



Scholar Program

7th 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)
- ▶ Enroll in on-line HOPE class during 7th – 8th summer (Optional)
- ▶ 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

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

College Field Trip

- ▶ Florida International University (FIU) in Miami
- ▶ November 29, 2018 from 8:45 AM – 2:30 PM
- ▶ Campus Tour
- ▶ Eat on campus / \$12
- ▶ Permission slips coming soon

Naviance / Family Connection

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

Timeline 7th Grade

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- ▶ September – December 2018 – Guidance Visit
 - HS Credit Check
- ▶ November – December – Apply for NJHS & College Visit
- ▶ January – April 2019 – Guidance Visit
 - Course selection for 8th grade remaining HS credit requirements (4)
 - Complete 15 hours of community service for NJHS
- ▶ Summer 2019 –HOPE On–Line (Optional)

Timeline 8th Grade




- ▶ September – December 2019 – Guidance Visit
 - HS Credit Check
- ▶ October 2019 – Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test 8/9 (PSAT) at SSMS
- ▶ December 2019 – College Visit
- ▶ January – April 2020 – Guidance Visit
 - Course selection for high school
 - Complete remaining HS credit requirements


High School Preparedness

- ▶ Students can earn up to 8 high school credits
 - Core Subject Areas
 - Honors Algebra
 - Honors Geometry
 - Honors Physical Science
 - Honors Biology

Electives

- Introduction to Engineering
 - Introduction to Computer Science
 - Spanish 1,2, and Honors 3
 - Debate 1
 - Vocal Techniques (Chorus)
 - Instrumental Techniques (Band and Orchestra)
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Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE) (Optional)

- ▶ Complete on-line program through Florida Virtual School
 - ▶ Recommended during the summer before 8th grade year
 - ▶ 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
 - ▶ Allows student to complete physical activity in an environment that is most comfortable for them
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Sample Grade 8 Schedule

- ▶ Advanced / Gifted Language Arts
- ▶ Advanced / Gifted Science or **Biology Honors**
- ▶ Advanced / Gifted American History
- ▶ Advanced Pre-Algebra, **Honors Algebra**, or **Geometry Honors(GEM)**
- ▶ Choice of 2 Electives:
 - **Spanish 2 or 3 Honors**
 - **Debate 1**
 - **Introduction to Engineering Design**
 - **Introduction to Computer Science**
 - **Vocal Techniques (Chorus)**
 - **Instrumental Techniques (Band and Orchestra)**

Core Subject Courses

Elective Courses

Benefits of Cambridge



- International High School Diploma
- College Credit & Weighted GPA
- Rigorous course work
- Bright Futures Scholarship Automatic Qualifier (in Florida)

Introducing AP Capstone™

Developed in response to feedback from Higher Education, AP Capstone will launch in fall 2014 in 139 schools worldwide. An additional 220 schools will join in fall 2015.

AP Capstone™ is an innovative program that equips students with the independent research, collaborative teamwork, and communication skills valued by colleges. The Program is based on two new AP courses:

AP Seminar and AP Research

Emphasizes Critical Skills Needed for College & Beyond

Complements the in-depth subject-matter study in AP

The AP Capstone program empower students to:

- synthesize information from multiple perspectives
- apply skills in new situations and cross-curricular contexts
- collect and analyze information with accuracy and precision
- craft, communicate, and defend evidence-based arguments
- practice disciplined and scholarly research skills while exploring relevant topics that appeal to their interests and curiosity.

Coral Glades High School

- ▶ Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - ▶ (MIT)
- ▶ Harvard University
- ▶ Emory University
- ▶ Dartmouth College
- ▶ Columbia University
- ▶ Cornell University
- ▶ Stanford University
- ▶ Washington University in St. Louis
- ▶ West Point Academy
- ▶ Boston University
- ▶ Brown University
- ▶ Northwestern University
- ▶ George Washington University
- ▶ Pepperdine University
- ▶ New York University
- ▶ University of Southern California

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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