

Your Middle Schooler's Developmental Journey at St. John's School

At St. John's School, we recognize the unique developmental changes arising during middle school. In addition to strong academic content, we have built a 'Middle School Journey' to encourage and highlight the positive changes happening in each middle school child.

A Middle Schooler's Developmental Needs:

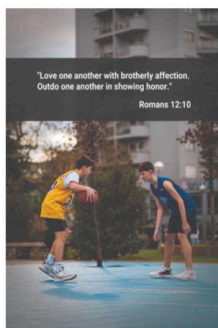
- To receive positive affirmation about who they are and who they were created to be.
- To connect with their peers in a positive way.
- To develop social skills and learn appropriate behaviors for different social situations.
- To learn that their gifts and abilities are important in making their community better.
- To contribute to the common good and find their productive place in the community.
- To have an increasing voice in their pathway.
- To learn the skills and mindsets needed to succeed.
- To recover from earlier childhood trauma, if applicable.

St. John's School Middle School Grade Level Focus

6th Grade

Connect:

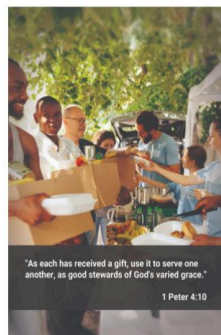
Enjoy great friendships.



7th Grade

Serve:

Serve each other in love.



8th Grade

Build:

Bring more good into our world.





Your Middle Schooler's Academic Plan at St. John's School

At St. John's School, we are dedicated to offering an innovative and rigorous curriculum that nurtures and develops every aspect of our middle school students. Below, you can explore the curriculum that drives our students' comprehensive learning experience.

6th grade

- *Advanced Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life*
- *Amplify Science*
- *Wit & Wisdom*, reading classics such as: *Bud, Not Buddy* and *The Odyssey*.
- *TCI History Alive! The Medieval World and Beyond*

7th grade

- *Advanced Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life*
- *Amplify Science*
- *Wit & Wisdom*, reading classics such as: *The Midwife's Apprentice* and *Animal Farm*.
- *TCI Geography Alive! Regions and People*

8th grade

- *Big Ideas Math: Algebra 1*
- *Amplify Science*
- *Wit & Wisdom* ELA, reading classics such as: *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- *TCI History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism*

What our results say: the Academic Performance of recent Graduating Classes

St John's School: MAP
8th Grade Class 2023-24
Achievement Percentile

- Language: 82nd
- Math: 67th
- Science: 84th

Colorado: CMAS
8th Grade Class 2022-23
"Meets/Exceeds Expectations"

- Literacy: 42%
- Math: 32%
- Science: 32%

Denver Public Schools: CMAS
8th Grade Class 2022-23
"Meets/Exceeds Expectations"

- Literacy: 40%
- Math: 30%
- Science: 26%



Our Goal for Your Graduating 8th Grader

St. John's has three goals for each graduating student: to have **grown in their faith**, **excelled in their education**, and **thrived within their community**. Explore below to see how we support and guide our students on this transformative journey.

"I have Grown in my Faith"

- Huddles meet nearly every week during chapel, guided by a mature Christian mentor, and focus on the themes of Connect, Serve, and Build.
- Each November, we host a Middle School Service Day, fostering a spirit of giving back.
- Christ is at the center of everything we teach and do, woven into every aspect of our instruction.
- Bible classes meet for 90 minutes each week, providing dedicated time for spiritual growth and learning.

"I am Excelling in my Education"

- A block schedule allows for deeper, more focused learning in literacy, math, and science, giving students the opportunity to explore key concepts, engage in hands-on activities, and receive personalized support.
- Students are recognized and celebrated for both excellent achievement and personal growth in their academic studies.
- Our rigorous curriculum is delivered by qualified, experienced, and dedicated teachers committed to student growth.
- Teachers participate in ongoing training and professional development to enhance student success further.
- As a phone-free school, we provide an environment that helps students focus, encourages meaningful communication with teachers and peers, and minimizes distractions.
- Electives are offered to provide students with a broader educational experience and the opportunity to explore their interests and talents beyond the core curriculum.

Electives include: Drama, Student Council, American Sign Language, Drawing, Journalism, Foundations in Personal Finance, Book Club, Spanish, Latin, Handbells, Studio Art, and The History of Broadway.



"I am Thriving in my Community"

- We believe that strong, healthy relationships with family, friends, and teachers are essential for children's development and mental well-being. We cultivate a culture where students can thrive within a supportive community.

Each year, we host events that promote healthy and strong relationships, including:

- The Big Breakfast / The High Tea
- Fall Fest
- Run4Funds
- Unplugged Summer Family Camp
- Parent Night Outs
- Sports and Athletics
- School Sing Mornings at St. John's Church
- Sixth graders participate in a social etiquette class led by Aristotle Education.
- All grade levels take classes focused on healthy relationships, personal safety, and health education.

Each grade also participates in overnight camps, including:

- *Lutheran Valley Retreat* (6th grade)
- *Service Projects* (7th grade)
- *Washington D.C. trip* (8th grade)
- Our classrooms foster academic dialogue, teaching students how to respectfully agree and disagree with their peers.

We have a strong parent community, inviting families to engage in their children's educational journey through:

- Parent Teacher Organization
- Cafeteria helpers
- WatchDOGS program
- Volunteering on field trips

"I Am an SJ Panther."