



SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL

Middle School Orientation

2019 – 2020



Web Resources

- Social Media
- Calendar
- MS Bell Schedule
- MS Athletics
- All Things SSFS



The screenshot displays the Sandy Spring Friends School website. At the top, the school's logo (a yellow triangle) and name "SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL" are visible, along with the tagline "Let Your Lives Speak". Navigation links include "Inquire", "Parents", "Alumni", "International", "Quicklinks", "Springers Login", and a search icon. A secondary navigation bar lists "WHO WE ARE", "ADMISSION", "ACADEMICS", "ARTS", "ATHLETICS", "SCHOOL LIFE", and "SUPPORT SSFS". Below this, a horizontal menu lists various educational paths: "Inquiry-Based Learning", "Experiential Learning", "Preschool", "Lower School", "Middle School" (highlighted), "Upper School", "College Counseling", "Learning Support", "Library", and "Technology".

The main content area is titled "SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL > ACADEMICS > MIDDLE SCHOOL". The heading "Sandy Spring Friends Middle School" is followed by a blue text snippet: "An inclusive community where students feel supported while taking on big challenges." Below this, a paragraph describes the school's academic program, emphasizing critical thinking, global-mindedness, and problem solving in a safe environment.

A large green video player is featured, with the text "SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL" and "Hear from our Middle School Students" overlaid. The video player shows a progress bar at 02:09 / 01:44.

On the right side, there is a green "INQUIRE" button. Below it, a dark brown sidebar titled "Middle School" lists links for "Curriculum", "After Care & After-School Clubs", "Advisories", and "Middle School Faculty & Staff".

At the bottom right, two staff members are introduced: David Blake, Head of Middle School, and Erin Ryan, Middle School Administrative Assistant, each with a circular portrait and a "send email" link.



Our Middle School faculty



Overview



Overview

- The School Day: Beginning, Middle, and End of the Day
- Student Resource Team (SRT)
- Advisory and the Role of the Advisor
- Upcoming Events
- Parting Thoughts
- Questions? Walk and Talk to the Orientation Fair



The School Day



The School Day – Beginning

- Arrival: 7:30 to 7:45 am
- Carpool/Bus/Parking
- Advisory 7:55 am
- Late Arrival



The School Day

- 7 Day Schedule
- 6 Classes A Day
- Break
- Lunch
- Community Time
- Electives/Sports

MIDDLE SCHOOL BLOCK SCHEDULE

Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Wed 1)	Time
7:55-8:10	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	7:55-8:10
8:10-9:00	A (50 min)	G (50 min)	F (50 min)	E (50 min)	D (50 min)	C (50 min)	B (50 min)	A (45 min)	8:10-8:55
9:05-10:15	B (70 min)	A (70 min)	G (70 min)	F (70 min)	E (70 min)	D (70 min)	C (70 min)	B (70 min)	9:00-10:10
10:15-10:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	10:10-10:25
10:30-11:20	C (50 min)	B (50 min)	A (50 min)	G (50 min)	F (50 min)	E (50 min)	D (50 min)	C (45 min)	10:25-11:30
11:25-12:05	D (40 min)	C (40 min)	B (40 min)	A (40 min)	G (40 min)	F (40 min)	E (40 min)	D (40 min)	11:15-11:55
12:10-12:50	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	12:00-12:30
12:50-1:25	Community Time	Community Time	Community Time	Community Time	Community Time	Community Time	Community Time	Community Time	12:30-1:00
1:25-2:15	E (50 min)	D (50 min)	C (50 min)	B (50 min)	A (50 min)	G (50 min)	F (50 min)	E (45 min)	1:05-1:30
2:20-3:10	F (50 min)	E (50 min)	D (50 min)	C (50 min)	B (50 min)	A (50 min)	G (50 min)	F (45 min)	1:55-2:40
3:10-3:40	Advisory Shake-out Electives or Sports	Advisory Shake-out Electives or Sports	Advisory Shake-out Electives or Sports	Advisory Shake-out Electives or Sports	Advisory Shake-out Electives or Sports	Advisory Shake-out Electives or Sports	Advisory Shake-out Electives or Sports	Advisory Shake-out	

Note: All Middle School Sports practices last until 4:10pm



The School Day

MS and US Bell Schedule

Today September 2019

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day	First Day of School Orientation	First Day of Classes Orientation	Orientation 8:10am Advisory/Trip Groups 8:40am A Block 9:30am B Block 10:35am C Block +4 more	Orientation 8:10am US Gathering in PAC 9am E Block 9:45am Break 10:05am F Block +5 more	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Day 1 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am A Block 9:05am B Block 10:15am Break +7 more	Day 2 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am G Block 9:05am A Block 10:15am Break +7 more	Day 3 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am F Block 9am G Block 10:10am Break +6 more	Day 4 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am E Block 9:05am F Block 10:15am Break +7 more	Day 5 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am D Block 9:05am E Block 10:15am Break +7 more		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Day 6 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am C Block 9:05am D Block 10:15am Break +7 more	Day 7 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am B Block 9am All School Assembly 10am C Block +6 more	Day 1 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am A Block 9am B Block 10:10am Break +6 more	Day 2 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am G Block 9:05am A Block 10:15am Break +7 more	Day 3 7:55am MS Advisory US Morning 8:10am F Block 9:05am G Block 10:15am Break +7 more		
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The School Day

- End
 - 3:10–3:40 Tutorials/Electives
 - Special Electives Examples
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 - Engineering (M/Th 3:10–4:10)
 - 3:45



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Bus/Carpool/Parking/Aftercare
- 4:15 Athletics Carpool
- 5:45
Activity/Aftercare
Bus
(Glenmont/Shady Grove)
- Wednesdays!
- Early Departure



Student Resource Team



Student Resource Team & Admin Support



David Blake
MS Head



Patti Lemere
Learning
Specialist



Erin Rose
MS Counselor



Francis Zell
MS Dean of
Students



Erin Ryan
Administrative
Support



An aerial photograph of a school campus, featuring several green-roofed buildings, a large green lawn, and a baseball field. The campus is surrounded by dense green trees. The text "Advisory and the Role of the Advisor" is overlaid in white, stylized font.

Advisory and the Role of the Advisor



Advisory

- “Family” on campus
- Small group of students and Faculty Advisory
- Daily interaction with weekly lesson
- Social / Emotional / Academic Guidance and curriculum



The Role of the Advisor

- Serve as mentor and advocate for advisees
- Monitor academic and social progress
- Coordinate efforts to support advisees
- Be a liaison for parents and teachers on behalf of the student
- Develop advisor group
- Facilitate advisor group activities



Role of the Advisor

What You Can Expect From Advisors:

- Strong connection with the student
- Notification to parents and school support personnel of any struggles they note, especially across multiple classes
- Taking of an active role in addressing student academic concerns
- Accessibility

What Advisors Expect of Parents:

- Background information that will help meet student needs
- Open communication about student struggles or concerns
- Collaborative problem-solving



Upcoming Events



Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Sep. 4		First Day of Classes (LS/MS/US)
Sep. 6		MS Student Ice Cream Social
Sep. 10	6:30–8:15 pm	MS Back to School Night
Sep. 11		MS student Photos
Sep. 16	8:15–9:15 am	7th Grade Coffee and Conversation
Sep. 18	2:30–5:30 pm	MS Student/Parent/Advisor Conferences
Sep. 20	8:15 – 9:15 am	6th Grade Coffee and Conversation
Sep. 24	8:15 – 9:15 am	8th Grade Coffee and Conversation

Fall Trips

6th Grade: October

7th Grade: October

8th Grade: November



Parting Thoughts





How We Communicate

Email

- Notifications re: grades and comments; other administrative information
- Individual communications from teachers, advisors

Other Ways

- News and Media
- My BackPack
- Weekly Newsletter
- Finalsite LMS
- Coffee & Conversations (Video Conferences)

Start Like A Beast

Be Authentic

Establish Routines And Norms

Express Gratitude And Frustrations

Stay Connected With School

Try New Things





**KEEP
CALM
AND
WELCOME TO
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Thank You!



Questions?

Walk and talk
on our way to the
Orientation Fair

