BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Getting ready to go back to school, especially if you are transitioning into High School from elementary, can be exciting, confusing, and frightening! We have prepared this document to help you prepare for the new school year.

If you are a returning student, you will have a better handle on what you need. Some of the items on our list may or may not apply to you depending on your course selections. If you have younger siblings or friends starting at Woodland for the first time, consider helping them with their shopping list. This list is just a guide.

New to Woodland Students:

What is the smartest way to shop for school supplies?

Eliminate the guesswork by *waiting until school starts to find out what is required.*

Individual teachers may recommend specific brands, sizes, or quantities of school supplies. However, you can still take advantage of back-to-school sales by sticking to the recommendations below.

Remember, you will never go wrong with tools that help ***you*** get — and stay — ORGANIZED. What has worked for you up until this point won't likely change as you start high school; it will just get better and more refined.

What You Don't Need:

While the transition to high school might be a great time to ask your parents to buy you that smartphone, laptop, iPad or another electronic organizer you've always dreamed of, you **don't NEED them**! They are not required to have in high school, and many classroom teachers do not allow them to be used in class. They may be useful, but there are lots of alternatives available at the school.

Each teacher has different expectations for the use of electronics in their classroom, but students will not be at a disadvantage if they do not have their technology. In fact, without proper instruction, parental supervision and some simple guidelines from the school, they may become more of a distraction than a benefit. Please acquaint yourself with our school's Technology Policy for acceptable usage at school.

Woodland has computers throughout the school and a telephone in the office for students to use, allowing them to contact their parents if they forget a practice, miss the bus, or forget their lunch.

Also, you will NOT need a lock for your locker. You will be issued a lock by the school, and it will remain on your assigned locker throughout the year. It may take some practice opening, but you will get the hang of it. Should the need arise, the school must have access to your locker for security purposes.

What You Will Be Given

At the Back-to-School BBQ and Dedication Evening or on your first day of school, you will receive your timetable (schedule), an agenda (to use for personal devotions and recording assignments and activities), your locker assignment, and the lock combination.

What You Might Need:

THE BASICS

No. 2 pencils or Mechanical pencils (Especially for Math)

Coloured pencils

A pencil sharpener (hand-held with a top to collect shavings)

A large pink eraser (also especially for Math)

Ballpoint pens (Get a few coloured ones too, some teachers have students do peer editing.)

Highlighters

Loose-leaf notebook paper (Teachers can be picky about paper — most ask that students use the college-ruled variety.)

A ruler with Metric measurements

FROM THE MATH & SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS:

The math department has sat down and decided on a calculator that is highly recommended to be purchased by incoming grade 9's. Everyone having the same calculator will make demonstrations and homework much easier. It will also be a useful tool in many other classes throughout high school.

Casio FX-991 MS PLUS costs $21 at Staples. Here is a link.

ORGANIZATIONAL HELPERS

As you learn your schedule and get used to transitioning between classes, you will develop a new and convenient system of organization. This may evolve throughout your high school experience and will definitely change as you adapt to your new surrounding over the first few weeks of school. Therefore, below are some organizational suggestions.

Several three-ring binders

Binder dividers (The kinds with pockets are useful for loose papers.)

A sturdy, supportive backpack

A stapler (Even better if you buy these mini staplers that fit right into your child's backpack for last minute stapling emergencies!)

A "binder size" (thin) 3 – hole punch (to eliminate loose papers and keep you organized)

Don't forget! The best system of organization is what works for you! Get through the first couple weeks of school. Get plugged in and involved. Then make decisions about what you need…

CLOTHING AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS

A water bottle (clearly labelled with your name).

Use the **cinch pack and T-shirt** you received at *Grade 8 Day* for PE.

Students must have a change of clothes for PE and are not allowed to wear the same clothes they wear in other classes for hygienic purposes. Ensure clothing, particularly shorts, are an appropriate and modest length or fit. NO spandex shorts, NO muscle shirts, no problem!

Ensure you have a pair of good gym shoes that won't scuff the gym floor.

Welcome Back to School!