

A grayscale photograph of three children in a science classroom. Two girls in the foreground are focused on their microscopes, while a boy is partially visible on the right. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the left, creating a soft glow on the children's faces and the equipment. The background shows a typical classroom setting with a chair and other students in the distance.

THE US APPROACH

FOR INTERNATIONAL PARENTS

LOWER SCHOOL

REBECCA PATTERSON AND KATO NIMS

OUR APPROACH

- FOSTER CURIOSITY AND JOY IN LEARNING
- BUILD CRITICAL THINKERS AND PROBLEM SOLVERS
- TEACH AND PRACTICE KINDNESS, EMPATHY, RESPECT, AND AN APPRECIATION FOR DIFFERENCES
- BUILD A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY, CARE, AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY



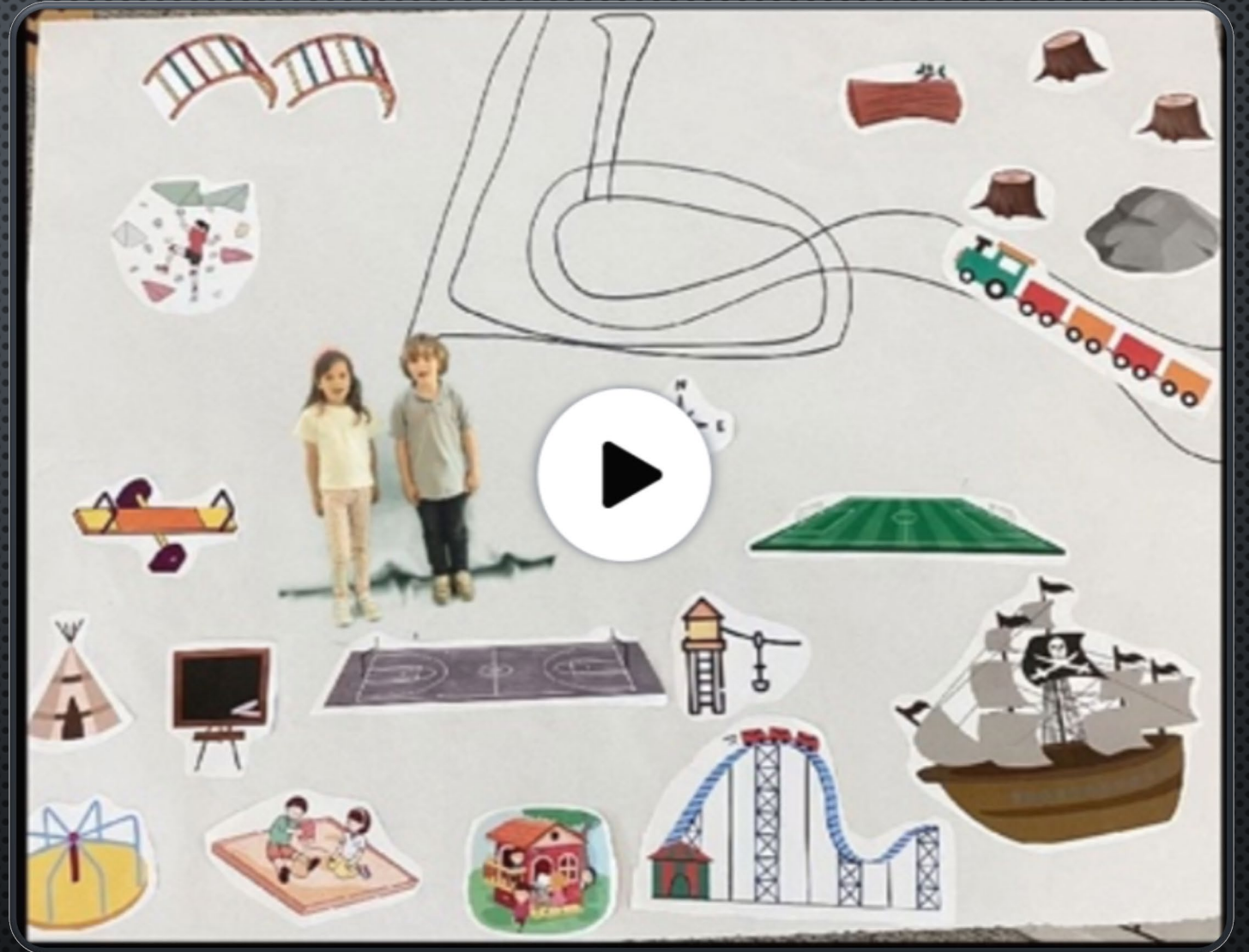


BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

- ACADEMICS
 - LITERACY
 - MATH
 - SCIENCE
 - SOCIAL STUDIES
- SEL
- DEIB

SPECIAL AREA CLASSES

- FRENCH
- SPANISH
- SCIENCE
- DRAMA
- LIBRARY
- DESIGN LAB
- ART
- MUSIC
- PE



MIDDLE SCHOOL

KASEY SHORT

MIDDLE SCHOOL APPROACH

- Students build on the academic foundation from Lower School as they prepare for their transition to Upper School.
- Focus on academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of students who are transitioning from childhood to adolescence.
- Prepare students to take on additional responsibilities, make healthy decisions, and see the world through a wider lens.
- Explore and develop various interests through academics, arts, athletics, and clubs.



MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSES

Grade Level	Modern & Classical Languages	Math	Fine Arts
5 th	French or Spanish	Math 5	Visual Art, Drama, General Music, Band, and Orchestra *Technology Skills
6 th	French or Spanish	Pre-Algebra by placement Math 6	Visual Art & Drama General Music, Band, or Orchestra
7 th	French, Spanish, or Latin Double Language: French/Spanish and Latin	Honors Algebra Honors Pre-Algebra Pre-Algebra	Visual Art, Drama, Choir, Band, or Orchestra
8 th	French, Spanish, or Latin Double Language: French/Spanish and Latin	Honors Geometry Honors Algebra Algebra Algebra 8A	Visual Art, Drama, Choir, Band, or Orchestra

***All 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are enrolled in English, Social Studies, Science, and Physical Education each year.**

UPPER SCHOOL

Tanya Andrysiak

MANY OPTIONS, MANY PATHS...

One Destination: College



9TH GRADE - FOUNDATIONS

- FRESHMAN SEMINAR (2 DAYS/CYCLE) AND STUDYHALL (3 DAYS/CYCLE)
- ENGLISH 9
- MATH (TOPIC-SPECIFIC: GEOMETRY, ALGEBRA, ETC.)
- HISTORY 9
- SCIENCE (TOPIC SPECIFIC)
- MODERN OR CLASSICAL LANGUAGE (CP, HONORS)
- ADDITIONAL STUDYHALL OR ONE OF THE ARTS (BY SEMESTER OR YEAR)

10TH GRADE – FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

- ENGLISH
- MATH (CP, HONORS)
- HISTORY (CP, HONORS)
- SCIENCE (CP, HONORS)
- MODERN OR CLASSICAL LANGUAGE (CP, HONORS)
- STUDYHALL
- ADDITIONAL COURSE (THE ARTS, OR OTHERS)



ARTS!

- STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE TO TAKE ANY OF THE DISCIPLINES IN THE ARTS (VISUAL OR PERFORMING)
- YEAR-LONG COURSES IN VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, HONORS OPTIONS AVAILABLE
- SEMESTER COURSES IN 3D, 2D, AND DESIGN
- ALL DISCIPLINES REMAIN OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS FOR FOUR YEARS

11TH GRADE

- COLLEGE PREP COURSES
 - HONORS COURSES
 - AP COURSES
 - IB PROGRAM
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- NOTE ON ACCELERATION: UPPER LEVEL COURSES REQUIRE PERSONAL MATURITY AS WELL AS FOUNDATIONAL CONTENT MASTERY

IB PROGRAM (INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE)

Apply at the end of 10th grade (only students who could be eligible for the IB Diploma)

Specific IB courses and schedule each year

Specific cohort of students (Ave 16-18, no limit)

IB Exams at the end of each year

Intention: IB Diploma, potential credit at some US colleges and universities

Typically 80-100% passing rate (IB Diploma Earned)

CP, HONORS, AP...

- STUDENTS HAVE PRE-REQUISITES OR GRADE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MOST 11TH AND 12TH GRADE CLASSES
- PRE-REQUISITES AND GRADES POSTED EACH YEAR IN COURSE CATALOG, PLANNER, AND ON BUCSNET
- RIGOR: COLLEGE PREP -> HONORS -> AP
- IMPORTANT: ABILITY, INTEREST, MENTAL HEALTH AND TIME MUST BE CONSIDERED!

AP COURSES (ADVANCED PLACEMENT)

- ORIGINALLY COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS
- NOW RIGOR OF AP COURSES VARY BY SCHOOL, THOUGH CURRICULUM & TESTS THE SAME
- “PASSING” THE EXAM = SCORES OF 3, 4, OR 5
- TYPICALLY 85-90% PASS RATE (OF APPROXIMATELY 550 EXAMS)
- SOME COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OFFER COURSE CREDIT OR “ADVANCED PLACEMENT”

STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS!

- ALZAR
- SYA (SCHOOL YEAR ABROAD)
- ACADEMIC SUMMER TRIPS ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

OVERVIEW

- ALL STUDENTS NEED THE FOLLOWING (MINIMUM) TO GRADUATE FROM COUNTRY DAY
 - 4 YEARS OF ENGLISH
 - 4 YEARS OF MATH
 - 3 YEARS OF SCIENCE, INCLUDING BIOLOGY
 - 3 YEARS OF HISTORY, INCLUDING US HISTORY (OR IB HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS)
 - 2 YEARS OF THE SAME MODERN OR CLASSICAL LANGUAGE
 - 1.5 YEARS OF THE ARTS
- PERFORMANCE ON AP AND IB EXAMS HAVE NO CONNECTION TO THE COUNTRY DAY DIPLOMA
- AP AND IB CLASSES ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR ADMISSION TO US COLLEGES
- ADDITIONAL STANDARDIZED TESTING (SAT, ACT) MAY BE REQUIRED BY SOME UNIVERSITIES
 - GRADES 9-11 COMPLETE PRACTICE ASSESSMENTS OF THESE TESTS IN SCHOOL

College Acceptances | 2020–2023

Bold indicates schools enrolling one or more members of the Class of 2023

COLLEGE COUNSELING

American University

Amherst College

Appalachian State University

Arcadia University

Arizona State University

Auburn University

Augustine College

Austin College

Bard College

Bates College

Baylor University

Belmont University

Birmingham-Southern College

Boston College

Boston Conservatory at Berklee

Boston University

Brandeis University

College of the Holy Cross

College of William and Mary

College of Wooster

Colorado College

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

Cornell College

Cornell College

Cornell University

Creighton University

Dartmouth College

Davidson College

Denison University

DePaul University

DePauw University

Dickinson College

Drew University

- FOUR FULL-TIME COUNSELORS

- PROGRAMMING BEGINS IN THE SPRING OF 9TH GRADE

- COUNSELORS BEGIN 1:1 MEETINGS IN JUNIOR YEAR

- APPLICATIONS BEGIN SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR

- 100% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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