Dear Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations on the acceptance of your child into Williams Middle Magnet School for the 2020-21 school year! I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome you to the Williams family and share some information with you. As we look forward to the next school year, we want you to keep in mind that we are in a holding pattern regarding our Summer Orientation Camp for incoming 6th grade students due to COVID-19.

A tentative date for New Student Welcome is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 4:00 – 5:00 PM or 6:00-7:00pm (we will meet in our gymnasium)—this will of course depend on whether the district authorizes such events by this timeframe. Due to COVID-19 precautions and safety, attendance at these sessions will be limited to the student and ONLY one parent/guardian [note: only attend one session per family]. You will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to become familiar with the international flavor of the school, get to know some of the teachers and learn more about the special programs we offer here at Williams. Information will be provided in a packet regarding transportation, electives, athletics, community service, just to name a few. Our PTSA will also be on campus signing-up new members and selling uniforms.

We will also have information about our Summer Orientation Camp for incoming 6th grade students at the New Student Welcome. This fee-based camp is a great opportunity for students to get to know other students as well as become familiar with the campus. The tentative dates will be July 27-30, 2020, 8:00 – 11:00 am daily (again, this may change due to COVID-19.)

During the first week of June, we will send our summer mail-out packet, which includes information regarding supply lists, uniforms, summer reading assignments and more. Later in the summer, information will be sent to you on our Open House, which will occur just before school begins. At the Open House, you will receive your student’s schedule and be able to visit the classrooms and meet his/her teachers.

If you would like more information on the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (the magnet theme at Williams), please visit the IB website at http://www.ibo.org/myp/. You can also contact our IB Coordinator via email at joyce.hoehn-parish@sdhc.k12.fl.us with any questions.

Again, congratulations and welcome to Williams IB Middle Years Programme. Please visit us at our website: http://williams.mysdhc.org/ for additional information about our school. Please stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Shellie Blackwood-Green
Principal
Welcome New Sixth Grader

We hope you are looking forward to the 2020-21 school year as much as we are! It promises to be an exciting year filled with interesting field trips, celebrations, projects & learning activities.

As you know, our school is an authorized International Baccalaureate middle school, and as such, all students in attendance will be participating in the IB Middle Years Programme. You will find that ours is a rigorous and enriching academic program that will challenge you to meet high expectations and prepare yourself for high school and beyond.

We are providing you with a general list of supplies that you will need for your 6th grade classes. Other items may be required at a later date for specific subjects.

**Please note – for the first three days of school, students ONLY need: a folder, loose leaf paper, and something to write with. Until lockers are issued, these are the only supplies students are asked to bring to school! Students may also bring a string bag to carry supplies.**

**Agenda book – must be purchased at Williams in August (or at Orientation Camp in July)**

| 5 Folders - with pockets and prongs | Erasers |
| 5 Composition notebooks (100 pages) - Science/Language Arts/CT | Scissors |
| Pens – assorted colors (at least one that is not black or blue) | No. 2 Pencils |
| 2 - 8½ x11 (or larger) subject notebooks - Math | Colored pencils |
| Flash drive with name | Glue sticks |
| Pencil sharpener (with cover) | Pencil case (suggestion – 3-ring pencil pouch) |
| Loose-leaf notebook paper (lined & white) | Ear buds |
| 3 packs 3”x 5” ruled index cards (white) | Rubber cement |
| Post-It Notes (or some type of sticky notes) | 3 highlighters – three |
| One 2-inch 3-ring binder - World History | different colors |
| Adhesive Binder Hole Reinforcements (optional) – World History | * Agenda book – must be purchased at Williams in August (or at Orientation Camp in July) |

Locker costs will be $2.00 for hall lockers.

Williams is a mandatory uniform school. Please review the uniform policy and information contained in this packet. NOTE: Williams PTSA will be selling Williams Spirit Gear (uniform shirts, spirit shirts, hoodie sweatshirts) at our Back-to-School Open House scheduled for August 7, 2020. Order forms for PTSA Spirit Gear are also available in the Student Affairs Office. Students are not required to wear uniform shirts sold by PTSA. Uniforms must comply with uniform policy in this packet, however.

We look forward to an exciting year filled with continued academic excellence. Please look for more information later in the summer regarding our August Orientation. You may also visit our website at http://williams.mysdhc.org/ for updates, as well as a copy of this packet if needed.

Thank you!
Arlene Tannascoli-Mahapat and Emily Hunt
Williams Middle Magnet 6th Grade Team Leaders

For questions, please email: arlene.tannascoli-mahapat@sdhc.k12.fl.us or emily.hunt@sdhc.k12.fl.us
Dear Students and Parents:

On behalf of the teachers and staff, let me welcome you and your family to the IB Middle Years Programme offered at Williams Middle Magnet School.

You will find our standards to be quite high. The academics are rigorous and challenging. Our school prides itself on its students’ exemplary behavior, good citizenship, and outstanding performance whether it is in the classroom or in the community.

Because of our challenging curriculum, students are advised to maintain good attendance throughout the year. Likewise, healthy study habits, specifically at home, are strongly encouraged. Family involvement is welcomed. There are many opportunities for you to support our stellar program. We have opportunities such as PTSA and School Advisory Committee, Parent Booster Club for Music, or at our annual teach-in event.

Students should be prepared to work hard, make new friends, laugh and learn, and reap the benefits of attending the first authorized three-year IB Middle Years Programme in North America.

Sincerely,

Shellie Blackwood-Green, Principal
Williams Middle Magnet School
IB Middle Years Programme
Calling all Athletes!

Extramural Sports Program
- after-school
- open to ALL grade levels
- both boys’ and girls’ teams
- compete against other middle schools

1st Season: Basketball; Boys & Girls
2nd Season: Volleyball; Boys & Girls
3rd Season: Track; Boys & Girls
4th Season: Soccer; Boys & Girls
5th Season: Flag Football: Boys & Girls

Eligibility requirements/student forms:
- Maintain a 2.0 academic average
- Completed ONLINE District sports packet (see below)

Your completed sports packet is valid for the entire year
- Athletic paperwork for BASKETBALL must be completed ONLINE 8/21/20.

ATHLETIC FORMS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE. PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE (CLICK ON DOCUMENTS & FORMS – STUDENT FORMS) FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE REQUIRED PAPERWORK:

Guide for getting started with paperwork:
https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/docs/00/00/17/13/HCPS_PHS_Parent_Student_Getting_Started.pdf

Stay Informed!

Williams’ families can stay informed by checking the Williams Middle Magnet School website located at: http://williams.mysdhc.org/

Get the latest Williams news on Twitter @WilliamsIBMYP and Facebook: Williams Middle Magnet School
## 2020-21 Student Calendar

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<td>End of 1st Grading Period</td>
<td>Friday, Oct 9, 2020</td>
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<td>* Veterans Day/Non-Student Day</td>
<td>Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020</td>
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<td>* Fall Break/Non-Student Days</td>
<td>Monday, Nov 23, 2020 - Friday, Nov 27, 2020</td>
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<td>Students Return to School</td>
<td>Monday, Nov 30, 2020</td>
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<td>Friday, Dec 18, 2020</td>
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<td>Monday, Dec 21, 2020 - Friday, Jan 1, 2021</td>
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<td>Monday, Jan 4, 2021</td>
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<td>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/Non-Student Day</td>
<td>Monday, Jan 18, 2021</td>
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<td>Non-Student Day</td>
<td>Friday, Feb 12, 2021</td>
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<td>Presidents' Day/Non-Student Day</td>
<td>Monday, Feb 15, 2021</td>
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<td>Monday, Mar 8, 2021</td>
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<td>Monday, Mar 22, 2021</td>
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<td>Friday, Apr 2, 2021</td>
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<td>Monday, Apr 19, 2021</td>
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<td>Friday, May 28, 2021</td>
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<td>Students' Last Day of School</td>
<td>Friday, May 28, 2021</td>
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Please note:
* Hurricane Day(s) if needed - November 11, 23, 24, & 25, 2020
This calendar is subject to change due to future actions of the Florida Legislature or Hillsborough County School Board

### Student Early Release Days
Early Release Days for 2020-2021 have not yet been determined.

5/15/2020
Williams Middle Magnet School
Uniform Policy

Williams IB Middle Magnet School believes that our uniform policy promotes a positive learning environment and contributes to school spirit and safety. The wearing of uniforms at our school is a direct result of our School Improvement Plan whereby stakeholders requested and received district approval for the school to become a mandatory uniform school.

The Student Uniform shall consist of the following:

**Shirts**
- Only **navy** collared polo shirts shall be worn. White, black or gray undershirts may be worn underneath, but they must be tucked in. Only the top two buttons of the polo may remain unbuttoned.

**Bottoms**
- Only **khaki** beige pants, mid-thigh shorts, skirts, skorts, capris, and jumpers may be worn. No jeans are allowed on any day. All pants and shorts must be worn fastened at the waistline. Pants should not drape on the ground, should not have frayed bottoms, should not have holes or be cut-offs. Pants with colored stripes or designs are not allowed.

**Footwear**
- Stocks or leggings must be a **solid color**. If Croc-type shoes are worn, the strap must be worn over the heel.

**Head Gear**
- Hoods, hats, and bandanas are **NOT** permitted.

**Fridays and Early Release Days**
- Only on Fridays and field trips will students be permitted to wear team T-shirts or any official Williams shirt. PE shirts are **not** allowed to be worn other than in PE classes. Khaki bottoms shall always be worn.

Any student wearing inappropriate clothing, including shoes, that violates School Board Dress Code will wait in a designated area for a change of clothing brought by a parent/guardian and be subject to the same consequences listed above for uniform violations.

**Students are required to be in uniform before entering the Williams campus and to remain in uniform while on the Williams campus unless otherwise instructed by a teacher or supervision adult.**
Williams Middle Magnet
Before & After School Programs

A supervised safe and fun alternative for Williams’ students
Registration forms available at hostportal.sdhc.k12.fl.us/

Before School (Morning) HOST
6:45 – 8:00 AM each day (free breakfast at 8:00 AM is available)
Cost: $15/week*
One Time Registration Fee of $15.00*

After School HOST
3:25 – 6:00 PM each day (snack provided)
Cost: $32/week*
One Time Registration Fee of $15.00*

After School – Mondays ONLY HOST
2:25 – 6:00 PM each Monday (snack provided)
Cost: $20/month*
One Time Registration Fee of $15.00*

Multi-family member discount
Meet in Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Healthy Snack - Homework Assistance - Games - Computers

*Anticipated cost for 2020-21 school year.

For more information contact HOST at:
http://host.mysdhc.org

Williams Middle Magnet School
5020 N.47th Street
Tampa, Florida, 33610

Current HOST Contact: Ms. Ebonie Evans
Phone: (813) 744-8600, extension 282
(unavailable during the summer)
Email: ebonie.evans@sdhc.k12.fl.us
The summer reading assignments for incoming Williams 6th graders includes a blend of required and optional assignments. The assignments reflect the Williams faculty commitment to the IB Student Learner Profile Traits and our desire to meet the needs of all students.

Every incoming 6th grader is required to read a novel (student choice) from either the 2020-2021 or 2019-2020 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books Nominees List Grades 6-8. (The annotated book lists are included on the following pages.) Additionally, every student must complete the summer reading assignment (attached) for that novel. The summer reading assignment is due to your Language Arts Teacher at the start of school in the fall. **Students are encouraged to read as many books as they like, but only need to complete the reading assignment for one book.**

**Plan ahead by ordering your books online, from your local bookstore, or reserving at your public library.** Students also have free access to the books (using their student number) through Axis360 and the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative. Incoming 6th graders can access these resources through the HCPS Elementary Virtual Library www.galepages.com/doem using their log in information from their current HCPS elementary school.

### Summer Reading Assignment Student Checklist

**Required**
- _____ Complete the reading assignment for that book. Be prepared to turn in the assignment to your Language Arts Teacher in the fall.

**Optional**
- _____ Prepare a 2D art piece or 60-second Book Trailer entry for the Williams SLAM. (Must be on a book from the 2020-2021 SSYRA list.)

Optional: Williams Middle Magnet participates in the Student Literacy and Media Showcase (SLAM). SLAM is a celebration of reading and literacy. Participation in SLAM is voluntary. Our intent is to give students a chance to READ, EXPLORE and CREATE! Students can choose to participate in SLAM by creating a 2D Creative Expression (art piece) or a Video Creative Expression (60 second book trailer). More information and guidelines can be found on the Media Center website: williams.mysdhc.org/Resources/Media_Center. Students can also contact our Media Specialist Mrs. Hiltz via email (julie.hiltz@sdhc.k12.fl.us) during the summer if they have questions or need additional information.

#### 2D CREATIVE EXPRESSION STUDENT CATEGORY
- Create 2D Art or other 2D Creative Expression for one of the current year’s SSYRA (6-8) nominee books
- 2D media only. Accepted media is drawings, paintings, collage, and digital media.
- Work should be created on a standard sized sheet of paper, not to exceed 8.5" x 11".
- Entry must be appropriate for “PG” rated audiences.

#### VIDEO CREATIVE EXPRESSION STUDENT CATEGORY
- Make a video for one of the current year’s SSYRA (6-8) nominee books. Maximum length for the video is 60 seconds.
- Video must include visuals, audio, title and author, and a book citation within the video.
- Entry must be appropriate for “PG” rated audiences.
- Must be submitted in MP4, MOV or WMV format.

**BRAG TAG BONUS** Brag tags will be available for all of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 SSYRA books. Students can collect their tags from the Media Specialist when school returns in the Fall.

This summer packet will be available on our school website at http://williams.mysdhc.org/ Please email celeste.juan@sdhc.k12.fl.us (Reading Coach) if you have questions or need support with the reading assignment.
Student Name: __________________________________________

Williams Middle Magnet School IB Middle Years Programme Summer Reading 2020

Incoming 6th graders “Reading in the Sunshine”
Summer Reading Assignment Book Review
*Return to your Language Arts teacher in the Fall

Directions: Respond to the following tasks in complete sentences in the space provided below.

- Write a book review in 3-4 sentences.
- Rate the novel on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the best) and explain why you would or would not recommend this book to other students.
- The IB learner profiles listed below represent 10 attributes valued by IB schools. Identify ONE IB learner profile trait the main character in the novel exhibits and explain why.

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<td>Knowledgeable</td>
<td>explore concepts, ideas and issues which have global importance.</td>
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<td>Thinkers</td>
<td>take initiative and apply critical thinking skills and creativity to solving problems.</td>
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<td>Communicators</td>
<td>express ideas and information confidently and creatively</td>
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<td>Principled</td>
<td>are honest and have a sense of fairness and justice in their interactions with others.</td>
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<td>Open-minded</td>
<td>are open to different perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and cultures.</td>
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<td>Caring</td>
<td>show compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others.</td>
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<td>Risk-Taker</td>
<td>exhibit independence to explore new ideas. They are courageous in defending their beliefs.</td>
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<td>Balanced</td>
<td>appreciate the importance of nurturing both the mind and body.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reflective</td>
<td>think about their own learning and recognize strengths and weaknesses within themselves.</td>
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Novel Title: _________________________ Author: __________

Book
Review: __________________________________________

Rating: ______ Why? __________________________________

IB Learner Profile: ____________________________
Why? __________________________________________
What can I do to prepare for 6th Grade Math?

The first two units in our 6th Grade Math curriculum are Operations with Decimals (Unit 1) and Operations with Fractions (Unit 2). To prepare for these units, we recommend that you:

- Master basic math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). Flash cards are helpful!
- Know how to work with fractions. This includes converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions as well as simplifying fractions.

There are some online resources that offer wonderful practice problems. We encourage you to continue to practice the 5th grade skills (improve understanding), and expose yourself the 6th grade skills that will be taught to you. Khan Academy and IXL are both wonderful resources to practice these skills.

Khan Academy: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) – free!

IXL: [www.IXL.com](http://www.IXL.com) – free until June 30!

AAA Math: [http://aaamath.com](http://aaamath.com) – free!

Math is Fun: [http://www.mathsisfun.com](http://www.mathsisfun.com) – free!
Parents can order PE uniforms online for the upcoming school year. Order information is below. Adult and Youth sizes are available. Uniforms will be shipped to the school and distributed in PE classes.

Williams Middle School PE Uniforms 2020-2021 (5/15/20 - 7/7/20)
You can access the online store by following these few steps.
1. Go to the online store at https://bbsportwear.com/
2. Go to the “Online Stores” drop down on the top right hand side of the website and select Williams Middle School PE Uniforms
3. Choose your items and add them to your cart
4. Securely checkout with your credit card

All orders will be processed after the store closes and delivered to Williams MS where the PE teachers will distribute your order to your student.

Go to the online store at https://bbsportwear.com/
Online Store Deadline: Tuesday July 7th, 2020 (11:59pm EDT)

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