



MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION INFORMATION (GRADES 5-8)

Middle School Division Administration & Staff

Superintendent: Don Mayes • Middle School Division Head: Joana Dieterich • Dean of Students: Lisa Jones • Athletic Director: Sam Barham • Counselor: Angel Barnes • Curriculum Coach: Karen Spencer

Accreditations & Memberships

Louisiana State Approved School • Advanc-Ed (Formerly SACS - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) • Southern Association of Independent Schools • Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools

Philosophy

The Middle School believes the role of the faculty and administration is to provide students with a transition between elementary and high school. This belief guides all decisions made in the division including schedule design, disciplinary system, advisory program, elective courses, athletic program and spiritual development of students. During their four years in Middle School, faculty works with students to develop personal responsibility, ability to study God's Word independently, and academic proficiency providing them with the foundation to be successful in high school.

Faculty

The middle school faculty is a group of dedicated, Bible-believing Christian professionals committed to academics for our students. Eleven of our twenty-eight Middle School faculty hold advanced degrees.

Grading Scale

A+ 98-100	C 73-76
A 93-97	C- 70-72
A- 90-92	D+ 67-69
B+ 87-89	D 63-66
B 83-86	D- 60-62
B- 80-82	F Below 60
C+ 77-79	

Dress Code

Middle school students wear Parkview Baptist School uniforms on a daily basis, with a Dress Chapel uniform on Wednesdays. Fridays are designated as spirit days and students are encouraged to show their team spirit with Friday Spirit Shirts and uniform bottoms.

Middle School Schedule:

- Carpool Begins at 7:00am
- 7:30am School Begins for 7th and 8th grade
- 8:00am School Begins for 5th and 6th grade
- 3:00pm Dismissal for Middle School (Carpool runs until 3:30pm)
- Early Morning Care provided at no cost 6:30-7:30am
- After Care Eagle Academy provided for a fee by 3:00-6:00pm

THE FOUR A'S IN MIDDLE SCHOOL – Abundant Life, Academics, Arts and Athletics

Abundant Life

Abundant life is the foundation of PBS and spiritual development is woven throughout several facets of Middle School life. Middle school students and faculty attend chapel each Wednesday. The chapel program is designed to be a time of worship, praise and the study of God's word. The chapel program is enhanced by a bi-weekly devotional and worship time as part of the advisory program. Chapel worship, as well as group Bible study and devotionals, are often student-led allowing students to develop their leadership skills. Understanding that middle school can be a difficult time for students middle school occasionally offers gender separate chapels with topics targeted to meet students' needs. Another facet of our spiritual development program is our annual grade level retreat. Retreats in 5th and 8th grade are designed to allow students to deepen their relationship with Christ while retreats in 6th and 7th grade are focused on service.

- **ELI Way:** "Eli the Eagle" is the PBS mascot. The ELI Way is a positive behavior support plan that focuses on teaching the students Biblical character and behavior traits. The ELI Way stands for Excellence, Leadership and Integrity and focuses on developing specific behaviors in our students. These behaviors are outlined in our ELI Motto: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Honest. Students can earn rewards and privileges for making good choices and following the ELI Way.
- **Advisory:** Each middle school student is assigned an advisory group that meets multiple times each week to participate in chapel reflections, leadership opportunities, school spirit celebrations, etc. Faculty advisors develop personal relationships with their small group of students to help give academic and emotional support throughout the middle school experience.



Academics

The middle school curriculum actively engages students in problem solving and critical thinking. Through science labs, writing conferences, cooperative learning activities, technology-based projects, experts visiting the classrooms and field experiences, students have ample opportunity to develop critical thinking skills while learning the necessary content. Many courses are also available in the honors track. Eighth grade students can earn high school credit in several areas including math, science, health and second languages.

- **Fluid Block System:** Middle School students do not have bells, signaling them to change classes. Rather, PBS Middle School uses an innovative scheduling model called 'Fluid Blocks.' Partner teachers share a block of time that can be distributed as needed. For example, when a science class is conducting an experiment, that class can use more minutes of the fluid block, thereby using that time in a manner best for the student.
- **Technology:** The Middle School is a 1:1 iPad school. Students receive an iPad in 5th grade that they use in every class. Students use intuitive technology like Nearpod, Socrative, Formative, Khan Academy, etc in order to enhance their learning. The use of this technology helps to support curriculum and learning and extend the classroom outside the walls of the classroom.
- **Duke Tip:** Each year, PBS middle school students take part in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). In 2016, almost 30% of our seventh graders qualified for Duke TIP. This indicates that these students scored in the 95th percentile or higher on at least one subtest of the CPAA standardized test, administered by the ERB (Educational Records Bureau).

COURSE OFFERINGS

5th Grade

Bible
Math
Science
Social Studies
Language & Literature
Second Language
Physical Education
Elective:

- performance choir
- band
- Auxiliary Wheel: Keyboarding and Art

6th Grade

Bible
Math, Math (H)
Life Science
World History
Language & Literature
Second Language
Physical Education
Elective

- performance choir
- band
- Auxiliary Wheel: computer safety, art, forensics, informational literacy

7th Grade

Boys Bible/Girls Bible
Math 7
Pre-Algebra (CP, H, SOAR)
Earth Science
Louisiana History
Language & Literature (CP, H)
Second Language
Physical Education
Elective:

- Choir
- Band
- Percussion
- art techniques
- keyboarding
- acting techniques
- World War II
- creative communications
- business simulations
- introduction to program & game design
- social media journalism

8th Grade

Boys Bible/Girls Bible
Algebra I* or Pre-Algebra (CP, H)
Physical Science* (CP, H)
American History
Language & Literature (CP, H)
Physical Education
Health*
Elective

- Choir
- Band
- Percussion
- art techniques
- keyboarding
- acting
- World War II
- Latin I*
- Spanish I*
- acting techniques
- creative communications
- business simulations
- introduction to program & game design
- social media journalism

*denotes courses for high school credit

Arts

The arts department at Parkview Baptist School is designed to develop an appreciation of theatre, music and visual arts. Arts faculty nurture and build the confidence necessary for students to perform at their highest level of ability. Through drama productions, art shows, performances, competitions and daily interactions, students develop the skills and knowledge needed to excel. Opportunities for students include band, choir, praise team, annual art shows and theatre productions.

Athletics

The philosophy of Parkview Baptist School athletics is to foster athletic teams that exemplify Christ-like competitiveness, coaching and sportsmanship. The middle school division encourages students to experience a variety of sports in an effort to discover their gifts and interests. A wide range of athletic teams are offered to both boys and girls including football, softball, volleyball, basketball, track, swimming, cross-country, soccer and tennis. Middle School athletic programs are built on the philosophy of their high school counterpart.

- **Extracurricular Activities:** In addition to athletic teams and the arts, middle school students may choose to participate in extracurricular activities including Junior Silver Steppers, cheerleaders, jump rope team and a variety of academic clubs including student council, BETA, and robotics.

