



SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

WELCOME!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEW FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

GOALS OF THE EVENING

- Review key dates for spring, summer, and start of school year and new family links
- Understand expectations and opportunities for the summer
- Review curriculum & requirements
- Explain placement procedures



KEY SPRING/SUMMER DATES (TBA in emails)

- **Activities & Athletics Fair** *May 15*
- **New Parent & New Student Social** *May 23*
- **Fun at Grand Slam – New Students** *June 20*
- **Pool Party – all Middle School students** *July 12*
- **Parent Orientation:** *August 18*
 - All new MS parents & student fun event!





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MAKE YOUR SUMMER COUNT!

Looking for fun
camps this summer?

Take a look at what
Saint Thomas Academy
has to offer!

SUMMER

PROGRAMS

REGISTER ONLINE:
[CADETS.COM/SUMMER](https://cadets.com/summer)

Summer Camp Supervisor Mr. Justin Larson - jl Larson@cadets.com

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SUMMER PROGRAMS

➤ “Bridge to STA”

➤ Mr. Kevin Zenner - cadets.com/bridge

➤ S.O.A.R. Study Skills

➤ Limited availability - cadets.com/summer

➤ Summer Reading Selections

➤ Ready 1st week of June - cadets.com/summerreading

➤ 2022 Summer Social Programs

➤ Peer Mentor will reach out (*text or phone call*)

➤ Counselor, Mr. Justin Larson - jl Larson@cadets.com



LOCKER SET-UP AND ORIENTATIONS

➤ **Locker Set Up:**

- Aug. 16 & 18, Tuesday & Thursday
 - anytime between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

➤ **6th Grade Student Orientation:** *with* parents

- Monday, August 22
 - 3:30 – 5 p.m.

➤ **All New MS Student Orientation:** *without* parents

- Tuesday, August 23
 - 9 a.m. – Noon





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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022 • 8 A.M. – 3:05 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL ACTIVITIES

- MS FIRST Lego League
- MS Math Team (*daytime practice*)



FALL ACTIVITIES

Open to Middle Schoolers

- Bowling
- Debate
- Target shooting (*fall/spring*)



MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL ATHLETICS

- Cross Country
 - MS or JV runners

- Football
 - 5th/6th Tackle Bar
 - 7th / 8th Tackle Football

- Soccer
 - grade-level teams



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

➤ For offerings in all three seasons, please visit:

➤ cadets.com/athletics

➤ cadets.com/clubs



COURSE REGISTRATION

- In early June, Mr. Jurkovich will contact you to finalize your schedule
- Descriptions are in booklet (*still being modified*)
- If working with a Learning Specialist, the program will be set up in the fall (*as needed*)



➤ **Core Classes:** year-long

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Theology
- World Language (*not required in MS*)



- Oxymoron! 😊
 - “Required Electives” for new students:
 - Study Skills - S1
 - Information Literacy - S2
 - Music and Art - 1 semester each
 - Physical Education
 - 6th and 7th – Health 1 semester each
- View courses
 - cadets.com/academics/middle-school



- Upper School requires minimum three years of language and through Level III
- Not required in MS, but recommended
- Three options in the MS
 - Chinese, French, or Spanish



SPANISH

Common MS Language Progressions

- **Spanish** – all courses year-long/full-time
 - Spanish 1A – 6th or 7th grade
 - Spanish 1B – 7th or 8th grade
 - Spanish I or II – 8th or 9th grade

- *Highest level:*
 - *Spanish V Honors or AP Spanish junior or senior year*



FRENCH

Common MS Language Progressions:

- **French** – all classes year-long/full-time
 - French I – 7th or 8th grade
 - French II – 8th or 9th grade

- *Highest Level:*
 - *French V Honors or CIS French junior or senior year*



CHINESE

Common MS Language Progressions:

➤ Chinese

- Chinese 1A – 6th graders
- Chinese 1B – 7th graders
- Chinese 1C – 8th graders
- Level I or II – 9th grade

➤ *Highest Level:*

- *Chinese IV Honors or AP Chinese junior or senior year*



WORLD LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

- If seeking higher than Level 1 or 1A in a language
- **Submit the following:**
 - Current language and level completed with grade
 - Level seeking
 - Current instructor contact information
 - Submit to admissions@cadets.com
 - Questions? Mr. Erick Rome
 - World Language Dept. Chair - erome@cadets.com



MATH PLACEMENT

- Previous coursework and grades in those classes
- Previous math teacher recommendations
- Score on the quantitative portion of the CogAT entrance test
- All new students are assessed again during the first week of school to assure proper placement
- Questions? Mr. Erick Westerback
 - Math Department Chair – ewesterback@cadets.com



MUSIC

Year-long, full-time classes

Beginning Band

- Students without any previous band experience may learn to play a wind or percussion instrument
- Students will learn the basics of playing an instrument and learn to play in an ensemble
- Students move up 2nd semester or the following year to Intermediate Band

Intermediate Band

- Any student with at least one year of band experience with wind or percussion instrument
- Three formal concerts
- Questions? Mr. Dan Connolly
 - Band Director – dconnolly@cadets.com



- **If in a World Language and Band your schedule is fully engaged and occupied**
- If you are not in World Language and /or Band you will have some room for possibly two more electives
- Electives are semester-long



Open to 6th Graders if Room in Schedule

- Chess, Quiz Bowl & Games of Strategy
- Intro to Music
- Lego Design & Robotics
- MS Digital Arts 1
- MS Fine Arts 1



Open to New 7th Graders if Room in Schedule

- Chess, Quiz Bowl & Games of Strategy
- Intro to Speech & Debate
- Intro to Music or School of Rock Music
- Intro to Family History/Genealogy
- Lego Design & Robotics
- MS Digital Arts 1
- MS Fine Arts 1



Open to New 8th Graders if Room in Schedule

- Chess, Quiz Bowl & Games of Strategy
- Intro to Speech & Debate
- Intro to 2D & 3D Design
- Intro to Family History/Genealogy
- Lego Design & Robotics
- MS Digital Arts 1
- MS Fine Arts 1
- School of Rock Music Exploration



RESOURCES

- [*cadets.com/newfamily*](https://cadets.com/newfamily)
- [*cadets.com/academics/middle-school*](https://cadets.com/academics/middle-school)



RESOURCES FACULTY & STAFF

➤ Admissions Team

➤ admissions@cadets.com - all admissions questions

➤ Mr. Jamie Jurkovich – MS Director, MS curriculum

➤ jjurkovich@cadets.com (651) 683-1578

➤ Mrs. Katie Doran – MS Asst., general questions, uniforms

➤ kdoran@cadets.com (651) 683-1520



OTHER MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF

- Mrs. Jackie VanDiver – Middle School Learning Specialist
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- Mr. Justin Larson – Middle School Counselor and Summer Programs
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- Mr. John Kenney – Middle School Athletic Director
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- Mr. Dan Connolly – Band Director
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THANK YOU!

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