**TOPS in Transition**

**Tips, Organization, Preparation, Success**

**By Emily Barnett**

**Don’t go spinning out of control…….**

Hello 7th and 8th grade parents,

            I'm Emily Barnett, a Covenant graduate! Welcome to 7th& 8th grade! It's almost that time of year again and I know from personal experience that the transition to the next grade can be hard. One vital key to success is organization and preparation beforehand.

            I strive to be organized and it has become something that I enjoy doing. Therefore 4 years ago, I started helping kids nervous about “the big transition” by going and helping them pick out the necessary school supplies. As you can see from parent comments below, my efforts have been successful!

            If you choose to have me help get your child organized for the upcoming school year, here is how it will work!

 First of all, I realize there are a lot of expenses at the start of the school year and that school supplies are expensive so I have shopped and found the best priced items that are also good quality. I have learned from experience, which brands hold up longer so you don’t have to replace every item each year! I will purchase all the supplies and on the designated days below, all the supplies will be labeled with your child’s name and will be ready to go! When I give them their supplies, I will explain everything and I will also talk with them about this transition, answer their questions, offer helpful tips and encouragement!

**2 SUPPLY PACKAGE OPTIONS & 3 COLOR OPTIONS**

COLORS: girly colors, boy colors or basic

READY TO GO: this is exactly everything on the supply list ($105 for supplies plus $20 for my services)

ONE STOP AND DONE: this includes everything from the supply list, extras to make the transition easier plus everything you’ll need for the whole year such as poster boards and locker supplies ($170 for the supplies plus $20 for my services)

**PICK-UP SUPPLIES:**

6323 Aberdeen Ave. Dallas, Texas 75230

Monday August 12th at 2 p.m.

Tuesday August 13th at 1 p.m.

Thursday August 15th at 1 p.m.

 (If you cannot make any of these times work and still wish to do this let me know and we can figure something out!)

**ORDER & PICK UP**

DEADLINE TO ORDER: Thursday August 8th at 6 p.m.

BY TEXT 214-755-5215 OR E-MAIL mlebarnett@yahoo.com

Please list

1. Parent’s name and cell number
2. Child’s name,
3. Package desired
4. Pick-up date preference

I hope your summer has been going great and I hope to hear from you soon by e-mail or text message.

                  Emily Barnett

                 Go Knights!

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**This is what Moms have said in the past**

**about TOPS in Transition:**

**Melissa Hill**

*Tee thought it was the single most helpful thing he had all summer. He still talks about it!*

**Carey Gidden:**

*I cannot recommend Emily enough! She was so helpful. I would have spent hours going back and forth to office supply stores and still be unsure about what might work best for him. She gave great tips to Luke like do your hardest subject first when doing homework, what to take home at night vs. what to leave in the locker, etc. She set expectations but was encouraging at the same time! (Like not to freak out if you get a detention!) Whether organization is a strength for your child or not, this is totally worth the time and money ... I'm convinced it will at least save your sanity!*

**LaTrice Dobat**

*We were done in about 1 hour and it was a fun experience for Lillian and saved me a bunch of time.*