

Welcome to... MCS Middle School!



MCS Middle School Mission

- Building a Firm Foundation through Christ Centered Education
- Spiritual, Academic, Social, and Emotional Development
- Student-centered Decision Making

MCS Middle School Mission

- Partnering with Parents
- Ensuring Current and Future Success
- Preparing Students for High School
- Excellence

What's New or Different?

Changing Classes

Accountability to Multiple Teachers

Lockers

Emphasis on Organizational Skills
and Independent Habits

Enrichments and Electives

Student Life and Activities



What's New or Different?

Athletic Program

Lunch and After School Clubs

Community Service Opportunities

Pine Valley Science Camp

Uniform Options

Middle School Learn Forward: Educational Technology

- 1:1 iPad at School and Home
- Emphasis on Educational Tech:
 Schoolology
 Educational Apps and Programs as Curriculum



Digital Citizenship & Literacy Skills

Emphasis on Collaboration, Real World, Hands On
Connections and Applications

- Acceptable Use Expectations and Accountability

Daily Life in Middle School



Daily Schedule

- 7:55-2:55
- Homeroom
- 6 Period Day
- Modified Block

Schedule

What is Homeroom?

- Community Building: prayer, devotions, birthday celebrations, announcements, and relationship building
- Home Base and Family within Middle School Family
- Holidays and Celebrations
- Spirit and Competitions
- Leadership Opportunity:
ASB Homeroom Representatives



6th Grade Courses

- Core Academic Classes: Math, English Language Arts, Science, and Ancient World History
- Blocked Core Classes: Bible, Physical Education, Enrichments, Electives

Academics

- Aligned to Standards and High School Readiness Standards
- Rigorous Instructional Program
- Developing Scholars of Each Discipline:
 - Higher Order Critical Thinking Skills
 - Collaboration and Socratic Discussion
 - Scholarly Habits and Practices
 - Biblical Integration and Worldview

A Little About...6th Grade Math

Courses:

Core Grade Level Course: Math 6

Enhanced Level Course: Enhanced Math 6

Integrated Level Course: Integrated Math 6

Accelerated Course: Enhanced Math 7

A Little About...6th Grade Math

Strict Math Placement Criteria:

- Multiple Measures

- Identified Cut Scores

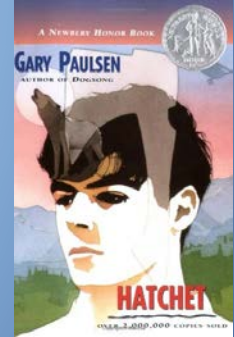
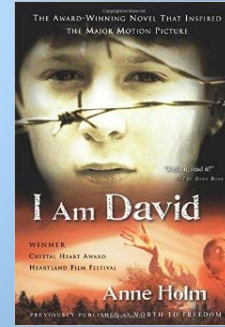
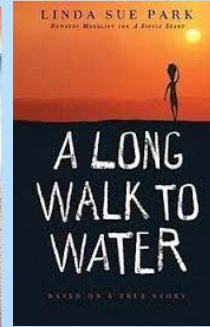
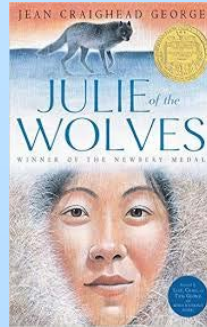
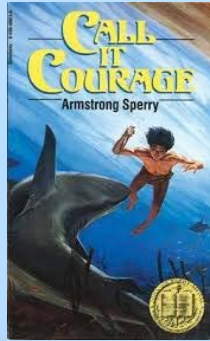
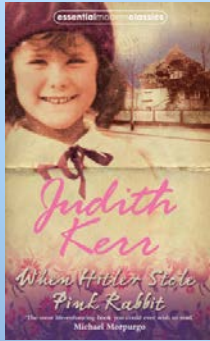
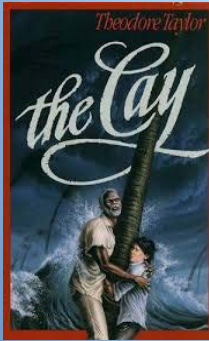
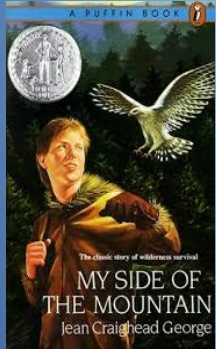
- Standards of Habits Defining the “Accelerated Student”

- Placement not Self Selection

A Little About..... English Language Arts

Summer Reading Assignment: Two Novels/Two Parts

All students will read ***Hatchet*** and one additional novel from a provided list. The assignment will focus will on plot and character analysis.



A Little About... Bible

**Developing Students who Know, Apply,
Respond, and Defend God's word**

- 1. Old Testament Overview**
- 2. God's Big Story Connections**
- 3. Bible Reading, Journaling, and Memorization**
- 4. Intro to Christian Apologetics**
- 5. Focus on the Spiritual Disciplines**

A Little About...Enrichments

All 6th Graders Participate in Enrichment Wheel Courses

1st Semester:
Study Skills
Educational Technology

2nd Semester:
Study Skills
Introduction to Spanish



A Little About...Electives:

1 Day/Week & Student Choice



Art

Beginning Guitar

Digital Media Design

Introduction to Programming

Maker Design

Peer Assistance Leadership

Speech and Debate

Theater Arts

Worship

Advanced Instrumental Ensemble:

Band & Orchestra (2 days/week)

Elective Selections Due 5/28/19



Student Support

- Study Skills
- Math Intervention
- Student Support Specialist
- Learning Center
- Weekly Office Hours



Spiritual Formation

- Chapel Program Upholding Four Core Values
- Extended Homeroom Time on Monday
- Bible as a Core Subject
- Biblical Worldview Integration Across all Subjects
- Student Ministries and Worship Team
- Spiritual Emphasis Week
- Service Projects

Student Life and Activities

- MIA Theater Productions (play and musical)
- Monthly Share to Wear Dress Days
- Teal vs. Black and Homeroom Competitions
- Monthly Lunch Rallies & Fun Fridays
- Ugroups
- What's For Lunch? Wednesdays

Student Life and Activities

- Pine Valley Outdoor Science Camp
- End of the Year Field Trip
- Lunch and After School Clubs
- Student Leadership Opportunities: Homeroom Reps, PAL, Worship & Tech Teams



Athletic Program



- **Physical Education (PE)**
- **All Play in 6th Grade-- No Competitive Cuts**
- **Extracurricular Sports:**

Flag Football

Golf

Basketball

Volleyball

Soccer



The real question?

How will YOU survive middle school?

Most Important Advice...

- Pray Constantly
- Take Deep Breaths
- Enjoy This Time
- Know You are not Alone
- Remember... This too shall pass!
- Be Prepared for the growing pains in the transition but know the pains won't last. Don't Panic!