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Greetings and Happy Summer!

We hope that you're enjoying your summer and 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 so thrilled to have your family as part of our community.

We have two new faculty members joining us this year. Fabiola Solis (P24, 26) will be joining us as our Spanish levels teacher. We're thrilled to welcome Fabiola to our teaching staff. We're also thrilled to welcome Adam Williams (P27, 30), who will be joining our Math/Science team. Adam has a plethora of teaching experience, most recently at Eaglebrook School.

You can expect further communications throughout the summer regarding schedules, registration, and other pertinent back-to-school information. Keep in mind that our registration gathering will take place the late afternoon of Thursday, August 29th, and the first day of classes is Tuesday, September 3rd. More calendar information can be found [here](#).

Please note: **high school students are required to have their own word-processing device at school.** Mobile phones are not a suitable option for this, especially given a shift in policy this year: Students are not allowed to use cell phones at school, unless granted specific permission to do so for a particular task. If phones must be in students' possession for parental communication before or after school, we ask that they remain in students' backpacks or lockers during the academic day and during after school programming. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 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

SUMMER READING

Some of our courses require summer reading. Summer reading assignments will be emailed home directly to families by the instructor.

The following classes should expect summer homework:

- 10th grade History
- 11th grade History
- 12 grade Philosophical Perspectives
- French 2, 3, 4, and 5
- Spanish
- Algebra I

COURSE & TEXTS

As we offer for all grade levels, what follows is the book list for the 2024-2025 school year. All books should be purchased prior to the beginning of the school year. We are providing you with title, author, and ISBN number for each text. It is important that books match the ISBN number, as matching numbers ensure that every student has the same edition as their teacher. We ask that you support local bookstores if possible. The Imaginary Bookshop in Greenfield has our book lists and has a limited stock of our books. **Please make sure to look through each discipline listed below to find the appropriate texts for your child.**

SCIENCE

As outlined below, 9th-11th grade students take science with their grade level. 12th grade students have elected to take either Physics II or Environmental Science.

Class Name, Instructor, Grade Level	Text	ISBN
Biology, Will Miller, 9th Grade	<i>Concepts of Biology</i>	Can be ordered from https://openstax.org/details/books/concepts-biology and downloaded for free
Chemistry, Will Miller, 10th Grade	<i>Chemistry: Atoms First 2e</i>	Can be ordered from https://openstax.org/details/books/chemistry-atoms-first-2e?Book%20details and downloaded for free
Physics I, Marco Almeida, 11th Grade	<i>College Physics</i>	Can be ordered from https://openstax.org/details/books/college-physics and downloaded for free
Physics II, Marco Almeida	<i>College Physics</i>	Can be ordered from https://openstax.org/details/books/college-physics and downloaded for free

Environmental Science, Will Miller	<i>Principles of Environmental Science</i>	ISBN 13: 9780077006624
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MATH

Math placement is based on previous math experience. If you are unsure of your student's math course, please email John Schatz at jschatz@charlemont.org.

Class Name, Instructor	Text	ISBN
Algebra I, Kimberly Karlin	Provided by the instructor	N/A
Geometry, Will Miller	Provided by the instructor	N/A
Algebra II, John Schatz	Provided by the instructor	N/A
Pre-Calculus, Marco Almeida	<i>Precalculus: An Investigation of Functions</i>	Available for free online: http://www.opentextbookstore.com/precalc/1.5/Precalc.pdf
Calculus, Kimberly Karlin	<i>Calculus Volume 1</i>	Available for free online: https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-1
Statistics, Adam Williams	<i>Stats: Modeling the World</i>	978-0321854018

FRENCH AND SPANISH

All French classes are taught by Sabine Mauri. All Spanish classes are taught by Fabiola Solis. Our French and Spanish teachers will contact and bill families via TADs prior to the beginning of the school year for language texts.

HUMANITIES

Humanities - 9th Grade

Class Name, Instructor	Text	ISBN
Intro to Genre Literature and Composition, Lauren Schmidt	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> by William Shakespeare (Folger Edition)	978-0743477543
	<i>Fences</i> by August Wilson	978-0452264014
	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i> by Ernest Hemingway	978-0684801223

	Other texts provided by instructor	
World History I, Donald Young	Sophocles' <i>Antigone</i> , translated by Diane J. Rayor	978-0521134781
	Other texts provided by instructor	
Latin I, Neale Gay	<i>Ecce Romani I</i>	978-0801312014

Humanities - 10th Grade

Class Name, Instructor	Text	ISBN
World Literature, Erin MacLachlan	<i>Born a Crime</i> by Trevor Noah	978-0399588198
	<i>Hamlet</i> by William Shakespeare (Folger Edition)	9780743477123
	<i>How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents</i> by Julia Alvarez	978-1565129757
	<i>Never Let Me Go</i> by Kazuo Ishiguro	9781400078776
World History II, Neale Gay	<i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel	9780374500016
	Other texts provided by instructor	

Humanities - 11th Grade

Class Name, Instructor	Text	ISBN
American Literature, Kara Fagan	<i>Sabrina and Corina</i> by Kali Fajardo-Anstine	978-0525511298
	<i>Passing</i> by Nella Larsen	978-0593437841
	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald	9780743273565
	<i>The Things They Carried</i> by Tim O'Brien	978-0618706419
	<i>Sweat</i> by Lynn Nottage	978-1559365321
US History, Donald Young	Provided by the instructor	

Humanities - 12th Grade

Class Name, Instructor	Text	ISBN
Global Studies, Kara Fagan	Provided by the instructor	N/A
Philosophical Perspectives, Donald Young	<i>Notes from Underground</i> by Fyodor Dostoevsky	978-0679734529
	<i>Autobiography of Red</i> by Anne Carson	978-0375701290
	<i>Jazz</i> by Toni Morrison	978-1400076215

GENERAL SUPPLY LIST

All 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); graphing calculators (TI-84 Plus) <i>will be required</i> for Algebra 2 and above. Students need not get the graphing calculator until then, but can opt to gain comfort with them earlier.
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
Laptop or Chromebook