



Middle Grades (Grade 6 - 8): Day in the Life

7:45 a.m. Arrive

One privilege given to our Middle Grades students is the ability to walk, bike or use public transportation to arrive or depart campus on their own.

8:00 a.m. Carpool

Middle Grades students help out at carpool everyday by opening car doors and walking students in our 3's/4's and 4's/5's programs to their classrooms.

8:30 a.m. Math

TCS follows the "Math in Focus" (Singapore Math) curriculum, that focuses on problem solving to facilitate math learning, along with accelerated math options. Students in our Middle Grades program may take Math 6, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, and even Geometry so that the majority of our eighth graders complete Algebra I before entering high school. Click [here](#) to read about our math trajectory.

9:25 a.m. English/Language Arts

Middle Grades students are encouraged to make connections to the texts, read for deeper understanding and meaning, and share their observation. Through Lucy Calkins Writing Workshop, skills, strategies and literary techniques are taught within the context of the reading program across all grade levels. You may see students editing an essay based off of their PBL unit before they share it with classmates for feedback. Texts include: "The Night Diary," "Locomotion," "The Odyssey," "New Kid," "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind," and "The Art of War."

10:15 a.m. Fruit Break/Recess

Our entire school, including our Middle Grades students, take "Fruit Break" - a time to grab a nutritious snack and head outside for some fresh air. You're almost certain to find our Middle Grades students on the basketball court playing a quick pick-up game with eighth grade teacher Todd!

10:30 a.m. Immersive Project-based Learning

Immersive Project-based learning (I-PBL) transcends books and classrooms and even our campus. Students ask a driving question and then search for solutions using the academic lenses of science, social studies, math and other subjects. Whether it's navigating global conflicts while playing The World Peace Game or examining statehood and citizenship before traveling to Puerto Rico, TCS Middle Grades students learn to go deep with their learning and apply their thinking as they seek to understand the human condition.

12:00 p.m. Lunch/Recess/Student-driven Clubs

Middle Grades clubs at TCS offer students the opportunity to demonstrate leadership, explore common interests, contribute to the school community, and experience camaraderie across grade levels. Opportunities include: Leadership Council, Student Ambassadors, Yearbook Club, Coding and Gaming Club, and Photography Club.

1:00 p.m. Specialists & World Language

Middle Grades specialists include art, music and P.E. Students also meet with the Spanish specialist four times a week with the goal of proficiency in the language before leaving TCS for high school.

2:30 p.m. Advisory

Middle school students are in a period of significant developmental changes, and they seek new connections as they learn to navigate school experiences. While meeting in groups of eight to ten students with a faculty facilitator, advisory is a great time for students to build student-to-student relationships and foster community and belonging.

3:15 p.m. After-school Activities

Many Middle Grades students participate in a variety of extracurricular activities - everything from sports to drama to chorus. Our students excel on the stage and the field!