



2025-2026 – Middle School Program of Studies

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Introduction

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year

Benilde-St. Margaret's is a Catholic co-educational middle and high school with a college preparatory emphasis. We are happy to have this opportunity to introduce you to the Middle School Program of Studies which includes our class offerings for the upcoming school year.

We are a school with a strong academic commitment to our students. We provide a caring, yet structured, environment. To meet the diverse needs of middle school students, we have a comprehensive curriculum and offer various extracurricular activities.

Middle School Program

The middle school program focuses on the intellectual, emotional, spiritual, social, and physical development of the young person. Our program includes a solid Catholic base of academic religion classes, liturgies, and prayer services. Advisories convene weekly for academic check-ins, activities, and special interest meetings. Relevant issues such as peer pressure, decision-making, self-esteem, and healthy social relationships are also addressed in middle school.

Curriculum

Our curriculum includes three levels of English, literature, and mathematics:

- (1) concepts (for students working and/or testing below grade level or having difficulty learning in that area),
- (2) standard (grade level), and
- (3) accelerated (for students working and testing significantly above grade level).

The middle school curriculum emphasizes the development of language arts skills. In addition to separate English and literature classes, all students have an opportunity to study a world language of their choosing. Our math curriculum includes pre-algebra, algebra, and geometry. Basic skills are strengthened in preparation for higher math.

In middle school, technology is regarded as an important tool for learning. Each student is provided a personal laptop for daily academic use. Technology is integrated into all areas of the curriculum.

System Format

In the Benilde-St. Margaret's Middle School students are on a quarter system. Some courses are offered for one semester, while other courses such as mathematics, science, and world language are year-long studies. Quarter grade reports, as well as other teacher updates, are posted online for students and parents. In addition, parent-teacher conferences are held twice each year.

Our program is designed to prepare the student for continuing education in high school and college as well as for life-long learning. We are deeply committed to Catholic education and to our students and are happy to have your student as part of our school community.

Go Red Knights!

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Three-Year Overview

YR = Year-long, S = Semester, Q = Quarter

Sixth Grade Classes

English YR

Literature YR

Math YR

Science YR

Social Studies YR

Theology S

World Language Exploration S

M3PE S

Fine Arts: Music S

Fine Arts: Visual Arts Q

Life Skills 6 Q

Seventh Grade Classes

English YR

Literature YR

Math YR

Science YR

Social Studies YR

Theology S

World Language S

M3PE S

Fine Arts: Music S

Fine Arts: Visual Arts Q

Life Skills 7 Q

Eighth Grade Classes

English YR

Literature YR

Math YR

Science YR

Social Studies YR

Theology S

World Language S

M3PE S

Fine Arts: Requirement S

Semester Choice Elective Q

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Grading

Letter Grade	Standard GPA
A	4.000
A-	3.700
B+	3.300
B	3.000
B-	2.700
C+	2.300
C	2.000
C-	1.670
D+	1.300
D	1.000
D-	.700
F	.000

Honor Rolls

Honor rolls are determined at the end of each semester.

Honors (3.0-3.69) High Honors (3.7-4.0)