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Dear West Brook Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year! We hope that you and your families are well and safe. It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome our middle school students back to West Brook Middle School. Our faculty and staff have been working diligently to prepare for the safe reopening of our school.

We all know that this year is going to be a little different, but for us, different will be a great experience! We are committed to a standard of excellence both with safety and with academic integrity, always placing students and families first. West Brook Middle School continues to create a robust learning environment where students learn, are valued, experience meaningful connections, and recognize their potential.

As the situation with COVID-19 is extremely dynamic we will continue to make proactive decisions that are grounded in NJDOE and CDC guidelines as we care for our students, families and staff. To that end, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your patience and support thus far, and as we move forward and work together to promote health, safety, wellbeing and a strong education for all students.

Attached please find a modified school supply list at each grade level (also posted on our Website <http://wbms.paramus.k12.nj.us/>). It is important to note that students will not use lockers during the Transition and Orange Phase. All students will be permitted to carry a backpack with their belongings.

Our staff has a wonderful year planned and we can't wait to get started. As a reminder, all students will participate in virtual learning on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Students participating in the in-person program will begin their in-person learning on Tuesday, September 8. Information regarding student schedules and protocols is forthcoming.

We look forward to seeing our students as we begin a new year of learning supported by our wonderful team of educators.

Educationally Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dr. Spollen-LaRaia'.

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**West Brook Middle School**

**Supply Lists**

**Grades 5-8**

**2020-2021**

**Grade 5 & 6**

- **Chromebook & Charger (Reminder to charge every night) - will be distributed by the school at a later date.**
- **Backpack (no wheels)**
- **Mask**
  - **Acceptable Masks:**
    - **Minimum of two-ply fabric (non-surgical or non-respirator grade).**
    - **The following face coverings are unacceptable: Neck gaiters, Bandanas, Masks with exhalation valves or vents (respirator)**
- **5 subject notebook**
- **Loose leaf/Notebook paper for Binder**
- **Pencils**
- **Colored pencils**
- **Folder**
- **Binder**
- **Scissors**
- **Glue Stick**
- **Small pencil case**
- **Tissue Pack**
- **Earbuds**
- **Water Bottle (Not fillable, water fountains will not be accessible)**
- **Roll of Tape (Clear or Masking) for STEM class**
- **Folder for Physical Education**
  - **Comfortable attire on Physical Education days**

**Grade 7**

- Chromebook (Reminder to charge every night)
- Backpack (no wheels)
- Mask
  - Acceptable Masks:
    - Minimum of two-ply fabric (non-surgical or non-respirator grade).
    - The following face coverings are unacceptable: Neck gaiters, Bandanas, Masks with exhalation valves or vents (respirator).
- Earbuds
- Pens/pencils
- Scissors
- Folder
- Colored pencils/markers/highlighters
- Tissue pack
- Glue Stick & Scotch Tape
- One 5 subject notebook & notebook paper
- Reading Book- Fiction
- Post-its
- Water Bottle (Not fillable, water fountains will not be accessible)
- Roll of Tape (Clear or Masking) for STEM class
- Folder for Physical Education
- Comfortable attire on Physical Education days

## Grade 8

- **Chromebook (Reminder to charge every night)**
- **Backpack (no wheels)**
- **Mask**
  - **Acceptable Masks:**
    - **Minimum of two-ply fabric (non-surgical or non-respirator grade).**
    - **The following face coverings are unacceptable: Neck gaiters, Bandanas, Masks with exhalation valves or vents (respirator).**
- **5 subject notebook OR Binder with loose leaf paper inside.**
- **Pens & pencils kept in a pencil case**
- **Markers/colored pencils**
- **Folder**
- **Tissue Pack**
- **Scientific Calculator**
- **Water Bottle (Not fillable, water fountains will not be accessible)**
- **Roll of Tape (Clear or Masking) for STEM class**
- **Folder for Physical Education**
- **Comfortable attire on Physical Education days**