

Dear Incoming Sixth Grade Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to St. Mary's Catholic Middle School. We are excited to partner with you as your child makes the transition from elementary school to junior high school. This is an important time in your child's life and we would like to make it as smooth and pleasant as possible. We have an orientation event planned that should assist in this transition.

All incoming 6th graders are required to attend the **6th grade orientation on Friday, August 10, 2018, from 8:00 am-10:30 am**. We highly recommend parents attend the orientation. If parents are unable to attend, the orientation will go live on the SMCS Facebook page. It will also be recorded and posted on the school's website.

The orientation will begin with a brief introduction to the middle school faculty. Teachers will introduce themselves and the subject they teach. *(At Back to School night, parents and students will receive a course syllabus and teachers will give further information about their respective courses. Back to School night will be held on Thursday, August 16th.)* After the introductions, the following topics will be covered:

1. Middle School Policies and Procedures Handbook
2. Technology policy
  - a. Technology policies and procedures will be explained.
3. School Gmail and passwords
  - a. Students will receive their school emails along with their passwords.
  - b. There will be a brief training on Google Docs.
4. Accelerated Reader website
  - a. An overview of the AR program and how it is used in middle school.
  - b. Students will be given their usernames and password to access AR website.
  - c. Students will log into their accounts.
5. Renaissance Home Connect
  - a. An overview of the Renaissance Home Connect website.
  - b. Parents will be given their usernames and passwords to access RHC website.
  - c. Parents will log into their accounts.
6. GoMath website
  - a. An overview of the GoMath website.
7. SMCS website navigation
8. RenWeb and Parents Web
  - a. Question and Answer session.

At 10:00 am, students will receive their schedules and locker assignments. Students will be able to set up their lockers at this time.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, and we are looking forward to meeting you and your child at the orientation. Should you have any questions or concerns between now and the orientation please feel free to contact Dr. Menjivar at [Imenjivar@stmarys-temple.org](mailto:Imenjivar@stmarys-temple.org).

Thank you,  
SMCS Middle School