

**Welcome to
Sawgrass Springs Middle School**



**Incoming 6th Grade Orientation
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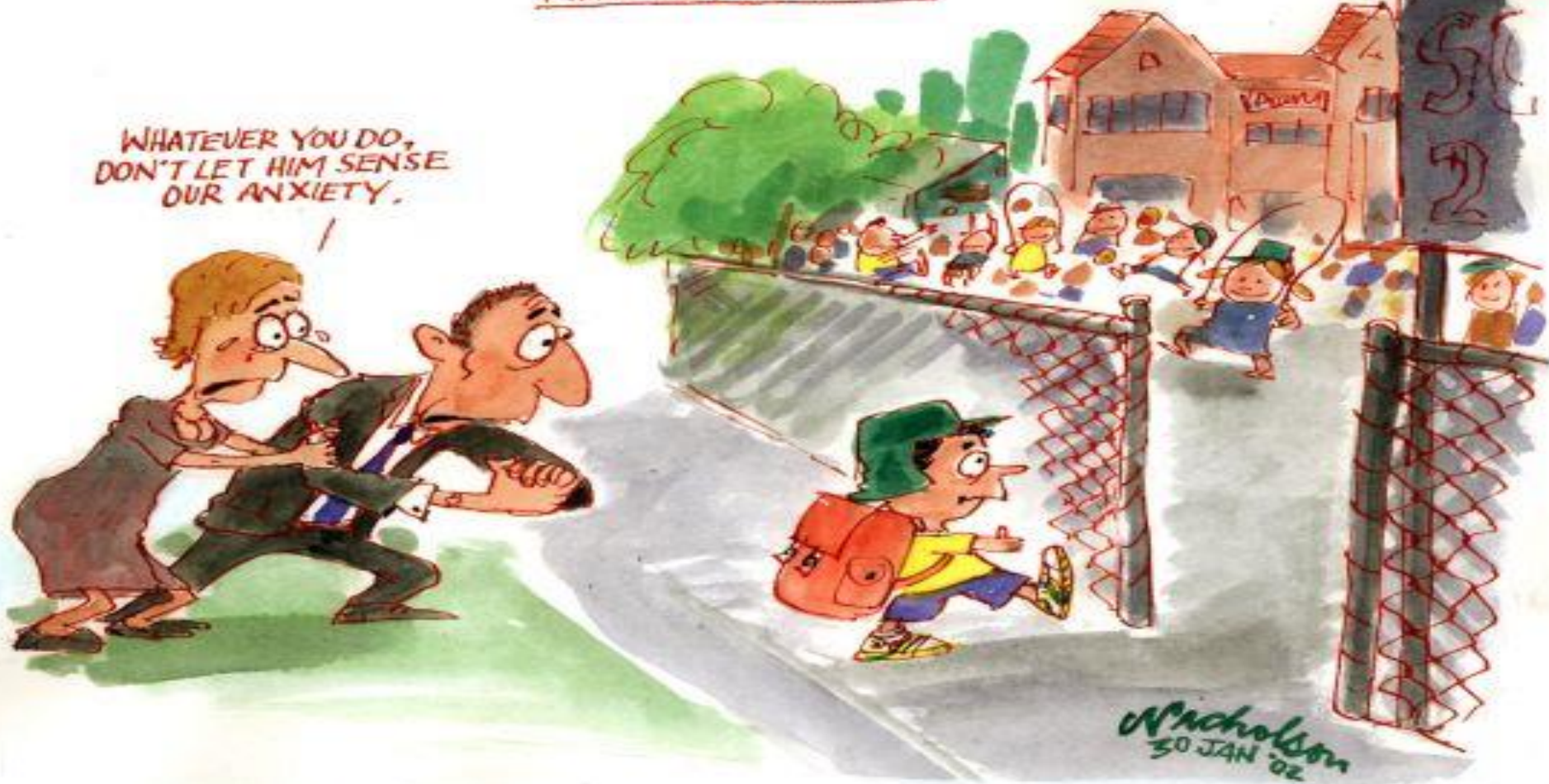
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We are Team Sawgrass!



FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL



Transition to Middle School

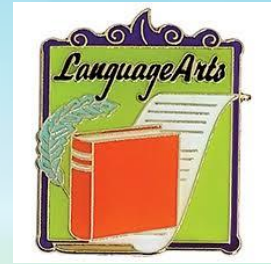
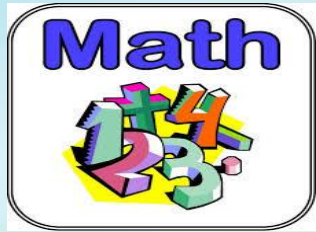
- It is normal for your child to be nervous about starting middle school.
- It is also perfectly normal for you to be nervous about your child's transition to middle school.
- "The transition to middle school may be one of the toughest transition during childhood, for both parents and kids". (Brown 2004)



SCHEDULE:

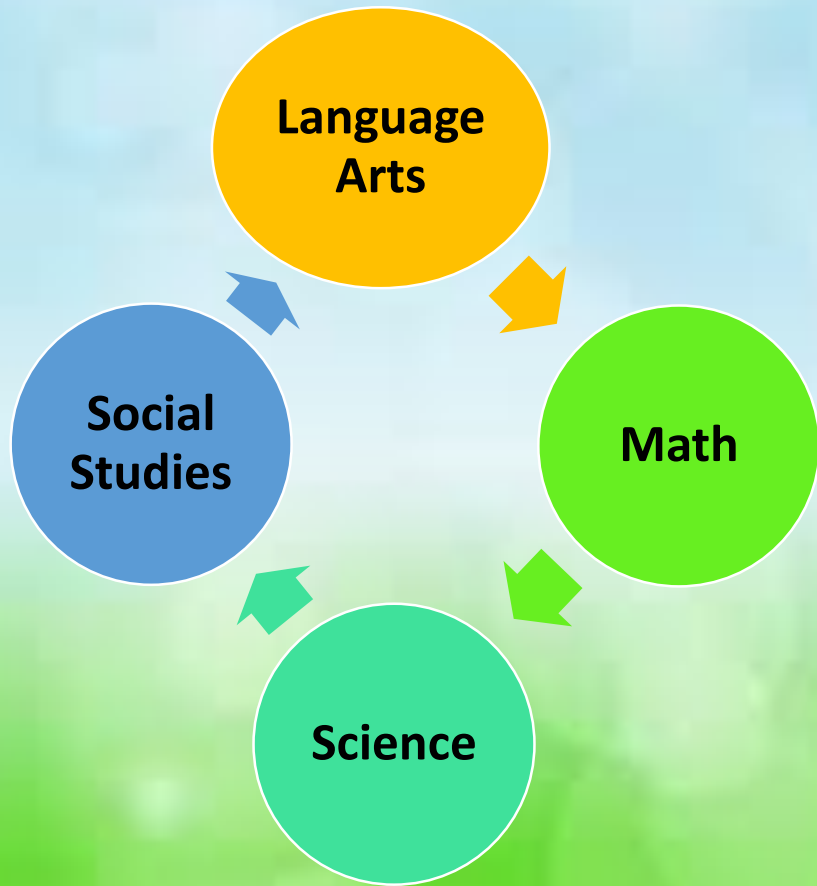


6 th Grade Schedule	Time
Period 1	9:15 – 10:15
Period 2	10:19 – 11:14
Period 3	11:18 – 12:13
LUNCH	12:18 – 12:48
Period 4	12:57 – 1:52
Period 5	1:56 – 2:51
Period 6	2:56 – 3:45



What classes will your children take?

4 Core Classes



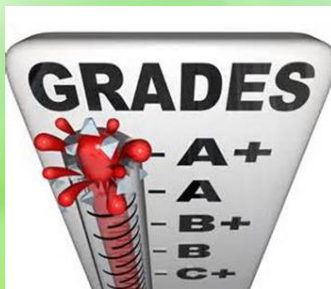
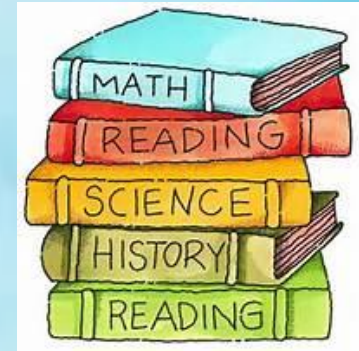
2 Electives or 1 Elective Plus a Reading Class

- Art
- Band
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Physical Education
- Yoga/Mindfulness
- Theater
- Intro. To Spanish
- Spanish 1 (HS)
- Reading
- Computer Science
- Technology
- Robotics
- Digital Art
- Yearbook
- TV Broadcasting
- Eco Adventures



GRADING FOR PROMOTION Policy 6000.1

Subject Area Core Courses	Points Required
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4



Points by Grade
A = 4 Points
B = 3 Points
C = 2 Points
D = 1 Point
F = 0 Points

Imagine Math Support Program



A screenshot of the Imagine Math web application interface. The top navigation bar includes "HOME", "CONTESTS", "REDEEM", and "MESSAGES". The main content area shows a "Current Lesson" section for "Adding and Subtracting Mixed Numbers with Like Denominators - Conceptual Strategies". It features a progress bar with five steps: "Pre-Quiz", "Warm Up", "Guided Learning", "Practice" (highlighted), and "Post-Quiz". A "START" button is visible, along with a "THINK Points Earned in Lesson" counter showing 0. Below this, there are two large circular progress indicators for "Lessons Attempted" and "Certificates Earned", both showing 0. To the right, there is a "THINK Points This Year" section with a "Redeem" button and a "THINK Points to Spend" counter showing 0. At the bottom, there is a "Contests" section stating "There are currently no featured contests." The background of the interface is decorated with mathematical symbols and the word "THINK" in various styles.

Imagine Math is a software program to assist students in mathematics through gaming elements that help students achieve fluency more quickly and retain that fluency.

Benefits

- Visually compelling graphics
 - Imaginative characters
- Built in challenges and rewards
 - Live tutorial assistance
- Reports sent to teachers to inform instruction



Parent Guide to Pinnacle

Sawgrass Springs Middle School's



Guide to Pinnacle Internet Viewer and more APPS

Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV) allows you to view your student's grades and attendance in a real-time atmosphere online. You will be able to view your student's current information as well as information from previous marking periods.

If there is a question concerning an assignment or a grade, the first person you should speak to is your child. Also, before a grade can be posted, teachers need time to grade the work, deliver makeup work to students, and review the work with the children. This process takes a varied amount of time. If you wish to contact teachers, you may email them (emails are provided on Pinnacle).

Visit www.browardschools.com/sso



username: ID NUMBER
Example: 060000000

Password: Birth date (2 digit month/ 2 digit day/4 digit year)
Example: P07/19/2001

Grade and Attendance Email Notification:

In addition to being able to access your child's attendance and grades online, we have an email option that will automatically send grades and attendance reports to you! You must register for this service on our Pinnacle Internet Viewer. After you have logged onto PIV look to the left of the home screen.

- Select Email Subscriptions
- Type the email address where the report should be delivered
- Select: Save
- Then click on the boxes next to the reports you would like "Attendance Summary," and or "Gradebook Report" to request notification to be delivered ***Select "Save" to ***



Canvas Parent App

Canvas Parent App



Canvas is a Learning Management System (LMS) designed to simplify teaching and learning by connecting all the digital tools teachers use in one easy place. The Canvas Parent app allows parents to engage in their children's education by providing access to important class information. The Canvas Parent app is available for parents using iOS or Android devices and can easily be configured in just a few minutes.

With the Canvas Parent app, parents can

- View the list of courses where their students are enrolled. For each course, parents can see syllabus, assignments (title, due date, and instructions) and events.
- Set alerts to view course announcements and/or receive reminders for a specific assignment or event (sent to mobile devices as push notifications).
- Monitor their child's performance on Canvas assignments (final grade reported in Pinnacle).



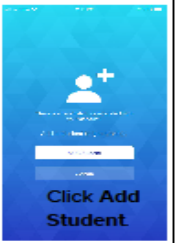
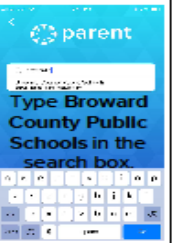
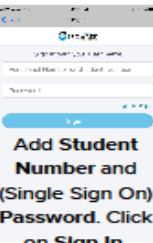
With the Canvas Parent app, parents cannot

- Submit assignments, participate in discussions or take quizzes on their child's behalf.
- Access course content (files, pages, other students' work, etc.).
- Participate in the course in any way.

To set up Canvas Parent, download Instructure's Canvas Parent app and complete the following steps:

How to sign up for Canvas parent account?

<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10913-414473163>

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
 <p>Click Create Account</p>	 <p>Fill in your account info to Create Account</p>	 <p>Click Add Student</p>	 <p>Type Broward County Public Schools in the search box.</p>	 <p>Add Student Number and (Single Sign On) Password. Click on Sign In.</p>

How to use the Canvas parent mobile app?

<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-7884>

Overview of the Canvas parent account

<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10917>



Website Information



Sawgrass Springs Middle
Broward County Public Schools

Translate Sign In

District Website

Choose Your School ↓



OUR SCHOOL

STUDENTS & PARENTS

ACADEMICS

LIBRARY

ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

CONTACT



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Insuring Florida's kids for over 40 years.
Click Here to Purchase Insurance Now!

School Insurance

Scholastic Insurance of Florida, DBA School Insurance of Florida has been providing student accident insurance plans for Florida students for over 40 years. School Insurance of Florida provides student accident insurance for Public Schools.



School News

District News

Upcoming Events

School Quick Links

HOW TO VIEW SCHEDULE, TEST SCORES, AND MORE..?

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR
SCHEDULE/CANVAS
COURSE/GRADES/MORE..

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Cambridge at SSMS



Cambridge Assessment
International Education

Cambridge International School

Did You Know...

If your student is awarded a Cambridge High School Diploma, he or she is guaranteed the highest Bright Futures academic scholarship, regardless of his or her GPA and ACT/SAT scores!

At Sawgrass Springs Middle School, we have 2 parts to our Cambridge Program:

- Cambridge classes:
 - Cambridge Language Arts: in depth advanced language arts curriculum plus novel study.
 - Global Perspective Elective: project-based elective centered around global issues.
- Cambridge Scholar Program – ***Invitation only***
 - Program for academically talented / gifted students.
 - Accelerated and rigorous academic program.
 - Prepares students for Cambridge/ Dual Enrollment classes in high school.
 - Offers the opportunity to complete up to 8 high school credits in middle school.

Get ORGANIZED!



SSMS Agenda / Planner

Canvas

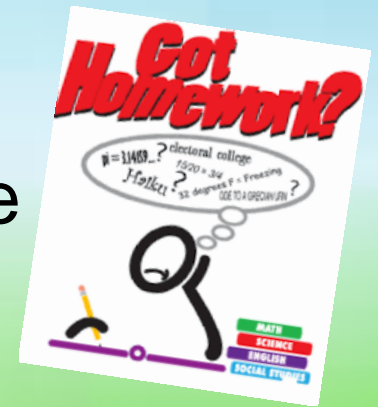
Assignments

Tests

Supplemental Resources

Pinnacle Grade Book

Homework / Study Routine



Extracurricular Activities/Clubs

Clubs

- Anime Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Environmental Club
- Florida Future Educator Association
- Just Say No
- National Junior Honor Society
- Robotics Club
- SADD
- Student Government



Sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Floorball (Hockey)
Soccer
Volleyball

Cheerleading
Flag Football
Golf
Track
Wrestling (Possibly)



Other extracurricular activities are offered at SSMS? TBD



Academic Games

- Week of the Ocean
- Knowledge Bowl
- Foreign Language Competition
- Literacy Fair
- Spelling Bee
- Debate Competition
- History Fair



- Gator Games
- Gator Growl
- School Dances
- Talent Show
- Grade level end of year field trips
- Band/Orchestra/Chorus Concerts
- Art showcase
- FSA Camps



Gator Prowl

Before and Aftercare 20 - 21

- Before care supervises students from 6:45 AM to 8:30 AM
- After care supervises students from 3:45 PM to 6:00 PM
- Preliminary costs:
 - Before care program is \$85 every 18 days
 - Aftercare is \$110 every 18 days

Includes:
Free Dinner
Homework Help
Sports
Games
Crafts
Snacks



Please go to ssm.browardschools.com for information and a participation survey.

PTA Information

Facebook

PTA Sawgrass Springs Middle School

Twitter

SSSMGatorsPTA



Email

SSMSpta4u@gmail.com

Important Dates



6th Grade Bootcamp: August 5th

(Sign up through our website over the summer.)

Homeroom Handout: August 16th in cafeteria

First Day of School: August 18th

6th Grade Open House: September 2nd at 6 PM

Title 1 Information

- Title 1, Part A, provides local educational agencies (LEA) resources that help children gain a high – quality education and skills to master the Florida Standards. Title 1 provides additional resources to schools with economically disadvantaged students.
- We have a School Parent Involvement plan on our website that lists ways to be involved in your student’s education.
- Parents sign a school-parent compact at the start of the year to forge a partnership between the school and the home.



THANK YOU!

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT
SSMS SOCIAL MEDIA

Ssm.browardschools.com



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