

# Junior High | Grades 7-8

## Benilde-St. Margaret's

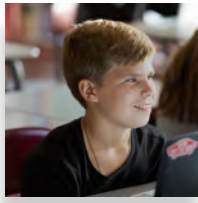
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### Benefits of the Benilde-St. Margaret's Junior High experience:



- Access to a premier, Catholic college preparatory school in the Twin Cities
- Each 7th and 8th grade student is personally known and recognized as a valued member of the BSM community
- BSM Junior High students are engaged because BSM values and delivers a balanced approach to teaching and learning
- Students personally explore and develop their faith in BSM's caring environment
- Students develop individualized partnerships with faculty and staff to help Red Knights set and reach goals that shape their future
- BSM Junior High students learn from a dedicated faculty who average 15 years of experience teaching in a middle school setting
- Parents gain a connection to an active, engaged, and welcoming parent community
- Students work on study skills, time management, and core academics to make the transition to senior high seamless
- Students have designated time each week for Advisory and Wellness which provide opportunities for personal growth spiritually, socially, and emotionally

**“ For me, BSM is a place where I feel safe, where people are kind and where you can be yourself. I really feel like there is a community that is caring. ”**



**“I have friends at BSM I could have never imagined having at my previous school. I have met some of the nicest people and am so happy to be at such a great school.”**

### Did you know?

- BSM students and their families come from more than 58 different cities in the metro area.
- BSM has more than 30 extracurricular athletics and activities programs specifically for BSM Junior High students (with potential opportunities to join high school level teams or clubs).
- Over the last five years, 48% of our BSM Senior High valedictorians began their Red Knight careers in the BSM Junior High.
- BSM offers retreat programs and service learning opportunities for both 7th and 8th grade students.
- The BSM Junior High has a number of support services students and families can take advantage of including, academic/learning specialists, small group support, and 1:1 counselor meetings.
- Students benefit from smaller class sizes (average of 21) while still sharing in the energy and spirit of a larger school environment.
- The BSM Junior High uses WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) to facilitate peer-to-peer mentoring between 7th and 8th grade students.
- BSM Junior High students have multiple opportunities to learn and grow outside of the classroom setting through a range of annual trip offerings and service-based experiences.
- There are 69 BSM Junior High students currently enrolled in upper level classes in the BSM Senior High.
- The BSM Junior High employs a full-time counselor who specializes in the middle school environment. The counselor meets with each 7th and new 8th grade student to ensure a smooth transition into BSM and to provide support and guidance throughout their Junior High experience. BSM faculty and staff members also regularly take part in professional development to strengthen their understanding of adolescent mental health.



**“Benilde-St. Margaret’s School is a great place to learn with a cool environment. BSM has so many great teams, clubs, and activities. There really is something for everyone.”**



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