

Gr. 7/8 School Supply List

Dear Parents,

The following is a recommended list of school supplies for students in the Gr. 7/8 Middle Years program at Charles Bloom. Please remember that consumable items like pencils and pens need to be replaced over the course of the year and it has been the experience of the classroom teachers, that if students are given all of their supplies in the Fall, then by Christmas most have used or "lost" most of what they started with. It is recommended that if you are buying bulk purchases of things like pencils or pens in September then, you should put some of those items aside to be handed out periodically, as needed over the course of the year.

Binders and Paper

Each student is asked to have at least one large three ring binder, preferably with a zipper and dividers. In place of loose leaf paper, it is recommended that students purchase the blank lined paper that comes in coiled "notebooks". This way students can keep their work in subject divided notebooks, and if they need to hand in a paper assignment, then can simply rip it out and staple it to any worksheet. These notebooks work well in that they also have three holes in them and can be stored in their binder and can be purchased on sale for prices as low as four for a dollar in August.

Pens, Pencils and "Colours"

Pencils and pens in particular are items that students are always "losing" and it is not uncommon to go through 2 or 3 of each one over the course of a week. It is recommended that you purchase a large amount and then dole them out to your student periodically over the course of the year rather than give them all to the student in September. Pencil crayons and Felts (otherwise known as "Colours") are used frequently in Socials and Science as well as for project work in all subjects. Again, it is not uncommon for students to go through 2 or 3 packages of "colours" a year.

Calculators, Rulers, Pencil Cases and assorted "Educational Tools"

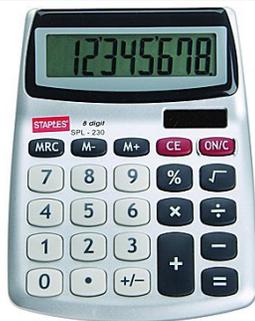
All students need a quality calculator, but a quality calculator needs not be expensive. Most students today are wanting to use the calculators on their smart phones however, the readily availability of all the other "apps" on the phone are too much of a distraction, so students will not be allowed to have their smartphones in the classroom and will instead be asked to keep them in their locker. A simple, solar powered calculator, one that does not have too many "bells or whistles" is best. A good ruler, a geometry set and a quality pencil case is also essential as is a cheap USB flash drive. All students have access to computer memory storage on the school networked computers, however a USB flash drive is useful for transporting documents and files to and from school. The USB flash drives are inexpensive and need not be more than 4 gb in size.

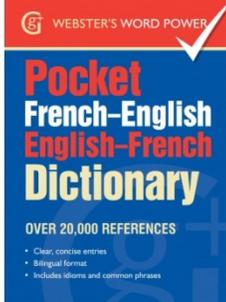
Avoid other neat "school toys" like rulers with calculators built in, or calculators with built-in mp3 players. These items may seem "flashy and fun", but often are a distraction and are often lost or broken by October.

The following pages have a checklist of recommended items.

Charles Bloom School Supply Checklist

Item	Amount	Description
3 Ring Binder(s)	<p>1 Large 3" Zippered Binder or 3 Small 1 ½ inch Individual binders</p> <p><i>For students who struggle with organization a single binder is often preferable. Students who are more organized sometimes like to have a single binder for one or two specific subjects.</i></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> 
Coil Notebooks	<p>8-10 80-150 page coil "Notebooks"</p> <p><i>Students will start with one notebook per subject and will have to replace one or two over the course of the year.</i></p>	
Pens	<p>2-5 boxes of Blue or Black pens.</p> <p><i>Pens go missing all the time.</i></p>	
Pencils	<p>5-10 boxes of quality pencils.</p> <p><i>Kids often struggle sharpening cheap pencils and sharpeners will often "eat" them up.</i></p>	

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"Colours" (Pencil Crayons)	2-3 boxes of Pencil Crayons. <i>12 or 24 packs are perfect, any larger with more colours are not necessary.</i>	
"Colours" (Felts)	1-2 boxes of colouring felts. <i>Washable 8 or 12 packs are perfect, any larger with more colours are not necessary.</i>	
Geometry Set	1 Geometry Set <i>There is no need for an expensive set, the cheapest set is often adequate enough.</i>	
Ruler	1 quality ruler. <i>Plastic is best. Metal ones end up being used to wreck binders, desks or anything else students can chop away at.</i>	
Pencil Case	1 large cloth pencil case <i>Plastic pencil boxes usually break.</i>	
Calculator	Basic Solar Powered Calculator <i>Smartphone calculators will not be allowed in class due to their very high "distractibility" factor for students and students around them. A cheap simple, solar powered calculator is all that is needed.</i>	

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USB Flash Drive	<p>1 4gb Flash Drive.</p> <p><i>Not an absolute requirement, but definitely useful. 4 gb has more than enough memory space and can often be found on sale for less than \$10</i></p>	
Dictionary	<p>1 Pocket French/English Dictionary</p> <p><i>Not an absolute requirement for grade 7 French, but definitely useful for grade 8's.</i></p>	
Combination Lock	<p>1 quality Combination Lock</p> <p><i>Students are constantly reminded to keep their combinations to themselves and it is not uncommon to have to replace their lock with a new one because they have shared it with someone else</i></p>	
Gym Bag	<p>1 Gym Bag with Gym Clothes and deodorant</p> <p><i>Students are reminded to bring clean strip to school every week and take their dirty strip home on the weekends. Students who forget their PE strip will receive "zeros" for daily participate and risk failing PE.</i></p>	 

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Erasers	5-10 erasers <i>Pink Erasers work best. Keep extras at home.</i>	
Glue Stick	5-10 Glue sticks <i>Glue sticks dry out and become "lost"</i>	
Tab Dividers	1 pkg of 3-Ring Tab Dividers	
Graph Paper	100 pages of 4:1 ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) graph paper	
Scissors	2-3 pairs of quality scissors (keep extra pairs at home until needed)	
Smile	1 Big Smile to be Back at School!	