# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Training for the future

Middle school classes are discussion-oriented, fostering participation, building confidence, and honing skills in discourse and reasoning. Academically, our rigorous middle school program prepares students for the progressively more challenging years of high school. Phil-Mont's Middle School Teachers are experts in their fields, teaching the curriculum, plus life skills, and instructing students in how to properly interact with those around them.



Our middle school program helps students build a biblically sound foundation for life. It is rigorous, active, exciting, and engaging for the young minds of students as they continue to develop their sense of identity and how God made them.

## Clubs, Sports, Theater, and Activities

- Choir
- Band
- Jazz Band
- Seasonal sports
- Art Club (ACSI Competition)
- Battle of the Books
- Service Committee
- Reading Olympics
- Fall Musical (with high school)
- Outdoors Club
- Star Wars Club
- Bible Study
- Geography Bee
- plus trips and activity days

## **Core Subjects**

- Bible (CSI Curriculum)
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Math
- Science

### **Special Subjects**

- Art (Principles of Design)
- Music
- Health
- Physical Education
- Keyboarding
- Computer Skills
- Vocabulary Enrichment with Latin & Greek Roots

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## **CLUBS & ACTIVITIES**

#### **Reading Olympics**

Open to any 8th grader who likes to read and talk about reading | Compete with 4,000 other middle schoolers in spring | Booklist of 40 titles—requires outside of class reading

#### Sports

Join one of the seasonal sports teams: Fall - guys and girls soccer, coed cross country | Winter - guys & girls basketball | Spring - baseball, softball, coed track & field

#### **Jazz Band**

Open to students who play: Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute, Keyboard, Drum set, Bass, and Guitar. Performing several concerts each year plus ACSI competition.

#### **Service Committee**

Open to all, the Service committee plans and implements service actions in the middle school for the benefit of others in the school and outside as well.

#### Fall Musical

Open to all in grades 6-12, but students must audition for parts to participate on stage. Some additional crew spots are also available.

#### Mythology Club

Open to any 8th graders | Prepare for the National Mythology Exam in March | Includes games, crossword puzzles, reading, and a willingness not to be afraid of weird-sounding names!

#### **Girls Bible Study**

Specifically designed for middle school girls, and led by a female teacher. A great opportunity to grow in biblical understanding and love for the Lord.

#### Art Club

Based on interest, only 14 students can be selected - priority is given to 8th graders, then 7th, then 6th. Club time is focused on preparation for ACSI competition and expanding art skills.

#### **Choir/Music**

Everyone who is not in the Band gets to participate in this music instruction and appreciation. This group is both academic and interesting.

#### **Outdoors Club**

Open to all students interested in spending more time outside, walking, hiking, fishing, or just enjoying the natural beauty of the park outside the school building.

Middle School Clubs and Activities vary from year to year, but extra fun and engagement is a normal part of every calendar.



## WHY PARENTS APPLY

Each family is different, but when we ask why parents pick Phil-Mont, patterns begin to emerge. Our parents want a safe learning environment where students are prepared and well-equipped academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

Our program is designed for children in Christian families. We are dedicated to biblical-world-view instruction which echoes what children hear in a godly home and in a Bible-believing church on a regular basis.

## WHAT OUR PARENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT US.

"We feel that Phil-Mont Christian Academy will provide our child with a safe environment to be the young woman that God wants her to be through our savior, Jesus Christ."

"I love that the school esteems the Bible highly and that the staff is committed to upholding the Word of God in every subject in the curriculum."

"Education is very important to me and my family and making sure that my son has access to an education that not only prepares him academically for higher learning, but that also supports his personal and spiritual growth/development is among my top goals as a parent."

"It is important to me that my children are in a caring and safe environment that not only provides strong academics but also gives them options to explore and develop their natural interests and skills."

I would like my sons to have the opportunity to explore their particular gifts and talents, as well as to work out their challenges and sin within the context of a Christ-informed community. Phil-Mont was recommended to us because of the caring faculty and staff, diverse student population, and academic opportunities. We are excited to have this option!

# ATHLETICS

Phil-Mont encourages students to participate in athletic competition, not just the elite athletes. We continue to have success in our program, including the commitment to character building and teamwork. Typically, 75% of our students take part in one of the regular sports programs offered, including:





Phil-Mont is part of the Bicentennial Athletic League and District 1 A of the PIAA for high school sports and regularly has student-athletes move on to participate in sports at all college levels based on recruitment and scholarships.

## **FALL TEAMS**

- Middle School Boys' Soccer
- Middle School Girls' Soccer
- Varsity Coed Cross Country
- Varsity Girls' Tennis
- Varsity Boys' Soccer
- Varsity Girls' Soccer

## WINTER TEAMS

- Middle School Boys' Basketball
- Middle School Girls' Basketball
- Varsity Boys' Basketball
- Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball
- Varsity Girls' Basketball
- Coed Winter Tennis\*

### **SPRING TEAMS**

- Middle School Softball\*
- Middle School Baseball\*
- Varsity Baseball\*
- Varsity Softball\*
- Middle School Track & Field
- Varsity Track & Field
- Varsity Boys' Tennis

\*Varies each year depending on interest levels and team size

# ARTS

### DRAMA

This program is for students in grades 6-12, beginning with the Fall musical, the High School performs the Winter play, and everyone gets to be involved with the Spring Fine Arts Festival. Shows vary from year to year based on the current group of students, but a great show is always guaranteed. Student-athletes may also be part of the cast or crew as the program benefits from significant student participation.





#### MUSIC (Band, Jazz Band, Choir)

Middle School students enjoy either Band or General Music, with choir, Jazz Band, and individual lessons (starting in grade 4). High school students may join Band, Jazz Band, or Acapella Choir, plus have another elective option for Hand Bells, and may also take AP Music Theory. Both Middle and High School programs participate in various music performance competitions each year.

### **VISUAL ART**

Middle School: Multiple classes each week covering the Principles of Design, plus Art club and ACSI submissions

High School: Basic Art, Drawing & Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Design, Pre-AP, AP Art, plus Wednesday Electives in Photography, Clay, Adobe Suite, and more along with ACSI submissions

