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Greetings and Happy Summer!

We hope that you're enjoying your summer and taking advantage of the warm weather and longer days. 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.

You can expect further communication throughout the summer regarding schedules, Registration, and other pertinent back-to-school information. Keep in mind that our Registration gathering will take place in the late afternoon of Thursday, August 28th, and the first day of classes is Tuesday, September 2nd. 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 last 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

COURSE & TEXTS

As we offer for all grade levels, what follows is the book list for the 2025-2026 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.

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	OpenStax AP Biology	Can be ordered from https://openstax.org/details/books/biology-ap-courses 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

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
Advanced Topics in Math, Marco Almeida	TBD	TBD

FRENCH AND SPANISH

All French classes are taught by Sabine Mauri. We're currently in the process of hiring a Spanish instructor. 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>Sing, Unburied, Sing</i> by Jesmyn Ward	978-1501126062
	<i>Fences</i> by August Wilson	978-0452264014
	<i>Signs Preceding the End of the World</i> by Yuri Herrera [translated by Lisa Dillman]	978-1-908276-42-1
	<i>The Bean Trees</i> by Barbara Kingsolver	978-0061765223
World History I, Neale Gay	Sophocles' <i>Antigone</i> , translated by Diane J. Rayor	978-0521134781
	Other texts provided by instructor	
Temp Mores, Neale Gay	Texts provided by instructor	

Humanities - 10th Grade

Class Name, Instructor	Text	ISBN
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World Literature, Erin MacLachlan	<i>Born a Crime</i> by Trevor Noah	978-0399588198
	<i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell	9780451526342
	<i>Persepolis</i> by Marjane Satrapi	978-0375714573
	<i>Haroun and the Sea of Stories</i> by Salman Rushdie	9780140157376
World History II, Erin MacLachlan	Texts provided by the 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>Beloved</i> by Toni Morrison	978-1400033416
US History, Kara Fagan	Provided by the instructor	

Humanities - 12th Grade

Class Name, Instructor	Text	ISBN
Global Studies, Kara Fagan	Provided by the instructor	N/A
College Writing, Lauren Schmidt	<i>The Anxious Generation</i> by Jonathan Haidt	978-1802069808
	Rereading America: <i>Cultural Context for Critical Thinking and Writing</i> ***11th Edition***	978-1319056360

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