

June 13, 2009

Dear Students,

We look forward to welcoming you to seventh grade this fall. Junior high is a challenging time, and we would like to give you a brief preview of the learning you will be involved in, both for next year's curriculum and for the summer reading program, as well as the materials you will need to assist you in your studies.

Each of your four teachers has many exciting activities planned for you. Some highlights of the upcoming year include Mock Trials in Social Studies, the Conifer Project and Frog Dissection in Science, the Fairy Tale Project and Creative Writing in Language Arts, and Consumer Math and Pre Algebra in Mathematics.

As you already know, students from each grade level will be expected to read one novel over the summer. This year you may choose from **one** of the following books listed below. These books will be available for purchase by St. Bartholomew students at Barnes & Noble located at the Brunswick Square Mall in East Brunswick.

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| 1. <i>Pendragon (Book One): The Merchant of Death</i> | by D. J. MacHale           |
| 2. <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>                 | by Elizabeth George Speare |
| 3. <i>The White Mountains</i>                         | by John Christopher        |

Also, in case you plan to purchase some of your school supplies over the summer, here is a tentative list of supplies you will need:

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| 1. Homework assignment books            | 5. Pens (black or blue)              |
| 2. Scissors                             | 6. Pencils and erasers               |
| 3. Glue sticks (2)                      | 7. Folders (7)                       |
| 4. Markers, colored pencils, or crayons | 8. Craft boxes (durable,yet compact) |

\*Wite-out liquid will **not** be permitted.

As usual, regulation copybooks and theme paper will be available for purchase at our school stationery room. These will be ordered for you and must be purchased at school.

In the meantime, it is our hope that you will enjoy the summer with your families and friends.

Sincerely,

The Seventh Grade Teachers

