FOR 6th, 7th & 8th GRADE STUDENTS

June 24 - July 25, 2024
Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SCRANTON PREP’S HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

BUILD YOUR FUTURE TODAY
OUR MISSION

As a transformative middle-school experience for high-achieving students, Scranton Prep’s BUILD Higher Achievement Program enriches creative and critical thinking, encourages compassionate and cultured responsibility, and enlivens curious and charismatic faith.

OUR PRACTICE

BUILD is an educational and leadership program that invites middle-school students to lay the foundation for their futures. Through a unique five-week enrichment program guided by full-time faculty from Scranton Prep and other area schools, students experience *cura personalis* - care for the whole person - through rigorous courses in Mathematics, Reading, and Writing, through leadership and counseling workshops, and through mini-courses in music, art, theater, athletics, nutrition, science, and technology. BUILD provides students a chance to build academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.
SCHEDULE

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MORNINGS

The Daily Build: gathering & team-building experience
Breakfast Break
Foundations: core curriculum courses

AFTERNOONS

Framework: daily prayer/reflection experience
Lunch Break & Recess
Workshop: special activity curriculum
Mortar Moment: leadership seminar
The Daily Capstone: recap & review experience

Wednesdays are OUT + ABOUT DAYS, which include tours of local establishments and service opportunities in our community.
ACADEMICS
Every morning, students take three courses designed to improve their academic performance in their school years ahead as well as on the High School Placement Test (HSPT).

MATHEMATICS
- Develop skills covered in 6th grade and explore topics covered in 7th and 8th grades.
- Explore Algebra and Geometry concepts
- Practice problem solving techniques required for success on standardized tests

CRITICAL THINKING THROUGH READING
- Develop reading comprehension and study skills
- Explore group discussions, vocabulary review, independent reading, and critical analysis of texts
- Practice questions and content encountered on standardized tests

WRITING
- Develop key elements of quality writing
- Explore writing purpose and audience, use of effective vocabulary, sentence structure, and sentence variety
- Practice writing short stories, personal narratives, poetry, and descriptive, persuasive, and informational paragraphs.
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
The theme for each week’s work will be centered around a weekly workshop. Area professionals will join us to lead a daily workshop in some of the following fields:

- Studio art
- Music
- Theater
- Athletics
- Science
- Technology
- Health & Nutrition

SERVICE ACTIVITIES
The mission of Scranton Prep - and thus the mission of BUILD - is greatly rooted in a call to serve God and neighbor, especially in our local community. Each Wednesday, BUILD participants will participate in a service project that helps build the Scranton community into a more positive and loving environment. Any necessary waiver and/or permission forms will be distributed the week prior to the service project.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES
While the daily interactions of BUILD are for middle-school students, the program is designed to help BUILD relationships both within and outside the family unit. Several evening activities - corresponding with the theme of the week - will be offered for a participant’s entire family. A full schedule of events will be shared once the program is full.
BUILD is accepting applications for students who meet the following criteria: student is entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade; student is academically gifted; student has leadership potential; and student’s family demonstrates financial need.

1. Fill out information form and submit your application.

2. Submit teacher recommendation and copy of most recent report card.

3. Attend family interview with BUILD director upon review of application.

4. Start BUILD-ing your future!

For more information, contact Daniel Marx, BUILD Director at 570-941-7737 or email dmarx@scrantonprep.org.