MERION MERCY ACADEMY
SUMMER PROGRAMS
A BRIGHT SPOT IN YOUR SUMMER

2017

Co-ed Academic and Enrichment Programs for Grades 6-12
Girls Sports Programs for Grades 4-10

Online Registration
Welcome to Summer at Merion Mercy Academy
We are excited to offer a variety of programs for students entering grades 6 to 12 (field hockey includes grade 4 and 5).

Our mission is to provide alternative activities in the summer to motivate students to grow intellectually, spiritually and physically.

Make Merion Mercy a bright spot in your summer!

Merion Mercy Academy

Visit our website: www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms

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Middle School Jump Start

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 6 AND 7**

Get in gear with this exciting academic enrichment program designed to help middle school students bridge the summer gap and prepare for the academic year ahead. The math program focuses on reinforcing basic grade level math while developing Algebra skills and strengthening problem-solving abilities. The language arts section will help build vocabulary and grammar along with improving reading comprehension and writing ability.

In the study skills section, students will focus on topics such as note-taking, test preparation, organizational and time management skills, just to name a few. Included in all of this are fun activities that make MMA a great place to spend part of your summer!

**TWO WEEKS:** June 26–July 7 (No class on July 4)

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

TUITION: $385

Extended Day Enrichment

Bring your lunch and spend the afternoon to get a full summer program experience! Enrichment activities include art, music, STEM, sports, and more! Extended day is available for one or two weeks of the Middle School Jump Start program.

**Week One: Extended Day**

June 26–June 30 • 12:30-2:30 PM

TUITION: $150

**Week Two: Extended Day**

July 3–July 7 (No class on July 4) • 12:30-2:30 PM

TUITION: $120

Register for both weeks and SAVE!

**WEEKS ONE AND TWO EXTENDED DAY**

$250

*After hours are available on an as needed basis.*
**Summer Academy**

**OPEN TO GIRLS ENTERING GRADE 8**

This girls-only program is designed as an exciting academic enrichment and leadership experience for students entering grade eight. The Summer Academy helps students begin the transition from their elementary school environment to a single sex, college preparatory high school. The program is designed with classes each day that focus on pre-algebra skills, language arts, which emphasizes writing, grammar and literature, and a Skills for Success class which covers topics such as organizational skills, time management, goal setting, public speaking, and test taking strategies. There is also a fitness class built in which includes athletics, dance, yoga, and more. And there is no shortage of fun at Summer Academy - MMA style! Events include field day, pizza and ice cream parties, crazy hair and sock day, and a talent show, just to name a few! Time is dedicated to an overview of the math and verbal skills needed for the High School Placement Test and a preparation book is included in the price of the class.

**Girls who are considering participating in the Summer Academy are encouraged to take the Practice High School Placement Test on Saturday, February 25.**

**FOUR WEEKS: June 19–July 14 (No Class July 4) • 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

TUITION: $1315

**REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 AND RECEIVE A $100 DISCOUNT ON THE SUMMER ACADEMY!**

Transportation for our Summer Academy may be available at an additional cost. 

*Availability is contingent on number of students interested from the same geographical area.*
Prep Time! High School Placement Test Preparation

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADE 8

This course is designed to prepare students entering grade eight for the various high school scholarship and entrance exams. Emphasis is placed on strengthening the verbal and math skills necessary to perform well on this type of aptitude test. A High School Placement Test preparation book is included in the price of the class.

Students who are thinking about taking Prep Time are encouraged to take the Practice High School Placement Test on Saturday, February 25.

TWO WEEKS: June 19–June 30 • 2:30-5:30 PM
TUITION: $395

Practice High School Placement Test

Saturday, February 25, 2017 • 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Merion Mercy Academy
Cost: $40 (Lunch included)
Open to Boys and Girls currently in Grade 7
To register for the practice test, go to www.merion-mercy.com/admissions.
Entering Grade 9

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A $100 non-refundable deposit is due for each 9th grade course registration by Thursday, May 11. Balance of tuition is due by Thursday, May 25.

Algebra I Readiness [Non-credit]
Open to boys and girls entering Grade 9
This course offers a review of pre-algebra concepts and skills and the initial concepts taught in Algebra 1. It is suggested for students wanting a mastery of basic math skills in order to be successful in Algebra 1.
Three weeks: June 26–July 14 (No class July 4) • 12:00-2:00 PM
Tuition: $435

Online Developing Pre-Algebra Skills [Non-credit]
Open to boys and girls entering Grade 9
This course is designed for students who are unable to attend MMA’s summer program and would like to strengthen fundamental math skills and to master and apply basic algebraic concepts. The focus will be on helping students prepare for success in high school math studies. Offered through the Network for Mercy Education. Students who are required to take Algebra readiness may register for this class only after approval by the Admissions Office.
Three weeks: July 3–July 21
Tuition: $400
Algebra 2 Prep [Non-credit]
OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 9, 10, 11
This course provides a good review of Algebra 1 concepts. Students will also be introduced to some Algebra 2 material so that they will be prepared to be successful in Algebra 2. This Algebra review will also be helpful for the math portion of the SATs and ACTs.
THREE WEEKS: June 26 - July 14
(No class July 4) • 12:30-2:30 PM
TUITION: $440

Language Readiness [Non-credit]
OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADE 9
This course will establish the fundamentals of English speech and grammar as it relates to students preparing to study a foreign language. Topics covered include the functions of parts of speech, sentence structure, and formal vs. informal language.
ONE WEEK: CHOICE OF TWO SECTIONS
June 19–23 • 12:30-2:30 PM
June 26–June 30 • 9:00-11:00 AM
TUITION: $165

Online Language Readiness [Non-credit]
OPEN TO MERION MERCY STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9
This course will establish the fundamentals of English speech and grammar as it relates to students preparing to study a foreign language. Topics covered include the functions of parts of speech, sentence structure, and informal vs. informal language. The class is an independent study done with an instructor online. Students who are required to take Language Readiness may register for this class only after approval by the Admissions Office.
TWO WEEKS: June 26–July 7
TUITION: $165

Scientific Methods, Analysis, Reasoning, and Theory [One-half credit]
OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADE 9
This course is designed to serve as an introduction to the foundations of scientific study across biology, chemistry, and physics. Guided by the scientific method, this course emphasizes basic concepts in order to stimulate scientific curiosity and prepare students for further study within the discipline of science. The grade for this class becomes a part of the student’s high school transcript at Merion Mercy but does not enter into the calculation of her GPA. Students from other high schools should check with their school about the transfer of credit/grade for this course.
THREE WEEKS: June 19–July 7
(No class July 4) • 8:15-11:45 AM
TUITION: $550

Study Skills [Non-credit]
OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADE 9
This class challenges each student to develop a plan for success during their high school years. Students will learn techniques in goal setting, time management, active listening, effective reading and note-taking, test preparation, and test taking. But more importantly, the goal of the course is to instill in each student the importance of proactively “owning” their education both in high school and beyond. Students will practice these skills by developing and implementing a plan to complete their summer reading projects. A workbook is included in the price of this class.
THREE WEEKS: June 26–July 14
(No class July 4) • 9:00-11:00 AM
TUITION: $455

Writing Workshop [Non-credit]
OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADE 9
Writing Workshop is offered to students who wish to sharpen their writing skills in preparation for higher-level high school writing requirements. This course is generally designed for the student who will not take a writing foundations class in freshman year.
THREE WEEKS: CHOICE OF TWO SECTIONS
June 26–July 14 (No class July 4) • 9:00-11:00 AM
June 26–July 14 (No class July 4) • 12:00-2:00 PM
TUITION: $440
Grades 10-12

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A $100 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS DUE FOR EACH 10TH-12TH GRADE COURSE REGISTRATION BY THURSDAY, MARCH 9.
BALANCE OF TUITION IS DUE BY THURSDAY, MAY 25.

Grades for credit level classes become a part of Merion Mercy’s transcript but does not enter into the calculation of the GPA.
Students attending other high schools should check with their school about the transfer of credit/grade for these courses.

Geometry/ Probability, Statistics and Analytical Geometry A
[One credit]
OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 10-12

The first half of this course presents the concepts of Euclidean geometry and the relationship between geometry and algebra with an emphasis on analysis, logical reasoning and the observation of patterns. Topics will include polygons, parallel and perpendicular lines, congruence and similarity, quadrilaterals, transformations, circles, areas of circles and polygons, and volumes of solid figures. Right triangle trigonometry will be introduced. Algebraic skills will be needed to solve problems involving real world applications. The second half of the course presents topics of probability including permutations, combinations, probability of compound events, odds and probability distributions. Topics in statistics related to distributions of data and comparisons of sets are covered. In analytical geometry, the study of geometry using the coordinate plane will be explored and includes consideration of the properties of parabolas, circles, ellipses and hyperbolas. Graphing calculators and other technology is used in this course.

Prerequisites for Geometry/ Probability, Statistics and Analytical Geometry A:
• 85 or above in Algebra 2A and approval of current math teacher, or
• 95 or above in Algebra 2 and approval of current math teacher

SIX WEEKS: June 12–July 21
(No class July 4) • 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
TUITION: $880

Biology
[One credit]
OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 10-12

The core concepts of Biology will be covered in depth to provide a functional framework for subsequent study. Emphasis will be placed on the following topics: biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology, DNA, bioengineering, evolution genetics, microorganisms, infectious disease, and human reproduction. Laboratory experimentation, abstracts, and projects are integral parts of this course and are designed to improve the student’s problem solving and research skills. Students are required to complete a science fair project for this course.

FIVE WEEKS: June 8–July 13
(No class July 4) • 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Students need to be prepared to stay on June 8 from 12:00-4:00)
TUITION: $880
Chemistry [One credit]

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 10-12**

In this course, emphasis is placed on quantitative applications of concepts in both lecture and lab work. Topics include atomic structure, quantum mechanics, chemical bonding, equation writing, kinetics, and equilibrium. A research project is required for this class.

**SIX WEEKS: June 12–July 21 (No class July 4) • 8:30 AM-12:00 PM**

TUITION: $880

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Effective Writing [One-half credit]

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 10-12**

This course will emphasize descriptive, expository, and persuasive writing; the mechanics of writing, organizing and revising written material; building a reader’s and writer’s vocabulary; composing a five-paragraph essay; and instruction on the basics of a research paper. A workbook is included in the price of this class. Prerequisite: At least a B+ in Literature and Writing 1A or at least an A in Literature and Writing 1 and Foundations in Writing. Merion Mercy English department approval is required for all students desiring to take this course.

**FIVE WEEKS: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**

June 13–July 13 (No class July 4) • 8:30 AM-12:00 PM

TUITION: $570

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Online classes through Network for Mercy Education are available to Merion Mercy Academy students only. Please check options during course selection period.

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SAT Preparation

**SAT Math Preparation**

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 10-12**

**THREE DAYS: June 19-21**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

$195 plus a $115 book and material fee paid to the instructor the first day of class**

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**SAT Critical Reading/ Writing Preparation**

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 10-12**

**THREE DAYS: June 26-28** • 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

$195 plus a $115 book and material fee paid to the instructor the first day of class**

Our innovative two-week ACE Your SAT program puts students on track to get their best exam scores. Each trap and obstacle is turned into an opportunity for success. Topic overlap with the ACT will be pointed out. The SAT Math week targets number theory, arithmetic, geometry, algebra, trigonometry, and the mathematical and scientific reasoning required for top scores.

The Reading Comprehension and Writing week focuses on vocabulary in-context, reading comprehension, reading for evidence, grammar, and essay writing.

To help students continue their preparation throughout the summer and academic year, each ACE Your SAT enrollee will receive a self-study program.

**FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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**STUDENTS TAKING BOTH SECTIONS ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO PAY THE $115 BOOK AND MATERIAL FEE ONE TIME.**
**Entering Grades 4-10**

**ENRICHMENT & SPORTS PROGRAMS**

A $100 non-refundable deposit is due by Wednesday, April 5. Balance of tuition is due by Thursday, May 25.

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**3D Design and Print**

**Open to Boys and Girls entering Grades 6-10**

Have you ever wondered how the new 3D printers work? Explore this fascinating world and learn how to use design software to create your own 3-dimensional models and print using a 3D printer.

**One Week:** June 19–June 23 • 12:30-2:30 PM

**Tuition:** $150

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**Forensics**

**Open to Boys and Girls entering Grades 6-8**

We will solve a mystery this week! Use your powers of observation and the Scientific Method to investigate a crime scene and evaluate various types of physical evidence such as fingerprints, tire impressions, fibers, and genetic material.

**One Week:** June 26–June 30 • 12:30-2:30 PM

**Tuition:** $150
**Volleyball**

**OPEN TO GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 6-10**

Led by Merion Mercy’s varsity volleyball coach, this clinic will help you to learn the basics of competitive volleyball. Students may enroll regardless of experience. Please bring a water bottle, knee pads, and sneakers. Location: TBD

**ONE WEEK:** Monday–Thursday, August 7-10 • 4:00-6:30 PM

**TUITION:** $150

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**Field Hockey**

**OPEN TO GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 7-9**

This field hockey clinic will focus on the fundamentals of the game such as basic stick work, field positions and rules of the game. Students may enroll regardless of experience. Incoming 9th graders will benefit from this camp before preseason try-outs in August. Join us as Merion Mercy’s coach, who brought this year’s team to the state championship, shares her knowledge and expertise of the game. Each player should bring her own stick, mouth guard, shin guards, a water bottle, cleats, and sneakers.

**ONE WEEK:** Monday–Thursday, July 10-13 • 2:30-5:00 PM

**TUITION:** $150

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**Introduction to Field Hockey**

**OPEN TO GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 4-6**

Field hockey is becoming increasingly more popular in the early grades. This clinic will focus on the basic fundamentals of the game using fun games and drills in order to help you understand the rules and become a more experienced player. Participants need not have previous experience with the game. Join Merion Mercy’s coach, who brought this year’s team to the state championship! Each player should bring her own stick, mouth guard, shin guards, a water bottle, cleats, and sneakers.

**ONE WEEK:** Monday–Thursday, July 17-20 • 2:30-5:00 PM

**TUITION:** $150
Registration

Online registration allows families to manage student enrollment from any computer at any time! Our registration is fast and safe.

TO REGISTER ONLINE:
Go to www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms and click on the registration link. Once an account is created, you will be able to access your registration at any time. An e-mail confirmation will be sent to your e-mail address.

For questions or if you do not have internet access, please call Barbara Harrison 610-664-6655, ext. 120 for assistance.

PLEASE NOTE THE DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT DATES:

☀ Academic Programs: Entering Grades 6-8
DEPOSIT DUE: Wednesday, April 5
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Thursday, May 25

☀ Academic Programs: Entering Grades 10-12
DEPOSIT DUE: Thursday, March 9
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Thursday, May 25

☀ Academic Programs: Entering Grade 9
DEPOSIT DUE: Thursday, May 11
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Thursday, May 25

☀ Enrichment Programs and Sports Camps
DEPOSIT DUE: Wednesday, April 5
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: Thursday, May 25

• A $100 non-refundable deposit is due for each class by the date provided for each program. Parents wishing to cancel their student’s enrollment from a class may do so until June 1. Enrollment fees will be refunded, minus the deposit fee. Cancellations after June 1 will not be eligible for a refund of tuition. You will be eligible for a credit that can be used for another program.

• Merion Mercy reserves the right to cancel a class at any time. You will be notified at least 10 days in advance and given the option of transferring enrollment fees toward another class or receiving a full refund for the class cancelled.

• The doors will be open by 8:00 AM for students taking an 8:30 or 9:00 AM class. Students should report to the PWC until the start of class. Please make arrangements for students to be picked up at the end of their classes. Students are not permitted to remain on campus after they are finished their classes for the day unless they have made arrangements for extended hours.

• Students will be required to bring their lunch to school each day. We will have snacks and drinks available along with special lunch purchase days.

• Reports for all academic courses will be mailed home at the end of the session. There are no parent/teacher conferences; you may contact the director at any time should you have questions.

• There are no classes on Tuesday, July 4.
COME EXPERIENCE
WHAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT!

“I ABSOLUTELY LOVED THE CAMP. It helped me get ready for eighth grade. Plus, I feel that the environment prepared us for the high school years to come.”

– Summer Academy Student

“I EXPECTED IT TO BE HELPFUL FOR MY WRITING SKILLS AND IT DEFINITELY WAS. A lot of the material is clearer now - I would have been lost in freshman year without this class.”

– Pre 9th Writing Workshop Student

“I WASN’T EXPECTING TO LEARN AS MUCH AS WE DID. I believe I will improve so much more on the HSPT test in the fall because of the tips and great information I have been given.”

– Prep Time! High School Placement Test Preparation Student

“MY DAUGHTER LOVED THE PROGRAM AND MADE GREAT NEW FRIENDS! It was a perfect mix of learning and fun. I can’t say enough wonderful things about it.”

– Summer Academy Parent