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Greetings and Happy Summer!

We hope that you're making the most of the New England summer by taking advantage of opportunities to reconnect with family, friends, and with your surroundings. We're so pleased to send you this update on the courses your student will take and the texts they'll need over the course of the year. For our returning families, welcome back! For our new families, welcome to The Academy! We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership together. The Academy is a special place and we are thrilled to have your family as part of our community.

We have three new faculty members joining us this year. Kara Fagan returns to us after spending the last few years at the Stoneleigh-Burnham School and will be teaching one course in the middle school, 8th grade Civics, two courses in the high school, and will be our Athletic Director. Alex Zendejas (P24, 26) will be joining us as our Spanish levels I-V teacher. We're thrilled to welcome Alex to our teaching staff. Also returning to The Academy is Scott Hoffman, who will direct our music program. Some of our parents may remember Scott if they had older children at the school.

You can expect further communications throughout the summer regarding schedules, registration, and other pertinent back-to-school information. We will host our New Student Orientation and 6th & 7th grade Welcome Potluck in the late afternoon of Wednesday, August 30th, all beginning at 4pm. Keep in mind that our registration gathering (for all families) will take place the late afternoon of Thursday, August 31st, and the first day of classes is Tuesday, September 5. More calendar information can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact hos@charlemont.org.

Sincerely,

Neale Gay, Co-Head of School for Academics,

Nora Bates Zale, Co-Head of School For Community,

John Schatz, Co-Head of School for Operations

COURSES

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
6th Grade English with Lauren Schmidt	7th Grade English with Erin MacLachlan	8th Grade English with Erin MacLachlan
Ancient Civilizations with Lauren Schmidt	Geography with Erin MacLachlan	Civics with Kara Fagan
6th Grade Intro to Spanish with Erin MacLachlan (first semester) and 6th Grade Intro to French with Sabine Mauri (second semester)	7th Grade Intro to French with Sabine Mauri (first semester) and 7th Grade Intro to Spanish with Erin MacLachlan (second semester)	French I with Sabine Mauri or Spanish I with Alex Zendejas
6th Grade Math* with Kimberly Karlin	Pre-Algebra* with John Schatz	Algebra I with Kimberly Karlin.
Intro to Life Science with Mary Kay Costello	Climate Connections with Will Miller	Intro to Physical Science with Marco Almeida
Foundations in Art with Rafael Kelman	Foundations in Art with Rafael Kelman	Foundations in Art with Rafael Kelman
Foundations in Music with Liam Birkerts (first semester for 6th grade, second semester for 7th grade)		
All students will sign up for studio blocks during the first week of school. This will include music, visual art, and other exciting offerings.		
Additional class periods will be allotted for reading time, and study hall.	Additional class periods will be allotted for study hall.	Additional class periods will be allotted for Health class and study hall.

*For 6th & 7th graders, adjustments to math placement may be made during the first month of school. John Schatz (jschatz@charlemont.org) will be reaching out this summer about math and athletics.

BOOK LISTS

All science and math textbooks and/or class readers are provided by The Academy for middle school students. Families are responsible for purchasing texts for English classes. We ask that all books on the following lists match the ISBN numbers provided. It's important for all students to have the same edition. Additionally families will be billed for some resources related to French and Spanish courses.

6th Grade

Book Title and Author	ISBN
<i>The Neighborhood Odes</i> by Gary Soto	978-0152053642
<i>12 Angry Men</i> by Reginald Rose	978-0143104407
<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> by Thanhha Lai	978-0061962790
<i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry	978-0544336261
<i>The Piano Lesson</i> by August Wilson	978-0452265349

7th Grade

Book Title and Author	ISBN
<i>Seedfolks</i> by Paul Fleischman	978-0064472074
<i>The Outsiders</i> by S.E. Hinton	978-0142407332
<i>Full Cicada Moon</i> by Marilyn Hilton	978-0147516015
<i>Trash</i> by Andy Mulligan	978-0385752169

8th Grade

Book Title and Author	ISBN
<i>The House on Mango Street</i> by Sandra Cisneros	978-0679734772
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by William Shakespeare	978-0671722852
<i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds	978-1481438261
<i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak	978-0375842207

SUPPLY LIST

Students should have the following materials, many of which can stay at school in lockers.

Five 1-subject spiral notebooks OR one or two multi-subject notebooks, college-ruled or wide-ruled
Five folders with pockets
3-ring binder in which students can house notebooks or folders
One pad or book of graph paper
A scientific calculator that is not on a phone (Example: TI-30XIIS).
Pencils, pens, highlighters
Pencil case or box
A small pencil sharpener
Backpack
Lunchbox/bag
Water bottle
Black athletic shorts and black soccer socks for students playing soccer
Access to a computer and internet at home. Middle school students will have access to school Chromebooks during classes and study halls, but these Chromebooks will remain at school. Students are also welcome to bring their own laptops to school for academic use instead of using school Chromebooks. We will be communicating more about in-school technology expectations in the coming months..