

Welcome to 6th Grade!

Hi Parents & Students!

We hope you had a wonderful summer. We have been busy traveling, spending time with our families and making sure that we have everything ready for the first day of school!



Here is a bit of information about sixth grade to help you as we begin the year. In sixth grade, students start each day with a 15 minute homeroom. For the remainder of the day, students travel to different classrooms for their core curriculum courses (Math, Science, Social Studies, English Language Arts), P.E., Foreign Language and Related Arts. The students also have a 40 minute lunch/recess break in the middle of their day.

We look forward to meeting you on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5th! Remember - it is a half day and students will be finished at 11:45 a.m. Students should bring all of their supplies with them that day. Get ready for an enjoyable year of learning, laughing and growing! We are excited to be working with you this year and look forward to getting to know you. Keep reading to learn a little bit about us!



Mrs. Jansyn



I teach Science and Social Studies and am excited to be starting my thirteenth year at Highcrest! I grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago and completed my BA in Economics at the U of I at Urbana-Champaign. Go Illini! After college, I worked in medical sales until I went back to graduate school at National Louis University and earned my Master of Arts in Teaching. I've had an amazing (and busy!) summer with my husband, Paul, my 6-year-old son, Bradley and my 8-year-old son, Matthew. I'm looking forward to getting back in the classroom and starting another fantastic year at Highcrest!

Mrs. Flintz

I will be teaching Math & Social Studies. This is my fifteenth year at Highcrest and my twenty-first year teaching! I received my Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Iowa and my Masters of Math Education at National Louis University. I live in Skokie with my husband and two daughters; Ainsley (10) and Taylor (6). I grew up in Wilmette and used to do gymnastics at Highcrest when it was part of the Wilmette Park District. It is wonderful to still be part of the Wilmette community!



Ms. Gust



I teach English Language Arts and Social Studies. I've been teaching for eleven years and am excited to be starting my third year at Highcrest. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Northeastern University and am a Chicago native who still calls the city her home. I love spending time with my friends, family and my super cute dog, Domino. I'm thrilled to continue working with the amazing students and staff at Highcrest and am looking forward to a fantastic year!

Mrs. Macfadden

I am very excited to begin my third year as a 6th grade English Language Arts and Social Studies teacher at Highcrest and my eleventh year as an educator. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Middle Level education from Illinois State University and my Master's Degree in Teaching and Leadership from St. Xavier University. I live in Glenview with my husband and Australian Labradoodle, Cali. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, taking Pure Barre classes, hiking, biking and traveling. I am looking forward to another wonderful year at Highcrest!



Mrs. Patrick

I am the team Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS). This will be my 6th year at Highcrest, and my 17th year teaching special education. I grew up in the Chicago area and currently live in Evanston. I am married and have two daughters, Jessica and Alyse, and an adorable Westie named Coco. My undergraduate degree from Northeastern Illinois University is in Learning Disabilities and Behavior, and my Masters of Arts in Reading is from Eastern Michigan University. This summer I traveled with my family to Scotland and loved it! We hiked and enjoyed the food, beautiful countryside and castles. When I am not teaching, I enjoy cooking, hiking, yoga, biking and making jewelry. I love being part of the Highcrest community and am looking forward to a great year!

