

A photograph of three students looking at a smartphone together. The student in the center is a young woman with long dark hair, smiling broadly. To her left is a young man with brown hair, looking down at the phone. To her right is a young woman with blonde hair, also smiling. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL



Santa Catalina  
Lower and Middle School

# The truth? Middle School is major.

Friendships get deeper. Interests become more interesting. And fine-tuning the skills needed for successful learning is absolutely critical. Academically, socially, and emotionally, these years are huge. At Santa Catalina Middle School, we embrace all of the joys and all of the complexity. Everything we do sets the stage for exponential growth.

**Open to all.** Inspired by our Catholic roots, we encourage students to explore their spirituality, regardless of faith, through weekly religion classes and monthly Mass.



# Not just learners but thoughtful creators.

One day it might be a sea creature sculpture, another a 3D-printed face shield or a rap song about algebraic equations. Whatever the learning journey, Catalina Middle School students are asked to be responsible and self-aware. To think for themselves and be compassionate in their care of others.



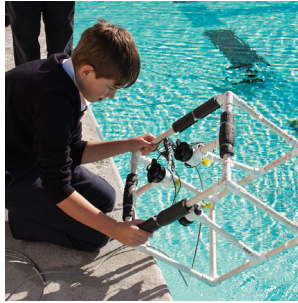
**Waking up minds and bodies.** P.E. class kicks off every morning. Middle School students also have the opportunity to compete in seven different interscholastic sports: basketball, flag football, golf, soccer, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

**Adults who care.** Middle School advisors are extraordinarily tuned in to students and go above and beyond to provide support. Students meet with their advisors to keep schoolwork on track, share concerns, or just talk.



**Art is everywhere.** And Catalina students are getting noticed: Middle School students regularly take home a slew of awards at the Scholastic Art Awards. Our students also explore sound and music theory and have the option of taking private instrument or voice lessons.

**Powerful questions.** They ground the Middle School curriculum. By digging deep, asking and answering, students find meaning in complex concepts and begin to more fully understand their place in the world.



## The tools and experiences to uncover meaning.

It happens when you mix Monet with math. Shakespeare with science. Beethoven with Buddhism. Because at Catalina, it's all connected. Our Middle School students build a strong academic foundation in *all* areas, from STEM to art to English to religion.



**Ingenuity through trial and error.** Built into all Middle School science classes, the engineering design process prepares students to find solutions through a series of trials, tweaks, and improvements.

### **Learning gets up-close-and-personal with trips to:**

- Overnight destinations through the IEB program (Imagine Explore Become)
- Washington, D.C.
- Yosemite National Park
- Mount Hermon
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Monterey County Food Bank

### **Technology is integrated into every classroom.**

By the time they graduate, Middle School students are proficient in multiple operating systems and can move seamlessly between mobile and desktop environments.

### **Living the Spanish language.**

Spanish classes at Catalina are fully immersive and include plenty of field trips and opportunities to engage with native speakers.

# More than ready for the next step.

Catalina Middle School graduates are academically prepared, emotionally mature, and intellectually inspired. They're ready to do, and be, their best. And they have all the tools for success in high school, college, and beyond.



## Where do our students go from here?

- Carmel High School
- Monterey Academy of Oceanographic Science
- Palma School
- Santa Catalina School
- Stevenson School
- York School



**Character first.** Our multi-grade-level character education program, Compass, gives students the chance to teach and learn from each other through monthly meetings, weekly classes (for eighth graders), social events, and ongoing service projects.

**Ways to lead.** Clubs and organizations, as well as our Student Senate, offer countless opportunities for stepping into leadership roles. Even parent/teacher conferences are an opportunity for students to find their voice: Middle School students facilitate these very important conversations.



# Ready to learn more?

We would love to hear from you.

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Learn more and apply online:

[santacatalina.org](http://santacatalina.org)

If you're wondering about affordability, don't hesitate to reach out to our Director of Tuition Assistance at 831.655.9382.

We're committed to enrolling excellent, deserving students from a wide range of socioeconomic, religious, geographic, and cultural backgrounds.



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