



LIFE AFTER ST. PHILIP'S

A Guide for Parents



5TH GRADE

6TH GRADE

7TH GRADE

8TH GRADE

CAREER EXPLORATION PART I

Explore careers based on your interests! Learn about the education and skills necessary for various careers, as well as the pay, job outlook, work environment, and more.

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INTRODUCTION TO STAIRS PROGRAM

Providing students with the introduction of an academically enriching program that provides strategies that focus on learning, growth, and academic excellence.

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CAREER EXPLORATION PART II

The middle school guidance and counseling program focuses on the rapidly changing needs of young adolescents. It is especially sensitive to the struggles of middle school students for identity and for balancing the demands for academic, career, and social competencies.

GROUP PARENT STUDENT MEETINGS

During this time the counselor begins to meet with the parent and student to determine the interest and/or best fit for career, high school, and discuss academic

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COLLEGE EXPLORATION

The counselor equips students and their families with the tools necessary to make more informed choices about secondary and postsecondary career education and training.

MENTORSHIP MATCHING AND SELECTION

The counselor will match students with a mentor based on the student's career interest. This mentor will partner with the student until the end of 8th grade.

HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORATION

Counselor will work with the students to develop a four-year plan that covers graduation requirements. The plan will take into account students' interests as well as educational and occupational plans.

MENTORSHIP LUNCH AND LEARN

Students will meet up once per semester with their mentor for lunch and to discuss goals, learn about updates in their college and career goals.

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HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

Students will begin touring private and public high school campuses. This will give them an opportunity to explore the best fit, learn about engaging student activities, and experience what it will be like to be part of a new academic community.

INDIVIDUAL PARENT/STUDENT MEETINGS

During this time the counselor will meet with the parent and student to discuss plans for high school, best fit, student choice/parent choice.

MENTORSHIP CAREER SHADOWING

Students will have the opportunity to shadow their mentor identified their 6th grade year.

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WRITING ACADEMY

All 8th grade students will participate in Writing Academy in preparation for High School essays.

LASP HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW

Students have the chance to spend one-on-one time learning about the school's facilities but also the programs housed within each school and what you can expect when they go to high school.

ISEE TEST

Independent School Entrance Exam is commonly taken for admission in private middle and high schools in the US. The test has a standard format and 4 different levels, divided according to grades. All 8th grade students will take this exam. ISEE test preparation classes will be conducted. Dates and time TBD.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE FALL.

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HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE DECISIONS RECEIVED

HIGH SCHOOL SIGNING DAY

This will be the day 8th graders will reveal the high school they have chosen to attend. We will celebrate this next journey with fanfare.

