



Sycamore Canyon School

6th Grade Orientation Night –
March 4, 2020

Sixth Grade Classes

❖ **Core Classes:**
English/Social Science
Math/Science
Physical Education

❖ **Elective:**
❖ **Careers**
❖ **Band**
❖ **Strings**
❖ **Chorus**

❖ **No Honors for 6th Grade**
❖ **Potential for acceleration in Math 6A**

❖ **Outdoor Education Spring 2020 – Environmental Sciences**



Exploratory/Careers Electives

- ❖ Students rotate classes every trimester
- ❖ Careers wheel offered to 6th/7th grade students
- ❖ Developed by teacher expertise, interests and talents



Sample classes:

Dance, Fun with Math and Science, Music Appreciation



Seventh & Eighth Grades

❖ **Social Science CP/Honors**

❖ **English CP/Honors**

❖ **Math:**

❖ **7th: Math 7 CP/Accelerated**

❖ **8th: Math SCP, Alg ICP, Alg IH, Geometry H
(Geometry H = HS credit)**

❖ **Science**

❖ **7th: Life Science CP ONLY**

❖ **8th: Physical Science CP/H**

❖ **Physical Education**

❖ **Electives:**

❖ **Technology**

❖ **Instrumental Music (band/strings)**

❖ **Chorus**

❖ **ASB (application required)**

❖ **Spanish I CP (8th grade ONLY)**

❖ **H.S. credit on transcript**

❖ **Prerequisites must be met**



Tips For Middle School Parents

- Make Q your best friend
- Encourage your child to seek their teachers out if there are concerns and/or questions about assignments
- Stay current with all work – missing assignments have a negative impact on students' grades and overall performance
- Seek out school counselor, Mrs. Vitto, if missing work becomes a pattern
- Become familiar with teachers' websites and check them regularly
- Students should be habitually using their Daily Agenda

What is ASB?

Associated Student Body

❖ **Students have representation and voting rights**

❖ **Involved in:**

- **Leadership class**
- **Planning ASB activities**
- **Fundraising**
- **Community Service**
- **Recognition – Awards**
- **Operation of Student Store**

❖ **Controls and approves all student funds**

❖ **Student liaisons to administration, SSC, PTSA, plus Teen Center Advisory Council**

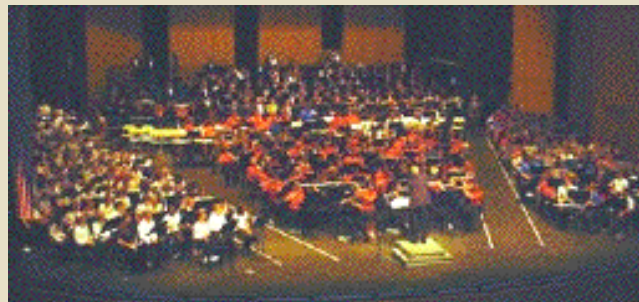


ASB Advisor: Mrs. Smith
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Middle School BAND

Beginning/Intermediate and Advanced Band

Build self confidence, express your creativity, learn communication and cooperation skills through music.



- ❖ **District Band & Strings Festival**
- ❖ **Concert Performances**
- ❖ **Festivals and Competitions**



Sycamore MS Chorus

- ❖ **Quality program with vocally trained instructor**
- ❖ **Students strengthen vocal skills/performance aptitudes**
- ❖ **Unlocks creative potential**
- ❖ **Students perform at the District Festivals and So. Cal. Competitions, including Disneyland**

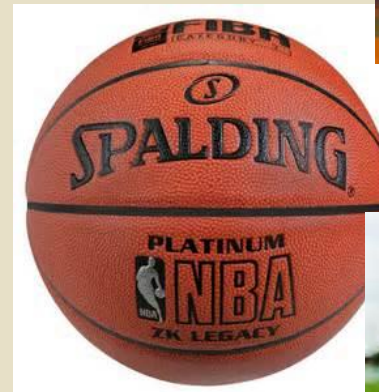


Physical Education

- ❖ **Students participate in skill building and academic elements**
- ❖ **Differs from traditional elementary PE classes and activities**
- ❖ **Students participate five days per week and earn “real” grades**
- ❖ **Unique program that features fitness, and non-traditional sports such as golf, Frisbee, rugby, badminton, field hockey, and team handball**
- ❖ **Physical Education Clothes –**
 - ❖ ***students dress out daily and have assigned lockers***

Middle School Intermural Sports

- ❖ **Boys/Girls Basketball (7th and 8th Grade)**
- ❖ **Boys/Girls/Coed Volleyball (7th and 8th Grade)**
- ❖ **Boys/Girls Soccer**
- ❖ **6TH Grade days: Soccer and Basketball**



Renaissance

- ❖ **Reward program for excellence or improvement in academics and citizenship**
- ❖ **Annual Celebration**



Sycamore School Counseling

- ❖ Offered in Grades 6 - 8
- ❖ Conflict Resolution
- ❖ Classroom Presentations
- ❖ Peer Concerns
- ❖ Peer Mediation
- ❖ College Preparatory
Advisement



Scheduling Classes

- ❖ Students are placed first by core academic subjects
- ❖ Each student has **6 classes**
 - ❖ Math
 - ❖ Science
 - ❖ English
 - ❖ Social Studies
 - ❖ One elective
 - ❖ Physical Education
- ❖ ***Classes are determined based on academic needs***

CLASS SCHEDULE			
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Programs & Recognition

- ❖ **Annual and Trimester Academic Recognition**
- ❖ **ASB Lunchtime Activities (LTA)**
- ❖ **Math Counts**
- ❖ **Outdoor School (6th Grade)**
- ❖ **Renaissance End of Year Trip**
- ❖ **Coyote Peer Program (apply in May!)**
- ❖ **Science Fair**
- ❖ **Speech & Debate Club**
- ❖ **Teen Center Leagues and Activities, including Dances (7th & 8th Grade only)**
- ❖ **We the People Congressional Hearings (8th grade social studies classes)**
- ❖ **Builder's Club, ACES, 7th Grade AIT Trip**



Important Dates

- *Course Preference Sheet*
 - **Due March 2020:**
 - Presentations in 5th grade classes
- *Middle school “tour”*
 - **May 2020:** Students will go with their 5th grade class to visit the middle school PE locker room
- *Middle School Orientation*
 - **August 2020:**
 - Pick up course list, textbooks, PE clothes, ID card



Questions?