



Backpacks

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Dear Parents,

We remain very concerned, as we know you do as well, about the weight of the backpacks our students carry to and from school each day. We have encouraged our students to wear their regular backpacks on both shoulders to more evenly distribute the weight, but we have had little more than a short-term response. We have discussed various alternatives, and many of you have also “weighed in” with suggestions and comments. Our faculty is evaluating the size of texts we use, paperback vs. hard cover books, supply requests, etc. We would like to strongly encourage you to look into the **wheeled backpacks** that are increasingly available in today’s market. There are many to choose from, but we request that they be of normal backpack size with retractable handles and recessed wheels to allow for easier storage in cubbies. Wheeled suitcases are absolutely not acceptable, as they are too large and very difficult to store.

Large binders may NOT be used at school anymore. Our supply list has been revised and you will note that only **one inch** binders are on it. In the past many students used the zippered type of binder which frequently served only to contain the chaos inside and, indeed, was a detriment to developing organizational abilities.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call us.

Thank you.

MTS Staff