



Bishop Marshall School

2021

Dear families of fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders,

As we begin to look toward summer and all the wonderful family opportunities that Vermont has to offer after the year we had, I wanted to take a moment to provide some information that will help you transition back to school in the fall.

The following staff will be teaching these classes this coming school year:

Mrs. Rapoport: 5th Grade (jrapoport@bjams.org)

Mrs. Shinners: 6-8 ELA, 6-8 History (rshinners@bjams.org)

Mr. Close: 6-8 Science, 6-8 Religion (pclose@bjams.org)

To be determined: 6-8 Mathematics

Madame Wicks: French and 5th Grade Religion (swicks@bjams.org)

Mrs. O'Neil: Art (joneil@bjams.org)

Mr. Buczek: Physical Education (bbuczek@bjams.org)

Mrs. Boucher: Instrumental Music (hboucher@bjams.org)

Students in grade 8 will take a math placement test during the first day of school to determine the best course fit. Two factors are taken into consideration for placement: performance on the placement test and the recommendation of the previous year's math teacher. We anticipate having students placed by the end of the first day.

For fifth grade supplies, please see the letter for fifth grade. Students in grades six through eight will need the following supplies: a student planner for assignments, three-ring binders for each subject (a total of 6 binders or binders big enough to hold more than one subject), loose-leaf paper (graph for math) and dividers for the binders, pencils, pens (avoid red), erasers, and highlighters. For each grade level, if families could donate tissues and/or disinfecting wipes that would be fantastic.

The school will use an online grading program through FACTS. This will allow teachers to post grades for parents and students to view. Teachers have been asked to keep the grading current, updating weekly.

Please be sure to review the Technology Agreement and the Parent/Student Handbook. There is a great deal of information that will be useful for the upcoming year.

Please take time to review the Uniform Policy and make note that students are only permitted to wear school approved sweatshirts or school-issued track jackets (8th grade only) over their uniform tops.

I wish you a wonderful, safe and healthy summer and look forward to seeing you on August 30th!

Sincerely,

Julie Rapoport

Upper School Division Head