

WELCOME

**New 6th Grade
Families To Boca
Raton Community
Middle School**



An official AICE/CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Agenda for the night:

- ▶ Welcome message from Principal Lee
- ▶ Introduction to your new Middle School family & support team!
- ▶ About us
- ▶ About Middle School Culture and Rules
- ▶ About Academics
 - ▶ Gifted/Pre-AICE/Cambridge Courses
 - ▶ Course Pathways
 - ▶ Electives
- ▶ Dates & information to remember
- ▶ Q&A
 - ▶ Pre Med Students (stay for updates)

Introductions to 6th Grade Team

- ★ Mrs. Joyce Pribell, Assistant Principal
- ★ Mr. Howard Rudnick, Guidance Counselor
- ★ Mrs. Joanna Benjamin, Dean on Assignment
- ★ Ms. Amy Finneran, Pre-Med Choice Coordinator

★ What's in your folder?

- ★ Important Informational Brochure
- ★ Building Map
- ★ Bell Schedule
- ★ Standard Operating Procedure
- ★ Important Dates

ABOUT US



- ▶ **We are: “An official Cambridge International School”**
- ▶ We are a **comprehensive** middle school - about 1200 kids/400 on each grade level, with all of the supports kids need to be successful
- ▶ We have a WIDE array of academic programs: **Gifted/Aice; High School Courses; Choice**
- ▶ We have the **ONLY 3D Virtual Reality Computer Lab** in the District.
- ▶ We have a WIDE array of **Electives**
- ▶ We have a WIDE array of "award winning" **Athletics**
- ▶ We have a WIDE array of "award winning" **Clubs/Organizations**
- ▶ **We have an amazing PTSA that has many ways for you to volunteer!**

PTSA at Boca Middle - We don't want to live without them!

What does PTSA do for Boca Middle?

- Our only Vendor for School Shirt Sales
- Conducts fundraisers when needed
- Funds/helps with 3 Honor Roll Celebrations in the year
- Plans Annual PTSA "Boca Bash" at school 'carnival' of fun activities in February
- Funds/plans 8th grade Dance Celebration
- Sponsors students in need
- Funds/Contributes to budget for teacher incentives and Teacher Appreciation Week!

JOIN PTSA

@ Facebook site

@ Website

@ sign up genius

About our Culture and rules



What does **R.E.A.L.** MEAN?

Cobras keep it R.E.A.L. because we know this is the code we follow:

R = Respectful *(at all times)*

E = Empathetic *(to everyone)*

A = Accountable *(for our actions)*

L = Learners *(the goal)*

School Culture : Our Behavior Matrix

BRCMS students keep it R.E.A.L.



COBRAS GET R.E.A.L.



Student Expectations

UNIVERSAL GUIDELINES	COURTYARD BUS LOOP CAR LINE	CLASSROOM	HALLWAYS	CAFETERIA	RESTROOMS	BUS
RESPECTFUL	Honor authority Keep hands, feet, and objects to self	Follow class rules and expectations	Keep traffic moving Honor authority Keep hands, feet, and objects to self	Adhere to line etiquette Leave area clean Speak in an indoor voice	Maintain a sanitary environment	Keep hands, feet, and objects to self Honor authority
EMPATHETIC	Be courteous and tolerant of others Seek an adult for help, if needed	Let everybody have a voice Allow others to achieve their learning goals	Be tolerant of accidental bumping Speak at a low volume	Use table manners Say "please" and "thank you" to café staff	Respect the privacy of others Report damage and unclean areas to an adult	Use appropriate language and volume Greet your bus driver
ACCOUNTABLE	Be responsible for your own actions Keep grounds clean. Respect school property	Do your own work Attend daily Have all of your materials	Be aware of time Walk with a purpose Use your signed agenda as a hall pass	Follow all lunch area expectations Use the restroom Finish food before you leave	Go, flush, wash, leave	Stay in your seat Follow bus rules Keep hands, feet, and objects inside the bus
LEARNER	Walk to class when the bell rings Leave campus promptly when dismissed	Turn in all assignments on time Use agenda	Get to class on time Plan your day to get materials from locker	Clean up after yourself Encourage others to clean up Get to class on time	Use time wisely Use restroom between classes or have a signed agenda	Arrive at your bus stop on time Check the bus board or ask an adult for help Know that rules apply while waiting at bus stop

SWPBS Dress Code - Dress for success Fashion Runway! (*think **solids** top to bottom*)

SHIRTS

- Any **SOLID** color polo style shirt with button-up neck; with collar; with sleeves; and worn as the outermost garment.
- BRCMS approved sponsored Cobra and Anti-Bullying t-shirts may be worn but cannot be altered in any way.

BOTTOMS

- **SOLID** color cotton, poly-blend or twill, khaki-like, pants, shorts, or jeans are to be worn with no holes.
- Must be fitted, tailored, hemmed, and of conservative fit. Belts worn if necessary. Worn at waist.
- **NO LEGGINGS, JEGGINGS, KNITS, YOGA/SPANDEX PANTS, OR TIGHTS ARE ALLOWED**
- **NO CAMOUFLAGE (SOLID COLORS ONLY)**

SHORTS

- Any **SOLID** COLOR. **NO KNITS, CAMOUFLAGE, SPANDEX, OR GYM SHORTS.**
- Tailored, hemmed, fingertip length. & Fitted and worn at the waist.
- **No Skirts**



Dress Code

SHOES :

- Loafers, sneakers, and flat shoes must be worn. ALL shoes must be completely enclosed and flat.
- **No crocks, boots, high heels, flip flops or slides of any type are permitted for safety reasons.**

SWEATSHIRTS & SWEATERS

- **SOLID COLORS** only.
- Logo no greater than **2" diameter**.
- Must be worn **over a polo/golf-style shirt**. Collar must be out and visible.
- **NO HOODIES, NO HOODIES, NO HOODIES**

ACCESSORIES

- **IDs are MANDATORY & NEVER DEFACED nor COVERED**
- Sunglasses that are prescription **ONLY**.
- **No hats, hoods, bandanas or sweatbands.**
- **No PHONES**, Headphones and ear buds should not be worn or visible and stowed away at all times.

Dress Code Examples

WEAR THIS :)



NOT THAT



NOT THAT





THIS IS HOW WE DRESS FOR SUCCESS



A day in the life of a 6th grader - from pick up to drop off...

COBRA ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

ALL STUDENTS ENTER via BUS LOOP Into COURTYARD

- WALKERS/BIKERS (no skateboards)
- BUS RIDERS
- CAR RIDERS-Parent drop off front of school (yes the car line is **long**, please follow staff directions to pull your cars up to reduce your wait time)

ALL STUDENTS MAY GO TO THE CAFETERIA FOR BREAKFAST AND THEN DIRECTLY TO THE GYMNASIUM. ALL 6TH GRADERS ARE DISMISSED TO PERIOD 1 FROM THE GYMNASIUM

A day in the
life of a 6th
grader -from
pick up
to drop off...

6TH GRADE	
Period 1	9:30-10:30 60 Minutes includes time for announcements.
Period 2 55 min	10:34-11:29
Lunch 1 31 minutes	11:33-12:04
Period 3 55 min	12:08-1:03
Period 4 55 min	1:07-2:02
Period 5 55 min	2:06-3:01
Period 6 55 min	3:05-4:05

About our Academics

CORE SUBJECTS

- **ELA**
- **MATHEMATICS**
- **SCIENCE**
- **HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES**

ELECTIVES

- ▶ **BAND, 1, 2, and 3**
- ▶ **CULINARY**
- ▶ **ART**
- ▶ **PE**
- ▶ **News Crew (one section/P1)**
- ▶ **SGA**
- ▶ **Additional ELECTIVES for PRE-AICE & PRE_MED**

What is Pre-AICE/Cambridge?



Cambridge Assessment
International Education

Cambridge teaching strategies develop 5 top 21st Century skills while educating students in core content.

- ▶ Confidence
- ▶ Responsibility
- ▶ Reflection
- ▶ Innovation
- ▶ Engagement

- ▶ Teachers are trained to teach our gifted students in this program and beyond
- ▶ Pre-AICE courses in Middle School prepare students for AICE courses in high school

What is Pre-AICE/Cambridge?



Cambridge Assessment
International Education

Boca Middle = Success in high school
AICE Courses

- ▶ In High School: Get Course Weighting (HPA)
 - ▶ Gain college credits
 - ▶ Pass 7 specific AICE assessments to lead to an AICE Diploma/**Bright Futures scholarship**



WOW! DID YOU KNOW?

Boca Raton High School has 225 seniors graduating with an Cambridge/AICE Diploma this year (Bright Futures Scholarship!) Of the 225 students, 115 attended Boca Raton Middle.

For the last 4 years, Boca Raton Middle has been an official "Cambridge School" and **now** has over 600 students taking "Pre-Aice" course(s) in order to prepare for The AICE Diploma at Boca Raton High School, or any other High School they attend.

Pre-AICE/Cambridge Courses Offered at Boca Raton Middle



Cambridge Assessment
International Education

- ▶ Pre-AICE (Lower Secondary) Cambridge English Language Arts (Grades 6, 7, 8)
- ▶ Pre-AICE pre-Algebra (8th Grade)
- ▶ Pre-AICE Global Perspectives (8th Grade)
- ▶ Pre-AICE Photo (HS course)*
- ▶ Pre-AICE Spanish 1 for Spanish speakers (8th grade)
- ▶ Pre-AICE Cambridge Environmental Science*

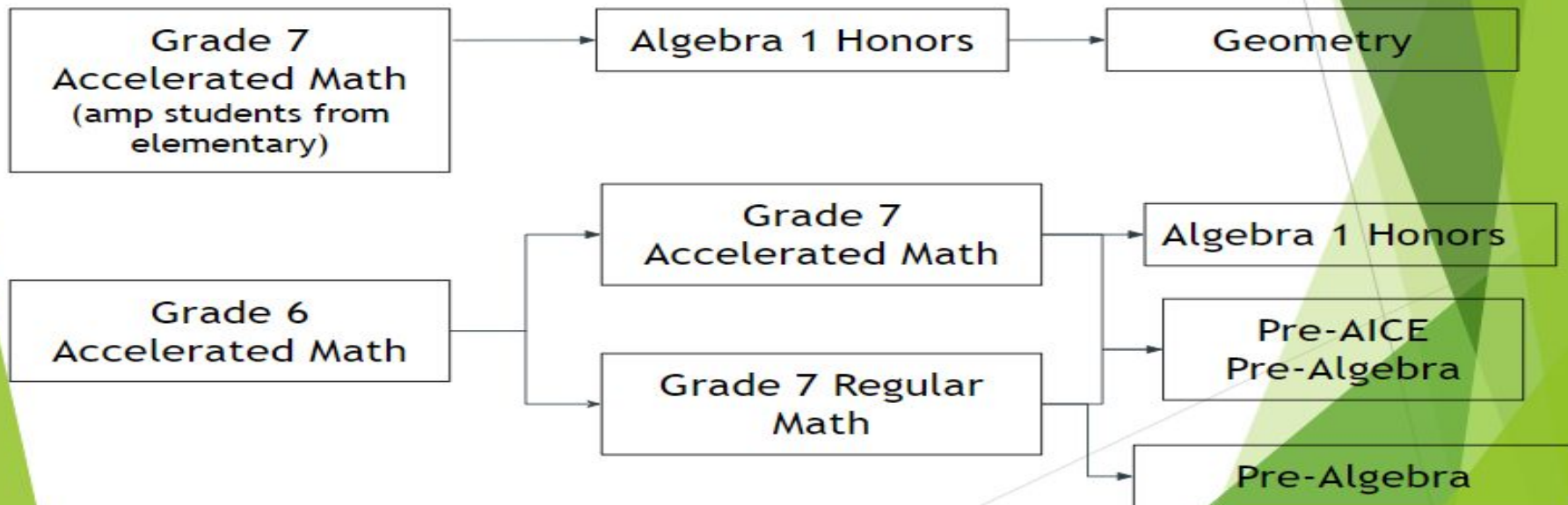
*denotes a high school credit course

Accelerated Math Pathways

Grade 6

Grade 7

Grade 8



Accelerated Math Pathways

Mathematics Pathway



FY24 Middle School Grades - Mathematics Recommended Progression

Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8		
Prior Year Results (Prior Course)	Recommended Course Placement (State Assessment taken in Spring)	Prior Year Results	Recommended Course Placement (State Assessment taken in Spring)	Prior Year Results	Recommended Course Placement (State Assessment taken in Spring)	
Grade 6 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 3-5* (Grade 5 AMP)	M/J Grade 7 Accelerated Mathematics (F.A.S.T. Grade 8)	→	Grade 8 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 3-5*	→	Algebra 1 EOC Levels 3-5* Geometry Honors (Geo EOC)	
		→	Grade 8 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-2*	→	Algebra 1 EOC Levels 1-2* M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra (F.A.S.T. Grade 8)	
			Grade 7 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 4-5*	→	Grade 7 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 4-5* Algebra 1 Honors w/ Support (Algebra 1 EOC)	
			Grade 7 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-3*	→	M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra (F.A.S.T. Grade 8)	
Grade 6 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-2* (Grade 5 AMP) or Grade 5 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 3-5* (Grade 5 Math)	M/J Grade 6 Accelerated Mathematics (F.A.S.T. Grade 6)	→	Grade 6 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 3-5*	→	Grade 8 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 3-5* Algebra 1 Honors (Algebra 1 EOC)	
		→	Grade 6 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-2*	→	Grade 8 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-2* M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra (F.A.S.T. Grade 8)	
				Grade 7 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 4-5*	→	Grade 7 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 4-5* Algebra 1 Honors w/ Support (Algebra 1 EOC)
				Grade 7 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-3*	→	Grade 7 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-3* M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra (F.A.S.T. Grade 8)
OR	M/J Grade 6 Mathematics (F.A.S.T. Grade 6)	→	Grade 6 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 4-5*	→	Grade 8 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 3-5* Algebra 1 Honors (Algebra 1 EOC)	
		→	Grade 6 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-3*	→	Grade 8 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-2* M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra (F.A.S.T. Grade 8)	
			Grade 5 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-2* (Grade 5 Math)	→	Grade 7 F.A.S.T. Math Levels 1-5* M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra (F.A.S.T. Grade 8)	

English Language Arts Pathway



Cambridge Assessment
International Education

Grade 6

Grade 7

Grade 8

Pre-AICE ELA 6
Levels 3, 4,5 or
teacher
recommendation

Pre-AICE ELA 7
Levels 3, 4,5 or
teacher
recommendation

Pre-AICE ELA 8
Levels 3, 4,5 or
teacher
recommendation

Regular ELA 6
Levels 1,2
may be in
conjunction with
Intensive Reading
Elective

Regular ELA 7
Levels 1,2
may be in
conjunction with
Intensive Reading
Elective

Regular ELA 8
Levels 1,2
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conjunction with
Intensive Reading
Elective

Science Pathway



Grade 6

Grade 7

Grade 8

Advanced Science
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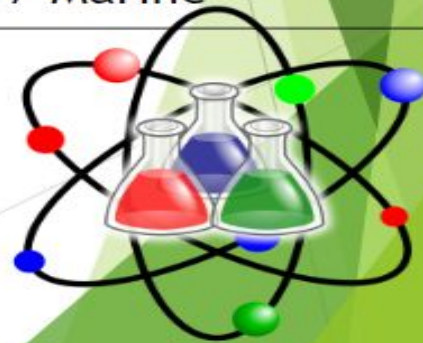
Advanced Science
7

Advanced Science
8

Accelerated
Science 6

Accelerated
Science 7

pre-AICE Science
w/ Marine



Social Studies Pathway



Cambridge Assessment
International Education

Grade 6

Advanced U.S.
History

Grade 7

Advanced Civics
• Students will
take an EOC

Grade 8

Advanced World
History

Holocaust Studies*



Elective Course Selection Google Form

6th Grade Course Selection Form



Welcome to Boca Middle! Course Selection Sheet SY24 for Incoming 6th Graders

Elective selections for SY24.

joyce.lochanpribell@palmbeachschools.org [Switch account](#)



* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

Please read the form in its entirety. If you have any questions please email your grade level guidance counselor (howard.rudnick@palmbeachschools.org). All incoming 6th grade students will be enrolled in Physical Education.

** These courses require a completed application. DO NOT sign up for the course if you do not complete an application. The application is due on the same date as the course request form.

Application for Student Government: <https://forms.gle/UkykeHcdARbFVpfr7>

First Name: *

Important to Know starting in AUGUST

- Do I need to register? All feeder school students are automatically rolled to register - you will receive a printed registration the first week to make any changes to phone/address/contacts and to sign for permissions.
- Schedule/ID/Computer Pick up day!
 - **Saturday** August 10, 9:00-11:00 and walk around to your classes that day
 - **Get ID and Computer**
- Supplies??
 - Bring a notebook and a pencil the first day of school - teachers will tell you what supplies you will need.
- On **Gateway** already?
- Parents - Look for communication from the school: callouts, emails, papers sent home (Make sure all of your contact information is updated in the system.)

Two important documents parents need:

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT - what are some infractions that will result in a referral, and a consequence

Student Code of Conduct

PUPIL PROGRESSION POLICIES - what are some important policies that parents need to understand (attendance, 9-weeks exams, quality points, what happens when you get an “F” in a course in middle school

K-12 Student Pupil Progression Policy

PRE-MED STUDENTS ONLY

Please stay behind for
the Pre-Med
presentation.

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Choice Programs & Academy Logistics

Academy Requirements:

- There are no eligibility criteria to *apply* for the Pre-Medical Academy.
- However...
 - Students must meet the academic, attendance, and behavior criteria (from the contract) to remain in the program.
 - No need to reapply each year; students meeting contract criteria are **automatically** enrolled in PreMed for 7th and 8th grades.

Paperwork

1. Choice Contract and PE waiver forms - reviewed & signed by both student and parent
2. students from outside the BRCMS zone must complete a Registration Packet with proof of address



Boca Raton Community Middle School

Pre-Medical Academy

Pre-Medical Academy

- Students take TWO science classes each year – a general science class (advanced or accelerated) AND an elective medical science class.
- The medical elective takes one of their two elective spots each





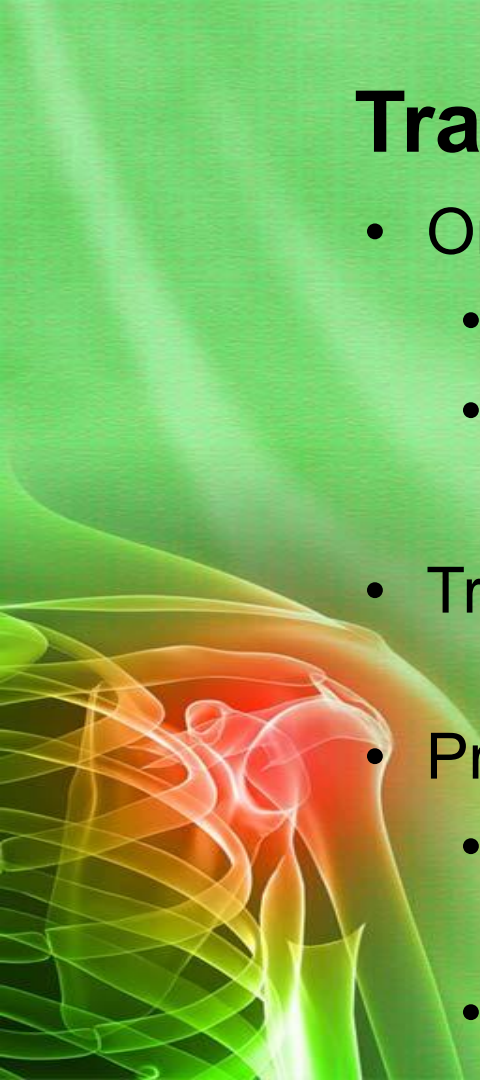
Scrubs

- 10% of student's grade
- worn on Thursdays (all day)
- solid color shoes, limited jewelry, hair up, natural nails & make-up
- Purchase by the end of school this year to have before school starts in August



Transition to Middle School

- Organization is KEY
 - Neat backpack w/ pencil pouch
 - homework folder
- Traditional Grading System
- Practice and Homework
 - Add 30-60 min. of structured homework time into your daily schedule.
 - Parents should monitor.



Transportation



- In-sac students living more than 2 miles from the school have bus transportation available.
- You **MUST** register for transportation in the district student **PORTAL**.
- The “Choice Transportation Zone” extends beyond the Boca Middle sac boundary.
 - Out-of-boundary students must provide their own transportation to the nearest bus stop

Q & A

You can email me at

amy.finneran@palmbeachschools.org

I will send information via email over the summer and will have a summer Google Classroom for students who want to start preparing for our

Questions?

Cobras, we can't wait
to see you in August!