

The background features a wall with several educational posters. On the left, a large 'S' poster with stars and a rocket is labeled 'Science'. Next to it is a poster with a tree-like structure. To the right, a poster with a palette and the letter 'A' is labeled 'Art', and a poster with a person and the letter 'M' is labeled 'Math'. Below these posters is a horizontal banner with the words 'Create', 'Make', 'Model', 'Sketch', 'Define', 'Research', and 'Write'. Above the banner, the word 'BUILD' is visible. Below the banner is a large black pegboard with numerous compact discs attached to it, some with labels like '21', '28', '29', '32', '35', and '36'.

INSPIRING GROWTH,

CONFIDENCE

AND INDEPENDENCE.



Middle School • Grades 5–8

“I’ve seen how she has become more organized and committed to her studies. She understands not only how to take good notes, but how to use and understand the information presented to her.”

—CURRENT PARENT



CONNECTED

In Grades 5–7, students follow a digital curriculum, including Google’s Digital Safety program and Stanford University’s Design Thinking Process, to learn how to think critically, behave safely and participate responsibly in the modern information age.

INTEGRATED

In our IDEAS Lab, students work on projects that span all disciplines—designing and building race cars, prototyping eco-friendly water bottles and more—by exploring resources like our laser cutter, 3D printers and robotics and circuits kits.



COLLABORATIVE

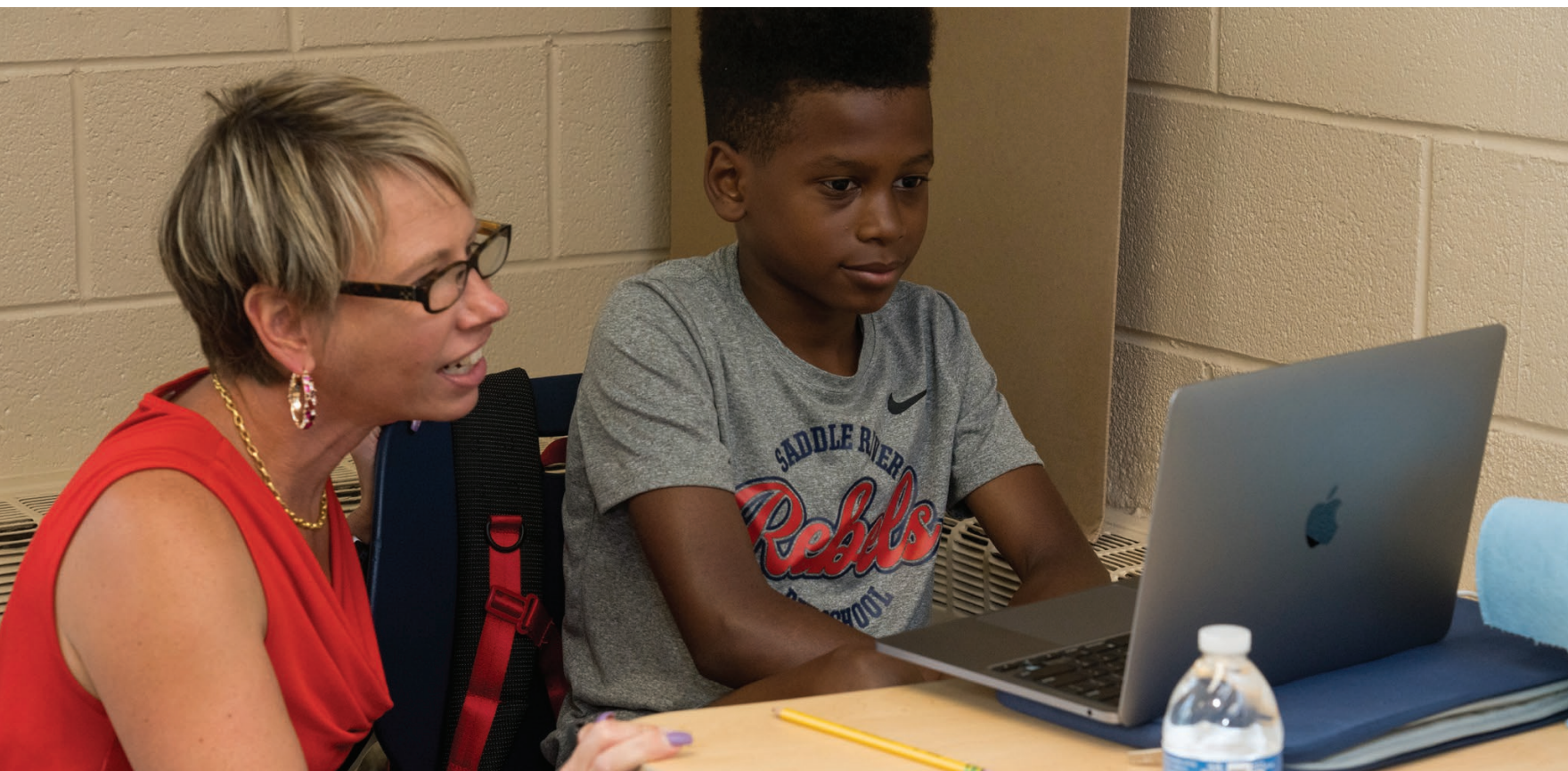
Students work together and hone their leadership skills through projects like:

- ▶ Engineering and designing instruments to amplify the sound on cell phones
- ▶ Constructing model roller coasters to explore velocity and acceleration
- ▶ Programming BBC-designed robots to perform specific tasks
- ▶ Building ecosystems to understand the need for different farming techniques to accommodate shifts in agricultural demand

STUDENTS DEVELOP RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

RESPONSIBLE

They want to take intellectual risks, try new things and express their ideas.
SO WE LET THEM—ALL TO PREPARE THEM FOR REAL LIFE.



INNOVATIVE

Business and entrepreneurship courses start in the seventh grade. Every student builds a foundation in code, including practice with Scratch, a programming language developed by MIT.

ACCELERATED

Advanced science courses in **biology and chemistry** that give students a practical foundation for STEAM innovation.

Advanced math courses that offer a head start for high school, including **Algebra as early as grade six** and **Geometry as early as grade seven**.

Seventh graders may choose to learn **Spanish, French or Arabic**.

Middle School theater productions every year.



PARTNERS IN LEARNING

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

MIDDLE SCHOOL HEAD
ANASTASIA KELLY
B.S., MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
M.ED., FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

“As educators, we have an opportunity to lay the groundwork for our students’ futures. By providing authentic, project-based learning experiences, we have a chance to inspire them to do great things. In sharing our passion for learning and guiding students to learn, we are part of something exciting and groundbreaking that can change the world.”

EVERY WEEK

Faculty Advisor Meetings

8:1

Student-Teacher Ratio

13

Students in the Average Class

AT SRDS, STUDENTS ARE FULLY KNOWN—including their strengths, their weaknesses and their potential.



N BLOCK CLUBS

STUDENTS HAVE AN IN-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THEIR PASSIONS IN COURSES LIKE CLOSING BELL, DEBATE, MATHCON, ODYSSEY OF THE MIND, ROBOTICS AND THEATRE.



THEY LEARN BEST BY DESIGNING, BUILDING, PROTOTYPING, TESTING AND IMPROVING. THEY LEARN BEST BY DOING—ALONGSIDE FRIENDS AND TEACHERS WHO WANT TO SEE THEM SUCCEED.

OUR STUDENTS SHINE

Odyssey of the Mind presents students with the opportunity to devise and present a **multidisciplinary** solution to a complex problem while competing with their peers. SRDS placed 14th at the Michigan State University World Competition.

Debate club gives students to experience and deeply understand competing points of view, equipping them with vital **critical thinking skills**.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

From The Scripps National Spelling Bee to MathCON, our students **compete and excel in academic competitions** at a national level.

“We know how children develop and what they will need to succeed in the coming years. Our curriculum provides opportunities for students to grow socially and emotionally—which instills a foundation of confidence that’s critical for their adolescent years.”

—LAURA HOLLIS, DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY



COACHING ACADEMY

OUR AFTER-SCHOOL COACHING ACADEMY PROVIDES ENRICHMENT, TUTORING AND ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN AND THRIVE.

AFTER-SCHOOL COURSES

Our after-school courses give students a chance to explore their interests in a supportive environment under the guidance of experts.

COURSE OPTIONS

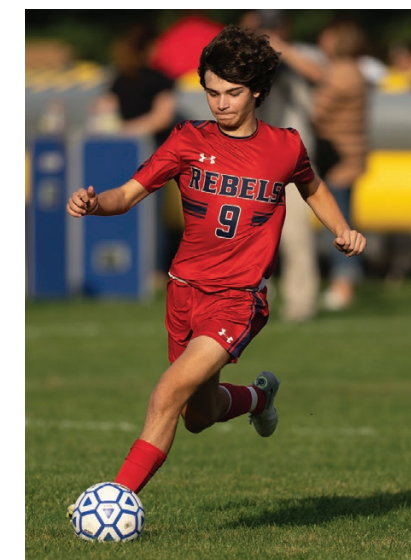
Code Ninjas, Chess, Lego Masters, Robotics, Manhattan Mandarin, Music Institute and more!

EVERY YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A CAPSTONE RESEARCH PROJECT ON A TOPIC OF THEIR CHOOSING.

DURING THE ANNUAL STEAM EXPO, STUDENTS PRESENT INDEPENDENT PROJECTS LIKE PROTOTYPE BASKETBALL SHOES, STOP-ACTION MOVIES AND BATTLEBOTS INSPIRED BY THE FLASH.

OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS FOCUS ON PARTICIPATION, LEADERSHIP AND FUNDAMENTALS OVER COMPETITION, BUILDING A FOUNDATION OF HEALTH, WELLNESS AND ATHLETICISM.

All students take studio art, chorus and instrumental music—as well as our nationally recognized graphic arts classes.



LOOKING AHEAD

UPPER SCHOOL: GRADES 9–12

Students enter the Upper School ready to push themselves in all areas. They refine their study skills, accept more responsibility for their learning and explore leadership opportunities outside the classroom—all to prepare for college.



Upper School students embrace a challenging curriculum and supportive experience that includes:

- 24+ AP and college-level courses—with 20% higher participation than the national average
- A wide array of elective courses from broadcast journalism to engineering and design
- A tailored college counseling process starting in Grade 9—with students excelling at top colleges
- An advanced study program with career-focused academic tracks, and hands-on, on-site learning through the SRDS Gateway Diploma option

INNOVATIVE LEARNING IS WITHIN REACH.

We work individually with every family to make SRDS an affordable option for their child.



START AT SRDS.

Additional admissions and curriculum
information is available at SaddleRiverDay.org.

To learn more or to schedule a visit, please contact
the Office of Admissions at 201-327-4050.



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