

**6th Grade Academy (6GA)
Rising 6th Graders
Elementary Tour Agenda**

**A) Bus Arrival
(9:30 AM)**

**B) Auditorium
(9:40-10:10 AM)**

**4-7-8 Breathing Intro
Hand Middle School
Is...Myths and Truths
6GA Overview
Hand MS Video Intro**

**C) School Tours– groups of
15-20 students
(10:10-10:40 AM)**

**D) Visit Wrap Up, Photo
Gallery, and
Course Selection Overview
Auditorium
(10:40 AM-10:55 AM)**

**E) Bus Departure
(11:00 AM)**

Stay Connected

The 6GA wants to help keep you in the loop about exciting events and school functions. Check out our Twitter page and school website for the latest 6GA and HMS news!



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**“Love Blue
Live Gold”**

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Welcome Rising 6th Graders

Welcome to the 6th Grade Academy (6GA)!

Our team of teachers has worked hard to create many diverse learning experiences this year. Our goal is to challenge students intellectually, encourage them to grow socially, and guide them toward independent thinking and problem solving. As we strive to promote healthy development in all aspects of each student's life, we also make every effort to develop 6th graders that demonstrate good character; students who make good choices and decisions that result in successful and healthy outcomes. We encourage students to demonstrate the best of themselves every moment of everyday and to make positive contributions to the groups and organizations to which they belong. We strive to instill within our 6th grade class a sense of personal and collective pride and love of, and for, our school.

We have created a series of events and informational links just for rising 6th graders and their parents. These events and links were designed to answer, among other things, questions about Hand's curriculum, behavior expectations, student demographics, academics, arts, athletics, attendance, and attitude, so your family can discover what it means to be a Hand Hornet!

The list of transition events and links can be found on this page. Please mark these dates on your family's calendar now. Additional information about these events will be provided closer to the dates.

We look forward to personally welcoming you to the Hand Hornet family very soon!

The 6th Grade Academy Staff

Rising 6th Grade Events

Feeder Elementary School 5th Grade Visits and Tours

February and March 2017

Course Selection Sheet Distribution to Feeder Elementary Schools

February and March 2017

Course Selection Sheet Turn-in to Feeder Elementary Schools

March 2017

Richland One Transfer Enrollment Period

Continue to check richlandone.org for updates

Spring Celebration: Rising 6th Graders and New Families to Hand

May 11, 2017



Getting Ready for Middle School

For general information about middle school, check out these websites:

- SC Department of Education: ed.sc.gov

- SREB Making Middle Grades Work:

www.sreb.org/page/1080/making-middle-grades-work

- Richland One: www.richlandone.org

For information about Hand Middle School, check out these websites:

- Hand Website: www.hand.richlandone.org

- Hand Twitter Page: [HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/HANDMIDDLESC](https://twitter.com/HANDMIDDLESC)

- HAND 6TH GRADE ACADEMY LINK "SCHOOL RESOURCES"

Questions about transitioning to Hand MS?

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