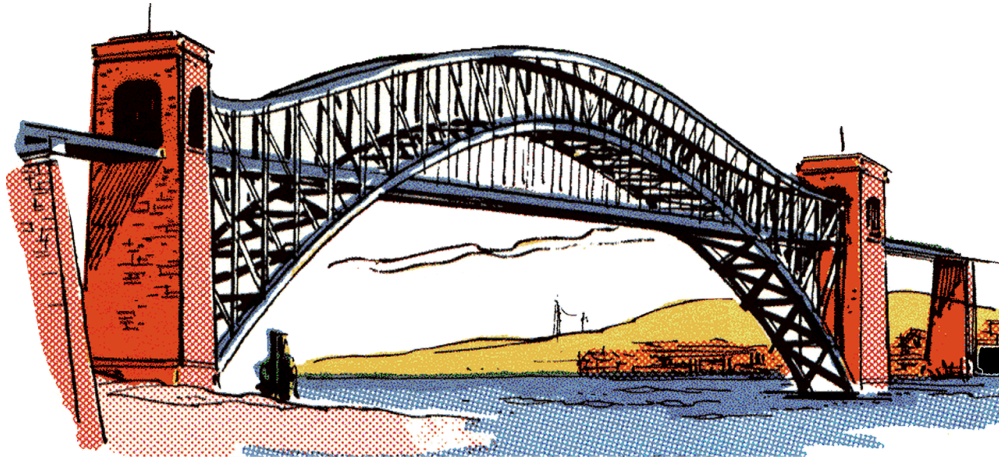


Welcome to The 6th Grade Bridge!



We are “*The Bridge*” because we connect elementary and middle school together through experiences, academics, leadership, and personal growth. We will do some things the same as in elementary, but sixth grade will look and feel more like middle school, but on a smaller scale. Use your summer to rest, have fun, and also to prepare. Whenever you see a bridge this summer, join us in prayer for the special year ahead. We will definitely be praying for you!

Changes Ahead:

- Longer school day (7:50am–3:05pm–classroom doors open at 7:40, and first hour tardies are marked at 7:50am)
- Recess: Indoor daily the last 10 minutes of lunch, outdoor 1 day a week
- Schedule (***NOTE: This is subject to change***)
 - Daily Blocks (M, T, Th, F)
 - Homeroom 7:50-8:00
 - 1–8:02-8:48
 - 2–8:50-9:36
 - 3–9:38-10:24
 - 10:26-11:14
 - Choir/Band (2 days per week)
 - Bridge Time (2 days per week–study skills within content areas, time to work on projects/overlapping subject area units, and IXL are some examples of how students will be using this time)
 - 11:18-12:04 Enrichment Classes–PE, Art, STEM, Technology
 - 12:07-12:37 lunch (including indoor recess the last ten minutes of lunch daily)
 - 4–12:50-1:30
 - 5–1:32-2:12
 - 6–2:14-2:55

■ Room clean/planners/locker/dismissal–2:55-3:05

- Wednesday (Chapel) Schedule
 - Homeroom 7:40-8:00
 - Spanish (½ the grade) 8:05-8:35
 - Communication & Social Skills (½ the grade) 8:37-9:07
 - 1–9:10-10:08 (58 minutes)
 - 2–10:10-11:08 (58 minutes)
 - Outdoor Recess 11:08-11:37
 - Chapel 11:40-12:30
 - Lunch 12:34-1:04
 - Student Life Groups (SLGs) 1:10-1:30
 - 3–1:32-2:20 (58 minutes)
 - IXL–2:22-2:57
 - Room clean/planner/lockers/dismissal 3:00-3:05
- Tardies marked hourly
- Service projects as opposed to participating in elementary Shine Week
- Middle school lunch and chapel
- Middle school sports teams and robotics
- Broader dress code
- Opportunities to lead and serve other students

NOTE: Students will not need to provide their own devices until 7th grade

Dress Code:

The sixth grade dress code moves students towards the secondary dress code.

What will stay the same?

Closed toed shoes will be expected due to continuation of recess.

Designated gym clothes on gym days only. During cold seasons, students may wear solid color sweat pants.

What's different?

Sixth grade follows the secondary dress code. Please see the handbook for details.

Students may wear jeans, dockers, or other pants. Pants may not be athletic style. No pajamas or sweats or pants that resemble pajamas or sweats are allowed. Dresses, shirts, and shorts/skorts are allowed—see the handbook for length.

Summer Requirements:

Reading

Stories are a great way to connect to our own journey of life and faith. Students are required to read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis. As you complete this **required** reading, consider how it connects to your own life and your walk with Christ, as well as how the author brings the story to life. We will discuss the book and use it to jump start our learning and assignments upon our return to school in the fall. This book must be read by the start of school.

Students also have the opportunity to earn up to four sweats day passes for reading other books and submitting summaries. Copies of this summary page can be found on the PCA website.

Math

All students are required to complete and turn in the Summer Math packet that was given to them at the end of the school year. Additional copies of this packet can be found on the PCA website. These packets are due on the first day of school.

Sixth Grade West Michigan Trip

Each spring, the sixth graders culminate their elementary experience and finalize crossing the bridge into middle school by taking a trip together to West Michigan. It also allows for hands-on experience associated with things they have learned throughout the year. It is always a special time of bonding and uniting our relationships in preparation for the secondary years that lie ahead.

There will be an informational meeting in the fall to share more information about this exciting adventure.

Final Thoughts

We look forward to welcoming you all next year. You are already in our thoughts and prayers. We will cover additional topics during parent orientation during the fall. Until then, *may the Lord bless you and keep you, and make his face shine upon you...*

Your Sixth Grade Teaching Team,
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