



Scholar Program

8th Grade 2018 – 2019

Sawgrass Springs Middle School
A Title 1 School

Scholar Program Vision

- ▶ Program for academically talented / gifted students
- ▶ Accelerated and rigorous academic program
- ▶ Prepares students for Advanced Placement / Dual Enrollment classes in high school
- ▶ Offers the opportunity to complete up to 8 high school (HS) credits in middle school

Student Requirements

- ▶ Achieve high proficiency levels on Florida Standards Assessment
- ▶ Enroll in at least 4 HS credits by the start of the 8th grade year
- ▶ Maintain high grades (A or B) in all high school credit classes
- ▶ Acceptance into National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
- ▶ Must be socially and emotionally mature
- ▶ Regular attendance
- ▶ Positive behavior
- ▶ Punctual
- ▶ Organized
- ▶ Intrinsically Motivated

Academic

Social / Behavioral

Benefits

- ▶ Students can complete middle school with up to 8 HS credits
- ▶ Meeting with guidance counselor for progress check each semester
- ▶ Yearly college visitation field trips
- ▶ Leads to accelerated high school programs and dual enrollment
- ▶ Saves money on college credits
- ▶ Exposes students to rigorous coursework to prepare them for college and career
- ▶ Automatic entrance into Coral Glades Cambridge and/or AP Capstone Program

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)



- ▶ Students apply to be considered and packet is due by December 14th to Ms. Riedmayer
- ▶ Selected by Faculty Committee
 - Scholarship
 - Leadership
 - Service
 - Character
 - Citizenship
- ▶ 3.0, or higher, Grade Point Average (GPA)
- ▶ Students will log at least 15 hours of service

SCHOLAR COLLEGE TRIP: FEBRUARY 4th–6th

\$379 per person based on 49 students

February 4th

- ▶ Tour Florida Gulf Coast University/ visit book store and lunch on campus
- ▶ University of South Florida/visit bookstore
- ▶ Pizza Dinner at Blaze Pizza

February 5th

- ▶ Florida State University– Lunch at the Seminole Dining Hall /visit University Bookstore
- ▶ University of Florida/visit bookstore/dinner on campus ~free time to explore Reitz Union Game Room Any games are at group's expense

February 6th

- ▶ Tour Florida Polytechnic University~lunch on campus
- ▶ University of Central Florida/visit bookstore

DoubleTree by Hilton Gainesville 8:00 p.m.
3726 SW 40th Blvd.
Gainesville, FL 32608
352-375-2400

Security, 1 guard per bus
9:30 p.m. – 5:30 a.m.


Naviance / Family Connection

- ▶ College and Career Planning Tool
- ▶ Go to ssm.browardschools.com for link and log-in information
- ▶ Personalized:
 - Goal and Course Tracking
 - Resume Building
 - College / Scholarship Searches

PSAT 8/9

- ▶ Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test
- ▶ Assessment of reading, writing, and math
- ▶ Benefits
 - Experience of sitting for a prolonged, major test
 - Excellent individualized data for student strengths and weaknesses aligned with Khan Academy
 - Assist with qualifications for the National Merit Scholarship
- ▶ Administered at SSMS November 30, 2018

Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE) Optional

- ▶ Complete on-line program through Florida Virtual School
 - ▶ Satisfies high school online course requirement and health / PE requirement
 - ▶ Allows for extra space in the student's high school schedule for an academic elective
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Timeline 8th Grade

- ▶ September – December 2018 – Guidance Visit
 - HS Credit Check
- ▶ January – April 2019 – Guidance Visit
 - Course selection for high school
 - Complete remaining HS credit requirements
- ▶ February 4th – 6th : College Trip
- ▶ April – May: Spring Scholar Meeting at CGHS

High School Transition

2019-2020



Mr. Carruth – Principal

What's next for my student?

Cambridge Program (application at www.coralgladeshigh.com)

Honors Courses (English, Math, Science and electives)

Advanced Placement Courses (College Credit by Exam)

Dual Enrollment (Student takes college courses on campus, off campus and/or online (Broward College, UF, FAU, etc.))

Career/Technical Courses (Engineering, Health Science, etc.)



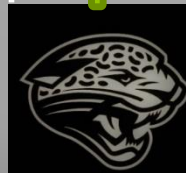
What this *might* look like in 9th Grade

CORE Academic Courses

- ▶ Cambridge General Paper or English 1 Honors
- ▶ Geometry Honors or Algebra II Honors
- ▶ Advanced Placement Human Geography or World History Honors
- ▶ Chemistry 1 Honors or Biology Honors

ELECTIVES

- ▶ Debate Honors
- ▶ Band, Journalism, etc.
- ▶ Spanish 3 Honors
- ▶ Thinking Skills (Cambridge)
- ▶ Study Hall



Tips

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- ▶ Students: Know Yourself!
- ▶ Parents: Know Your Children!
- ▶ Colleges are looking for well rounded students
- ▶ Time management (ie. appropriate course load)
- ▶ Colleges are looking for extra-curricular activities
- ▶ Don't forget to smell the roses!!!

Questions / Concerns



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