



Dear Middle School Families,

I am excited to welcome you to our new school year in middle school at Cypress Christian. Middle school is a wonderful time of growth and new experiences. Thank you for entrusting your young teen to us; we take seriously the responsibility that is ours. Below you will find some helpful information as we plan for the start of the new school year.

- The recommended middle school Bible is available for \$17.00 from Bible teachers, Mrs. Rhea, or at Blue and White Night.
- Book covers are required on all hard cover textbooks. Without the right sized covers, we have discovered that book bindings, spines, and corners are easily broken or torn. At the end of the year, fees are assessed for damaged books. Because several of our books are extra large, we have located and purchased book covers that fit these books. They are available for purchase for \$4.00 each from Mrs. Rhea and at Blue and White Night. Sixth graders will need 2 of these extra large covers and seventh and eighth graders will need 4 covers this year.
- Summer reading assignments will be due during the first week of school. In addition to reading the novel, students should also complete a writing assignment. Check below for details:
 - Grade 6 *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
 - Grade 7 *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor
 - Grade 8 *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
 - **WRITING ASSIGNMENT:** write a 5 paragraph essay about the book you read; 250-350 words (either handwritten in ink or typed); write in either 1st or 3rd person
 - Paragraph 1: introduction, brief overview of book
 - Paragraph 2: describe your favorite or most memorable character from the book
 - Paragraph 3: describe your favorite or most memorable episode or section of the book
 - Paragraph 4: evaluate the book (what do you think and why)
 - Paragraph 5: summarize the important ideas from your essay
- Seventh grade families, please mark your calendars for Monday, August 23. There will be a Parents' Overview meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary lunchroom. This will be an opportunity to learn details about expectations and plans for the year.
- Student schedules are available via RenWeb. Please note that some minor changes might have been necessary as new students have been added and class numbers have been adjusted.

I look forward to getting to know many new families and continuing relationships with returning students and their families. If I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please pray for your school as we prepare for the new year.

In Christ,

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