Middle school (grades 6-8) is a complex season in a young person’s life. We understand the nature of students of this age, and we are intentional about building a nurturing Christian community in which each child can thrive and reach his/her full potential. In all we do, we seek to honor the Lord Jesus Christ by providing students an education based upon academic excellence and biblical values.

### Strengths and Advantages of 6th Grade at CCS

- Students have specialized teachers for art, computer, theater and physical education.
- Students have access to the school library and computers in every classroom.
- For their core subjects, students move between three classrooms.
- Teachers offer tutorials as needed.
- Student grades are available online. Homework and teacher lesson plans are also listed.
- Students participate in a study skills class for one quarter of the year and use a school-provided homework organizer every day.
- A separate lunch area allows students to enjoy their new freedom on the secondary campus.
- Relevant topics and worship experiences enhance spiritual maturity.
- Participation in pep rallies and homecoming events encourages school spirit.
- Field trips might include museums or an A.D. Players’ production. Teachers are always seeking trips that bring the curriculum to life.
- All MS sports are open to 6th graders.

### Middle School Faculty

- Each faculty member is a born-again believer who is a degreed and certified teacher who models spiritual and academic excellence.
- CCS middle school teachers genuinely care for the developmental, academic, social and spiritual needs of their students. They understand the middle school years and strive to help each child remain focused on eternally important issues.
- The faculty and staff of CCS diligently focus on the school mission to honor the Lord Jesus Christ by providing students an education based upon academic excellence and biblical values.

### Standardized Testing

- Standardized achievement tests are administered each spring.
- CCS participates in the ACSI testing program which uses the TerraNova 3 achievement test. Student scores are compared with national norms and norms developed for ACSI schools.
Co-Curricular Activities

- Sports: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, football, soccer, softball, track and field, volleyball
- ACSI Art Festival
- ACSI Spelling Bee
- ACSI Speech Meet
- ACSI Math Olympics
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Competition
- Service projects

Curriculum

- Bible: *Building on the Rock*, Summit Ministries
- English-Language Arts:
  - Reading: *Reader's Handbook*, Great Source; *Daily Reading Practice*, DGP Publications
  - Selections from *Literature, Language & Literacy 6*, Prentice Hall; Novels as selected by teacher
  - Vocabulary: *Vocabulary Workshop A*, Sadlier-Oxford
  - Writing: *Write Source*, Great Source
- Social Studies: *Early World History*, Pearson Learning Group
- Rotational Classes: Computer Skills & Applications, Exploratory Performing Arts, Exploratory Visual Arts, PE, Study Smarts

Curriculum Objectives

- Enable students to evaluate and review literature from a technical, literary and biblical viewpoint
- Approach social studies from a viewpoint which puts historical facts and man's behavior in the light of Scripture and instills patriotic spirit
- Focus on biblical creationism which integrates observable phenomena, inductive reasoning, Scripture and trains students in the inductive method of inquiry
- Approach Bible study with a perspective that balances the impression of biblical knowledge with the expression of God's Word through the life of the student
- Appreciate fine arts as creativity given to man by God, the Master Creator, as a means of worshipping and expressing admiration for Him
- Write and communicate to allow effective transmission of ideas and principles
- Challenge students to enjoy physical fitness, good sportsmanship, competitive proficiency and sound health habits