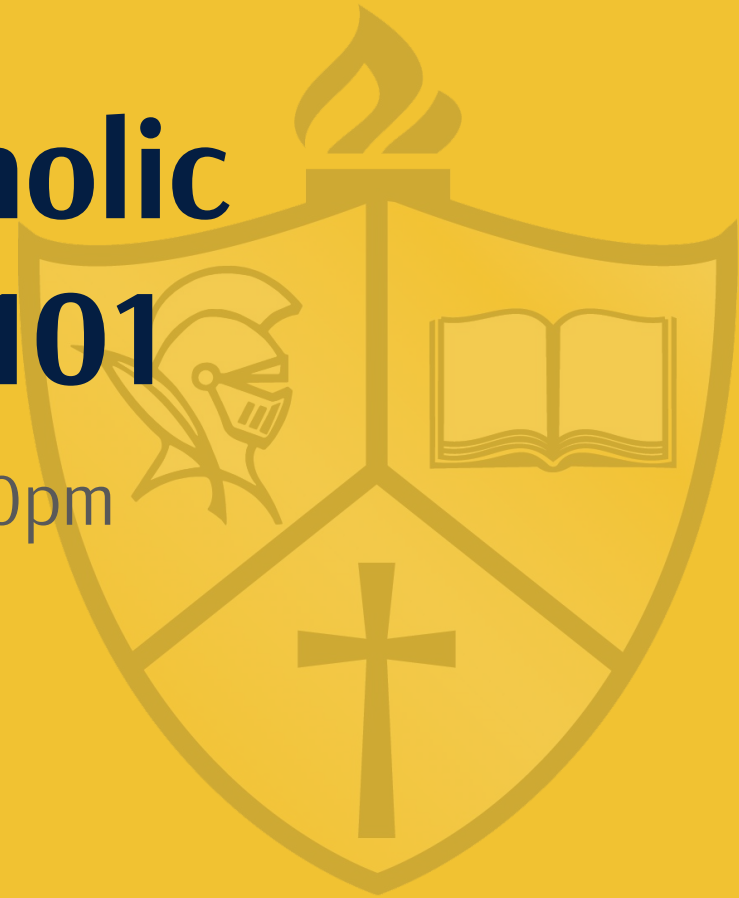


Shrine Catholic Academy 101

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Introductions





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A Day in the Life & Electives



What is the 6th grade schedule?

- 6th graders will have their six core classes (English, Literature, Math, Science, History & Religion), 1 elective and Academic Flex Time/Recess.
- Schedule: (classes are 48 minutes)
 - A: Core class
 - B: Core class
 - C: Core class
 - D: Elective
 - LUNCH (11:16-11:41)
 - E: Academic Flex Time/Recess
 - F: Core class
 - G: Core class
 - H: Core class

What is the 7th grade schedule?

- 7th graders will have their six core classes (English, Literature, Math, Science, History & Religion) and 2 electives
- Schedule: (classes are 48 minutes)
 - A: Core class
 - B: Core class
 - C: Core class
 - D: Core class
 - LUNCH (11:16-11:41)
 - E: Elective
 - F: Elective
 - G: Core class
 - H: Core class

What electives will 6th & 7th graders take?

- Electives for 6th & 7th graders are designed to be exploratory. All 6th and 7th graders take the same electives. In 8th grade, students will have a choice as to what electives they want to take.
- 6th Graders will take 4 electives (1 per quarter): Art, Music, Chinese & Physical Education.
- 7th Graders have two periods for electives and will take 8 electives (2 per quarter): Art, Music, Tech Media, Drama, Spanish, Chinese, Design & Modeling & Physical Education.
- Both 6th and 7th graders may choose to take Study Skills in place of one elective if additional academic support is needed.
- Academy Band does not fit into the 6th grade schedule, but 6th graders will still be able to participate. Mrs. Levoska is brainstorming ways for how this will work best.

What is Academic Flex Time?

- Academic Flex Time (AFT) will serve as a similar time to Homeroom.
- Students will attend AFT every day for approximately 25 minutes.
- Teachers will check in with students and work with them on organization skills like using their school planner to record assignments, navigating their FACTS pages and other academic tools that middle school students are developing at this stage in their lives.

Honors Courses & Academic Support



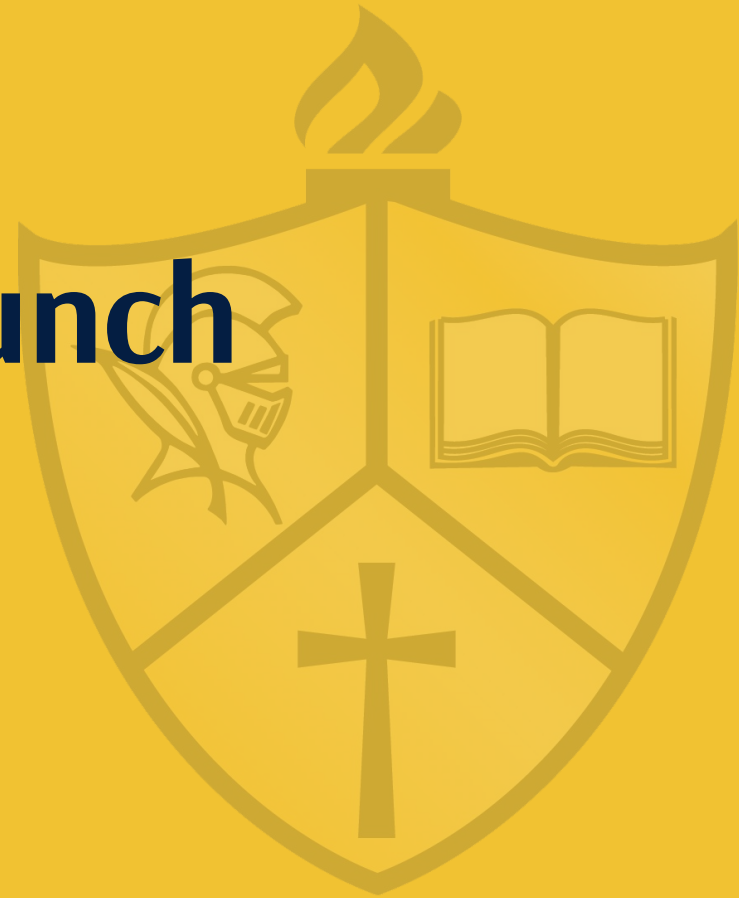
Will there be Honors Classes in the Academy?

- There are no honors classes for 6th graders.
- 7th graders can place into Honors Math (Pre Algebra) provided that they sit for a math placement test in January. Additional information that will be use for the placements includes: Star Renaissance testing results and grades in math class.
- There will be no Honors English or Literature classes in the Academy starting with the class of 2026.
- Our Academy Faculty teaches all classes at a college preparatory level. Students will all be challenged to grow regardless of the level of skills with which they come to class.

How will students with accommodations be supported?

- Students with accommodations plans will be supported by our Academy faculty, our counselor and our RTI (Response to Intervention) Support Teachers.
- Students may choose to take Study Skills in place of one of their electives which will provide an additional hour in the day for assistance with academic, study and organization skills.
- Our Academy faculty makes themselves available to students before and after school and during lunch for students to receive extra support.

Recess & Lunch



Will 6th graders have recess?

- Yes! Recess will take place during Period E for approximately 20-25 minutes.
- For 6th graders Period E will be a combination of AFT & Recess.

How does lunch work at Shrine Catholic Academy?

- Lunch is from 11:16-11:41am
- All Academy students will eat lunch together.
- We have recently remodeled the High School & Academy cafeteria to allow for more seating. Students may also eat in the “Senior Lounge”, a room adjacent to the cafeteria.
- Students can buy lunch from AVI Foods. Each day includes entree, grill, pizza and salad options. Students will pay for lunch using their ID badge.
- Microwaves are available for students to heat up food brought from home.

Classrooms and Building



Where will the 6th & 7th grade classrooms be?

- The majority of 6th and 7th grade core classes will be on the 3rd floor.
- Some classes, including electives will be held on the 1st and 2nd floors.

Will Academy students be interacting with High School Students?

- There are no combined Academy and High School classes. All Academy students attend class only with their grade level peers.
- There are a few times when Academy students may interact with high school students, for example during passing time in the hallways, at Mass or for special events like assemblies.
- Academy students will also have special events just for them like Class Masses and Academy Pep Rallies.

Additional Questions



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- Why is Chinese the only world language offered to 6th graders? What about Spanish?
 - Many grade schools, including Shrine Grade School, offer Spanish to their students. At Shrine High School students are given the choice between Spanish and Chinese for their World Language credits. Due to this, our Academy Curriculum Committee decided to offer Chinese to 6th graders as a way of introducing students to the language. In 7th grade students will take a quarter of both Spanish and Chinese.
- Will 6th & 7th graders get lockers?
 - Yes! All Academy students will have a locker.
- Will 6th graders still be group with 5th graders for CYO Sports?
 - Yes, this remains how CYO Sports is organized.
- Will there still be a promotion Mass this year?
 - In June of 2021 there will be both a 5th and 6th grade promotion Mass.

- How will the parking lot be managed at dismissal with an additional grade of students in the building?
 - We are examining the traffic flow patterns and looking at ways to utilize an exit via Yorba Linda. We also encourage parents to park in the parking lot and have their student walk to their car instead of lining up in front of the west end doors.
- What will the dress code be?
 - Academy students 6th-8th grade will all have the same dress code as the current 7th and 8th graders.
- Will the High School & Academy and Grade School calendars be consolidated?
 - Every year the Administrations of both the High School & Academy and Grade School work together to create as cohesive a calendar as possible, considering the unique needs of each campus. This work will continue as we strive to improve the overall PreK-12 experience.
- Do current 5th and 6th graders need to apply to Shrine Catholic Academy?
 - No! We consider this a reenrollment and continuation of their Shrine career!

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