



# The Ammons Q & A Session

## **After School Activities**

Question: How do I get information on after school activities such as clubs and sports?

Answer: After school activities such as clubs and sports are advertised on the morning and afternoon announcements, E-mailed in the parent E-mail tree (please sign up), placed in the student/school calendars, and posted on the walls through out the school. Moreover, each club sponsor and team coach will create their own schedule, if you have questions about a specific club or sport please contact that individual teacher or coach. The Ammons website will provide a link to these email addresses.

## **Drop off and pick up times**

Question: How early may I drop off my child? How can I arrange for after school care?

Answer: Security guards arrive at 8:00 AM. Very few children arrive before 8:00 AM because the great majority of them travel via school bus. The few students that do arrive early make there way to a safe haven like the main office or the spill out area. Most students read a book until the cafeteria and the media center open at 8:30 AM. In Middle School, there is no after school care. The security guards typically leave at 4:30 PM unless there is an EESAC meeting, PTSA meeting, sports activity, etc.

## **Switching Electives (6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Question:** Is there some type of waiting list for the elective classes in case there are openings due to students changing their mind about attending the school or decide a course is not for them once school starts?

**Answer:** No, there is no waiting list for elective classes. The electives courses close as soon as they reach 20% over capacity. We typically overbook because there are students that withdraw throughout the year. On the other hand, the child will have a chance to switch electives the following school year if he/she decides that their current course is not for them.

## **Community Service Hours**

**Question:** Can community service hours be obtained during the **summer time**?

**Answer:** The short answer to this question is yes. Your child may work on community service hours during the summer to get a head start for the school year. However, the most important thing is that they obtain a letter, certificate, t-shirt, picture, etc. for documentation purposes. The summer hours will count as long as **half** of the required community service hours are completed during the school year. Please reference the Community Service “Do’s and Don’ts” document on the Ammons website for more information.

### **Summer Community Service Reference Table**

Directions:

1. Go to: Ammons website
2. Click on Student Tab
3. Look under IBMYP Information
4. Click on Community & Service link

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Total Community Service Hour Requirement</b>	<b>Minimum requirement during the school year</b>
6th	5 hours	2.5 hours
7th	10 hours	5 hours
8th	15 hours	7.5 hours

## **Summer Reading Books (6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Question:** Are there specific summer reading books for incoming gifted 6<sup>th</sup> grade readers?

**Answer:** The answer to this question is, “No.” The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Required Summer Reading Books are the same for every level (Regular/Advanced/Gifted). Every 6<sup>th</sup> grader is required to read one book from the Humanities (Social Studies) selections listed and one book from the Language A (Language Arts) selections listed. Specific book information is located on the school webpage under the SUMMER READING INFORMATION link. Once inside the link, be sure to scroll down to the section titled INCOMING 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS.

Directions:

1. Go to: Ammons Website
2. Look under “Upcoming Events”
3. Click on Summer Reading Information
4. Scroll down to “incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders”

### **The Ammons Portfolio**

**Question:** What is the Ammons I.B. Portfolio?

**Answer:** The Ammons I.B. Portfolio is a collection of work designed to showcase the student's growth from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Inside the portfolio is a collection of sample assignments, projects, extra curricular activities, community service hours, report cards, reflections, parent involvement, and resumes that the students are proud of. Furthermore, each assignment is classified according to the I.B. Areas of Interaction. In simple terms, The Areas of Interaction are the five pillars that the I.B. Program revolve around. Your child will learn the meaning of the AOI's in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The AOI's are Approaches to Learning, Community & Service, Environments, Health & Social Education, and Human Ingenuity. On a side note, many students keep their portfolios through out high school and continue to place work inside. During their junior year, proactive students digitize the portfolio and send it (on a disk) with their college applications. Please reference the Portfolio Power Point Presentation on the schools website to learn more about the portfolio process.

Directions:

5. Go to: Ammons website
6. Click on Student Tab
7. Look under IBMYP Information
8. Click on Portfolio Guidelines

## **MYP Progress Report**

**Question:** What is the Ammons IB Middle Years Progress Report?

**Answer:** The MYP Progress Report is a document based on the I.B. Assessment Criterion. This report is distributed once a semester for the purpose of familiarizing our students with the type of assessments that the I.B. Program will monitor. Please take a look at the Ammons MYP Progress Report tutorial for a better understanding.

Directions:

1. Go to: Ammons website
2. Click on Student Tab
3. Look under IBMYP Information
4. Click on MYP Progress Report Tutorial

## **I.B. Learner Profiles**

**Question:** What are the I.B. Learner profiles?

**Answer:** The I.B. Learner Profiles are personal attributes and descriptors that the I.B. Programme strives to develop in students with the purpose of producing responsible citizens in a global society. Is your child a good communicator? Does he/she know how to balance their school work and extra curricular activities? Do Ammons students show empathy, kindness, and respect towards others? Please go to the Ammons website and check out the IB Learner profiles skits!

Directions:

1. Go to: Ammons website
2. Click on Student Tab
3. Look under IBMYP Information
4. Click on the I.B. Learner Profile Skits

