



The Summerbridge Spirit

Special Student Edition!

Brought to you by the Spring 8th Grade Language Arts Class

Summerbridge Questionnaire

Do you know everything about SB? Well, let's see. Just answer this questionnaire about some simple SB facts. Check your score at the bottom of the page.

1. Deundra Hundon is the Director of Summerbridge.
TRUE or FALSE
2. Most of the teachers in the summer are professional teachers.
TRUE OR FALSE
3. A butcher gives SB Biology classes pig hearts to dissect in the summer.
TRUE or FALSE
4. Imani has worked at SB for over 10 years.
TRUE or FALSE
5. On average 36 6th graders and one or two 7th graders are accepted to SB every year.
TRUE or FALSE
6. Enrichment classes are sometimes exciting and fun.
TRUE or FALSE
7. SB students wash their hands to eliminate germs.
TRUE or FALSE
8. SB is not eco-friendly.
TRUE or FALSE
9. UHS students receive community service hours for tutoring SB students.
TRUE or FALSE
10. 3000 people apply for jobs at SB every year.
TRUE or False

Correct Answers

1. TRUE
2. FALSE
3. TRUE
4. FALSE
5. TRUE
6. TRUE
7. TRUE
8. FALSE
9. TRUE
10. FALSE

Now write the # of correct answers: ____ out of 10

10 out of 10: SB Genius

8-9 out of 10: Super Intelligent SB Almost Know It All

6-7 out of 10: SB Rising Star

5 or below: You need to study those facts better!

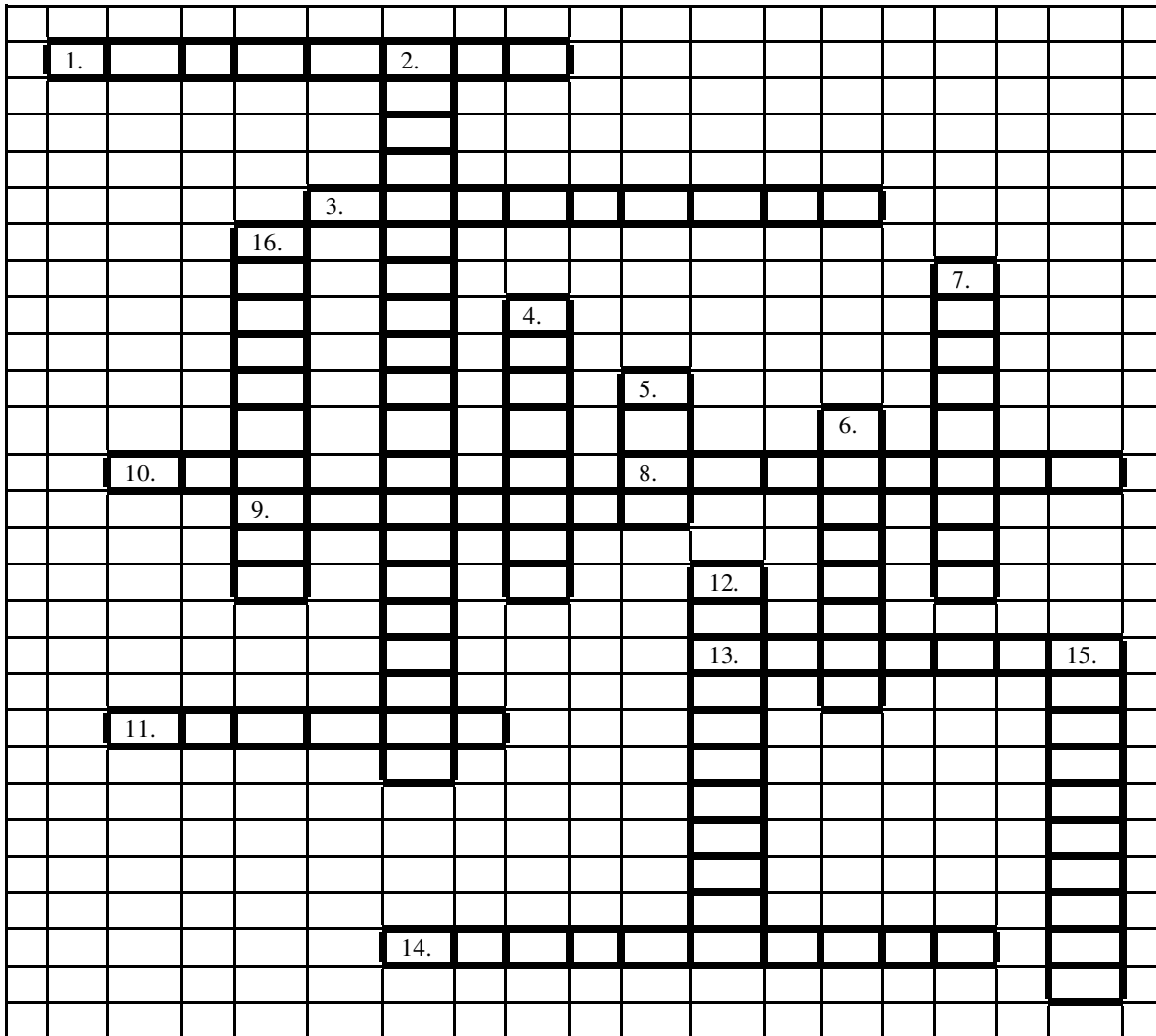
Some 7th Grade Advice: From Dr. Raven & Dr. Robeil

How do I know if I should apply to private schools or public schools or both?

Dr. Robeil: Visit and research schools before you apply. Look for schools that will keep you happy for the next four years. Look into things such as extracurricular activities, the college turnout rate, and academic classes offered.

Dr. Raven: An advantage of private schools is that they usually have smaller classes, and the student-teacher ratio is less. Often the facilities of a private school are usually much cleaner. An advantage of a public school is that they are free and save a lot of money for the family. Remember that any academic school is hard to get into and you have to stay on top of your game!

CROSSWORD CORNER: By Vivian Lau



- WORDS:**
 ENGLISH
 MATH
 ENRICHMENT
 TUTORING
 ASM
 SCHEDULE
 ELECTIVES
 UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
 RED HOT
 COOL BLUE
 MEAN GREEN
 STUDENT
 OLYMPICS
 TALENT SHOW
 CASINO NIGHT
 SPIRIT WEEK

ACROSS:

DOWN:

1. EACH STUDENT RECEIVES A _____ ON THE FIRST DAY.
3. 7TH GRADE COLOR
8. _____ IS PROVIDED TO STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.
9. IN THE 8TH GRADE _____ CLASS, STUDENTS READ WARRIORS DON'T CRY.
10. ALL SCHOOL MEETING
11. 9TH GRADE COLOR
13. SUMMERBRIDGE HAS _____ TEACHERS.
14. DURING _____, STUDENTS DRESS IN THEIR PAJAMAS, CLASS COLOR, AND OTHER WACKY OUTFITS.

2. SUMMERBRIDGE IS ASSOCIATED WITH _____.
4. DURING THE _____, THE STUDENTS PLAY GAMES AND TEAM WITH ANOTHER CLUB.
5. ONE OF THE ENRICHMENT SUBJECTS INCLUDES _____.
6. 8TH GRADE CLASS COLOR
7. IN THE AFTERNOON DURING THE SUMMER, EACH STUDENT HAS TWO _____.
12. DURING _____ THE CLUBS TRY TO EARN THE MOST MONEY.
15. STUDENTS CAN SHOW THEIR TALENTS IN THE _____.
16. THE _____ CLASSES INCLUDE MATH AND ENGLISH.

My World: By Nicolas Soto

In my world we work together... Instead of being separated. In my world we show peace... Instead of violence. In my world we come together... Instead of being segregated. Like John Lennon said, "I hope some day you will join us and the world will be as one." In my world everyone is invited in... So we can truly be as one.

High School Applications: An Insider's View

Written by David Soloranzo, Simone Landis, and Michelle Tong

For the SummerBridge newsletter, the three of us interviewed Robeil Andebrhan, Nico Valle-Umagat, Vivian Lau, and Raven Campbell from the 8th grade class to talk about the high school process and to give advice to the upcoming 8th graders. They will give an overview of their experience of the whole high school process. We hope that the information given by these students help your children with their high school applications!

Q: How did SummerBridge influence the choice of high schools that you applied for?

Robeil: SummerBridge influenced me because it gave me an overview of what type of high schools that I should choose to go to.

Q: Who helped you the most when you were applying for the different high schools?

Robeil: The people who helped me the most on the high school applications were my brother and my mom. My brother gave me an idea of what would be on the application, and what to look out for. My mom helped me by encouraging me to finish the application.

Q: How were the high school applications in general?

Nico: They were a lot of work, but I had to get them done. With my parents' help, I finished. The applications take a lot of time, and you really have to think about what you have to put on the application.

Q: How did you prepare for the applications?

Nico: I was prepared for the application because of SummerBridge. I knew what was going to be on the applications because of the prep class.

Q: Were the high school applications difficult for you?

Vivian: Some of them were because some of the questions were a bit hard to answer, but it was sort of easy because on the independent schools, a few of the questions were the same. It took a while, but if you balance your time out, you will be able to finish on time.

Q: How long did the questions on the application take you?

Vivian: Well, some of the questions on the applications had a word limit, so I had to be really careful about what to write on the application. On some of the other applications, there was a character limit, which meant that the punctuation marks and spaces also counted in the limit. You had to think a lot about your morals and values, so you should be prepared for a few questions that make you think a little deeper.

Q: What would you say about the SSAT prep class?

Raven: It was fabulous, and I learned so much! It helped me improve my score by a few percentage points.

Q: What piece of advice would you give for next year's 8th graders?

Raven: Have fun, take your time on your applications, listen closely in your 8th grade Choices class, and keep your hopes up about the high schools you applied for! You also have to remember to do well in school by paying attention in class because the high school administrators look at your grade point averages.

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Seasons of Change: Goodbye from the Program Associate

Dear Summerbridge Friends and Family,

After one year and three months as a part of this fantastic program, I am now moving on from the Summerbridge office. In the beginning, I originally came into the Summerbridge office as temporary support while the former Director, Meredith Laban, was out on maternity leave. When Meredith returned, she asked that I stay on to continue helping the program through the summer. After much discussion, the Summerbridge office decided to expand to three people and I was asked to stay as long as our budget could support it. As you know, the weak economy is affecting everyone and our office can no longer sustain three staff positions. My original plan was to stay on until July, but I was recently offered a full-time position which starts immediately and which I simply could not refuse. I am lucky to be able to continue doing work that I love, and only wish that I could have stayed with Summerbridge longer.

I am happy to report that I leave the program, and many of my responsibilities, in good hands. Isaac Kwock has joined Summerbridge San Francisco as our new Assistant Director. Isaac previously worked as the Assistant Director of University Settlement at the Houston Street Center in the Lower East Side of New York City. At University Settlement, he developed and managed multiple programs, including an after-school program for middle school students. He has worked with young people in various capacities for more than 14 years, and looks forward to new experiences with Summerbridge SF! Please welcome him and treat him with the kindness and love that you gave me. I will miss you all, and wish you the very best.

Thank You For Everything,

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