East and West. They will retrieve them at the end of the school day. **Students will NOT carry bookbags or purses during the school day. Bookbags create a major tripping hazard in classrooms and hallways.** Additionally, students tend to carry items that distract them from learning. Many middle school students “lose” items in disorganized book bags.

Students will have the opportunity to go to their bookbags at the beginning and end of their lunch periods. Therefore, all students are required to have the following school supplies.

*Some teachers may ask for a few additional items at the beginning of the school year.*

- **A 2” loose-leaf binder or a Trapper Keeper**
- Loose-leaf dividers (16) and loose-leaf paper (*NO spiral bound notebooks!*)
- A pencil case that is large enough to hold a calculator and earbuds
- An inexpensive pair of **earbuds** to access the many audio programs available throughout the curriculum. Place them in a small “Ziploc” bag and carry them in the pencil case.
- Girls may wish to have an additional small pencil case to carry personal items. (Students may also get a pass from their teachers to go to their bookbags or the nurse’s office during the school day.)
- Scientific or graphing calculator: see order form below
- Number 2 pencils with erasers and small hand sharpener
- Blue or black pens
- One highlighter
- Some students like to have folders in addition to the loose-leaf dividers. Please make certain they are *3-hole-punched folders and will fit into the binder*
- Plain 3x5 cards (for home study); 7<sup>th</sup> graders will need approximately 100 white cards for a Digital Media project during their six week cycle class.
- A supply of colored pencils, markers, crayons, construction paper and glue for HOME USE when projects are assigned.
- Cedarbrook will provide all students with a Daily Assignment Book (DAB) at the very beginning of the school year.
- Do NOT purchase scissors, laser pointers, electronic calendars, etc. for school use. Students may NOT bring items of this nature to school.

## Calculators for Cedarbrook Students

### **Does my child need a calculator at Cedarbrook?**

Yes, your child needs to have a calculator for his/her daily math work. Math teachers have some calculators to lend to students during the school day, but cannot send them home with students.

### **What kind of calculator should I buy?**

We recommend a good scientific calculator for daily use in our classrooms. Some students are ready and responsible enough to have graphing calculators.

### **What should I look for? What prices are fair? Where should I shop?**

A good scientific calculator should cost about \$15. We recommend solar power, typically with battery back-up. Since we use Texas Instruments calculators at Cedarbrook, you may want to stay in that family of products. Casio also makes very good calculators for middle school students. We tend to purchase scientific calculators in the Texas Instruments line of 30's. (TI-30, TI-34, etc.)

Among graphing calculators, you'll see a wide variety of prices. We tend to purchase the TI-83 Plus for our classrooms. They have a wide variety of functions and are very durable. Others in that line include the TI-83 Silver (more room for games and applications), TI-84 Plus (updated with room for games and applications), and the TI-Inspire (all the bells and whistles). A TI-83 Plus can go down in price to the high \$70's range at the end of August every year. These graphing calculators tend to go on sale at Staples, Office Max, Wal-Mart, Best Buy, etc.

### **How do I protect my child's calculator from loss or theft?**

First, label your child's calculator in a permanent way. Scratching a name into the back panel, etching with a professional tool (We have one!), or spray-painting the back (Be sure to cover the port holes!) are all successful strategies for making your child's calculator unique. We have found that stickers and permanent marker are NOT enough. Also, be aware that the calculator has two parts – machine and lid. Labeling the lid isn't enough.

### **What if we can't afford a calculator at this time?**

Cedarbrook is committed to having a calculator in every student's hands this school year. If you cannot afford the price of a \$15 scientific calculator, please complete the form on the next page and at the bottom of the form, write: "Please provide calculator loan." We will loan a calculator to your child for the duration of the school year. Loan calculators will be collected in June 2017. (Lost calculators will incur a \$15 fee.) We cannot etch student names on loaned calculators.

### **Purchasing a calculator through Cedarbrook**

We are able to get discounts for bulk purchases of calculators. If you would like to buy a TI-30XS (solar w/battery back-up), please go to the district's online payment center, <https://safesite.4agoodcause.com/cheltenham/district/home/>, click on Cedarbrook, and click on the calculator icon. You may also send a check for \$15, (*made payable to School District of Cheltenham Township*), to your child's math teacher during the first week of school.

**Our goals relating to calculators**

We would like every child to be familiar with a calculator and use one on a regular basis. As our students move to the high school, the demands for a graphing calculator significantly increase. We want you to understand the expectations, costs, and options before starting school this year. Your new math teachers will be able to provide more information as the year begins. Please feel free to contact them with questions or concerns.

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**Calculators for Cedarbrook Students**

Yes, I would like to purchase a Scientific Calculator through Cedarbrook’s Math Department. Attached is my receipt from the online payment center OR enclosed is a check payable to “School District of Cheltenham Township” for \$15.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Math Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Etching: What would you like etched on the back of your calculator? If this calculator will be shared with younger siblings later, consider etching only the last name. We have room for about 20 characters. Please print clearly!

Etching \_\_\_\_\_

Put this completed form and the check in an envelope marked with your child’s name, the math teacher’s name, and the words “CALCULATOR SALE.” *Each calculator purchased through this offer will be etched with your child’s name.*