



# Sacred Heart School | Salinas

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June 8, 2017

Dear Parents of Incoming Seventh and Eighth Graders,

Welcome to Junior High! Next year you will have a homeroom teacher as well as a different teacher for language arts, math, history, religion, science and several specialty classes.

To prepare yourself for the upcoming school year, over the summer you need to do something academic once a day. Here are some suggestions:

**History:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Watch three history programs on the History Channel.

8<sup>th</sup> graders only are to write a one-page summary per program.

**Religion:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Read the New Testament and learn what Jesus taught and how he lived.

**Math:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders: KNOW your math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication & division) Review the rules for fractions, decimals, positive and negative numbers. A great resource for summer math is IXL Math ([www.ixl.com/math/](http://www.ixl.com/math/)). Subscriptions cost \$9.95 per month. IXL Math can be used for any K-12 math.

**Language Arts:** Students are required to read the assigned book listed below for the incoming grade. Students will be given a test within the first two weeks of school on the book. Students need to create a notebook on important facts from each chapter in the book to be used as a study guide. The study guide should include at least seven major ideas/concepts from each chapter. This notebook will be collected and graded. A summer camp is offered June 12-16, 2017 for the assigned books.

7<sup>th</sup> grade required reading book: Maniac Magee, Jerry Spinelli

8<sup>th</sup> grade required reading book: Number the Stars, Lois Lowry

Have a wonderful and restful summer! We will see you in August.

Sincerely,

*Your Homeroom Teachers: Mrs. Sherman (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and Ms. Haddan (8<sup>th</sup> grade)*