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Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! One of the key components to success in Junior High is the ability to be organized. Over the years, lack of organization continues to be the main reason that students struggle. Because of this, we are introducing an organizational system for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This year, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be using an agenda book/student planner. The agenda book is a great tool of communication for you. We recognize that you probably don't know what goes on during the school day, and you have no idea what is being assigned for homework. Now you will! Please read below some ways that you can best partner with us to help support organizational skills for your student:

Agenda book:

1. This tool is a classroom material and needs to be in class every day.
2. Student will use agenda book/student planner on a daily basis to write down all assignments. If there is no homework, write N/A or no homework. Use of the agenda book may be a grade in various classes. Students who struggle with keeping track of assignments may need to get teacher signatures to help with accountability.
3. It is good practice for parents to ask to see homework before it goes in the backpack, matching it with the agenda book to be sure everything is done. Having a homework folder is certainly helpful.
4. If you have yet to pay the \$5 agenda book fee, please do so online. This fee is waived for qualified Free & Reduced families.
5. Replacements can be purchased throughout the year for \$5 with Mrs. Adams.

Other Suggestions:

1. Create a filing system at home for all graded work. This keeps the clutter out of student binders. Every Friday, go through binders and take out any graded work. Files at home help with studying for tests/quizzes or if there is ever a grading error in Infinite Campus.
2. Check grades with your student on Infinite Campus every Friday. Then, students and parents are aware of any current missing work and can have that completed over the weekend and ready to be turned in on Monday. Keep in mind that when homework assignments are missing, it is likely the student will also struggle on the assessments. This may be a reflection of study skills, but more likely is the lack of consistent practice of concepts.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_