



Sacred Heart School | Salinas

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Dear Parents of Incoming Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Graders,

Welcome to Middle School! Next year you will have a homeroom teacher as well as a different teacher for language arts, math, history, religion, science and several specialty classes.

To prepare yourself for the upcoming school year, over the summer you need to do something academic once a day. Here are some suggestions:

Math: 6th, 7th & 8th graders: KNOW your math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication & division) Review the rules for fractions, decimals, positive and negative numbers.

Required Summer IXL Math: Your child needs to complete the IXL math lessons outlined on the following page. They will use their same username and password from this school year. New students will receive their login information via email.

Language Arts: 6th Grade: Students are required to read the assigned book listed below for the incoming grade. Students need to create a notebook that contains the following: (1) One-page chapter summary for each chapter of the book; (2) The chapter summary needs to include the characters, main events, and conflicts and written in complete sentences. Bullet points are not acceptable. The notebook will be used as a study tool for the test that will be given within the first week of school on the summer reading. The notebook will be collected and graded. The notebook and the novel test will be the first grade in the gradebook. There is also IXL for Language Arts. Current students use their login and new students will receive their login information via email.

Language Arts: 7th and 8th Grade: Students are required to read the assigned book listed below for the incoming grade. Upon finishing the book, students will: (1) Write a minimum two-page summary of the book. The summary must include the characters (protagonists, antagonists), main events, and conflicts. The paper is to be written in complete sentences with the utilization of complex writing skills and proper paragraphing. Bullet points will not be accepted. (2) You will write an additional minimum one-page opinion on the assigned book and its relevance to today's society, as the assigned book includes topics pertinent to the world today. This writing, as well as a test given the first week of school will be your first grades in the grade book.

Required Summer Reading:

6th grade: *Danny the Champion of the World*, Ronald Dahl

7th grade: *Stargirl*, Jerry Spinelli

8th grade: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, John Boyne

We highly recommend that all incoming 6-8 students attend the summer reading camp.

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Required IXL Language Arts: Your child needs to complete the IXL language arts lessons outlined on the following page. They will use their same username and password from this school year. New students will receive their login information via email.

History: 6th, 7th & 8th graders: Watch two history shows and write a one-page summary on each show. You can find a historical related show on the History Channel, National Geographic, and other networks. This will be turned in at the beginning of the school year and be the first grade in the gradebook for the 2021-2022 year.

Student Service Hours: Middle school students are required to complete Fifteen (15) hours each school year as a fulfillment of the curriculum. Students may begin their hours for the upcoming school year during the summer. Volunteering in the community suggestions include: Monterey County Blue Zone Volunteer Events, Monterey County Food Bank, Beach Clean Up Events. All hours **MUST** be pre-approved by Ms. Jaime (mjaime@shschool.com) before completion.

Don't forget to order school supplies from *1st Day School Supplies* (link on school's website) by July 1st. They will be delivered directly to the classroom with your child's name.

Have a wonderful and restful summer! We will see you in August.

Sincerely,

Your Homeroom Teachers

Mrs. Gonzalez (6th grade), Mrs. Schuler (7th grade) and Mrs. Quiros (8th grade)

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6th, 7th & 8th Grade Summer IXL Required Math Lessons

Login Instructions:

1. Go to ixl.com/signin/shss
2. Enter your child's username and password and click sign in
3. Under *Learning* tab, click on *Math*
4. Click on *Grade* tab on left side of screen
5. Complete lessons listed below

Incoming 6th Grade: Math: **5th Grade Tab** (if the sections and descriptions do not match, use the description)

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	G.8 - Round decimals
	G.11 - Compare decimals on number lines
	H.3 - Add and subtract decimal numbers
	I.9 - Multiply a decimal by a multi-digit whole number
	K.4 - Equivalent fractions
	K.5 - Write fractions in lowest terms
	K.6 - Convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers
	K.7 - Least common denominators
	K.15 - Reciprocals
	M.20 - Multiply two fractions
	N.10 - Divide two fractions

Incoming 7th Grade: Math: **6th Grade Tab** (if the sections and descriptions do not match, use the description)

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	P.4 Compare rational numbers
	P.5 Put rational numbers in order
	P.8 Absolute value of rational numbers
	P.9 Add and subtract rational numbers
	P.10 Multiply and divide rational numbers
	P.11 Rational numbers: find the sign

Incoming 8th Grade: Math: **7th Grade Tab** (if the sections and descriptions do not match, use the description)

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	B.3 Graph integers on the number line
	B.6 Compare and order integers
	C.12 Add and subtract integers
	D.1 Decimal review
	F.3 Write fractions in lowest term

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6th Grade Summer IXL Required Language Arts Lessons

Login Instructions:

1. Go to ixl.com/signin/shss
2. Enter your child's username and password and click sign in
3. Under *Learning* tab, click on *Language Arts*
4. Click on *Grade* tab on left side of screen
5. Complete each lesson **until you achieve a score of 90% or better**

Incoming 6th Grade: Language Arts: **6th Grade Tab** (if the sections and descriptions do not match, use the description)

√	A.1 Determine the main idea of a passage	√	J.1 Order topics from broadest to narrowest
	C.3 Identify author's purpose		J.2 Organize information by main idea

Incoming 7th Grade: Language Arts: **7th Grade Tab** (if the sections and descriptions do not match, use the description)

√	C.1 Identify author's purpose	√	J.2 Organize information by main idea
	K.1 Identify thesis statement		
	N.3 Use the correct frequently confused word		

Incoming 8th Grade: Language Arts: **8th Grade Tab** (if the sections and descriptions do not match, use the description)

√	C.1 Identify author's purpose	√	J.2 Organize information by main idea
	K.1 Identify thesis statement		
	F.1 Analyze short stories		