



THE SYRACUSE
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Great
Expectations

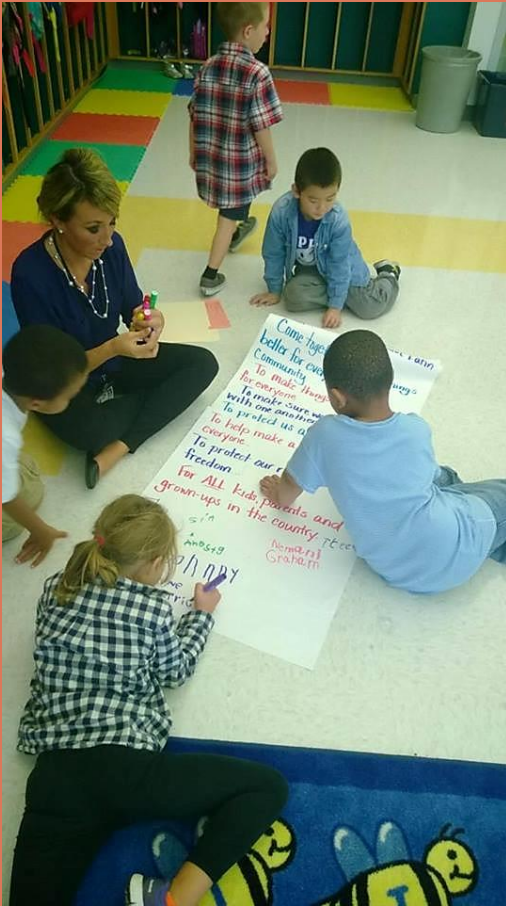
2012 - 2017



The Syracuse Latin School '15 – '16 Information Session

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What is The Syracuse Latin School?



- The Syracuse Latin School is...
- ❖ A ***PUBLIC*** elementary school with admissions criteria open to grades K-2 for 2015-2016
 - ❖ An opportunity for gifted students to receive a rigorous academic program connected to student interests
 - ❖ A school that supports community service outside of the school day
 - ❖ A school that welcomes family and community involvement

How is The Syracuse Latin School Structured?

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- **2015-2016 School-year**
 - 3 Kindergarten Classes
 - 3 1st Grade Classes
 - 2 2nd Grade Classes

****Syracuse Latin will continue to grow ONE (1) grade per year into a Kindergarten – 5th Grade School by 2018***



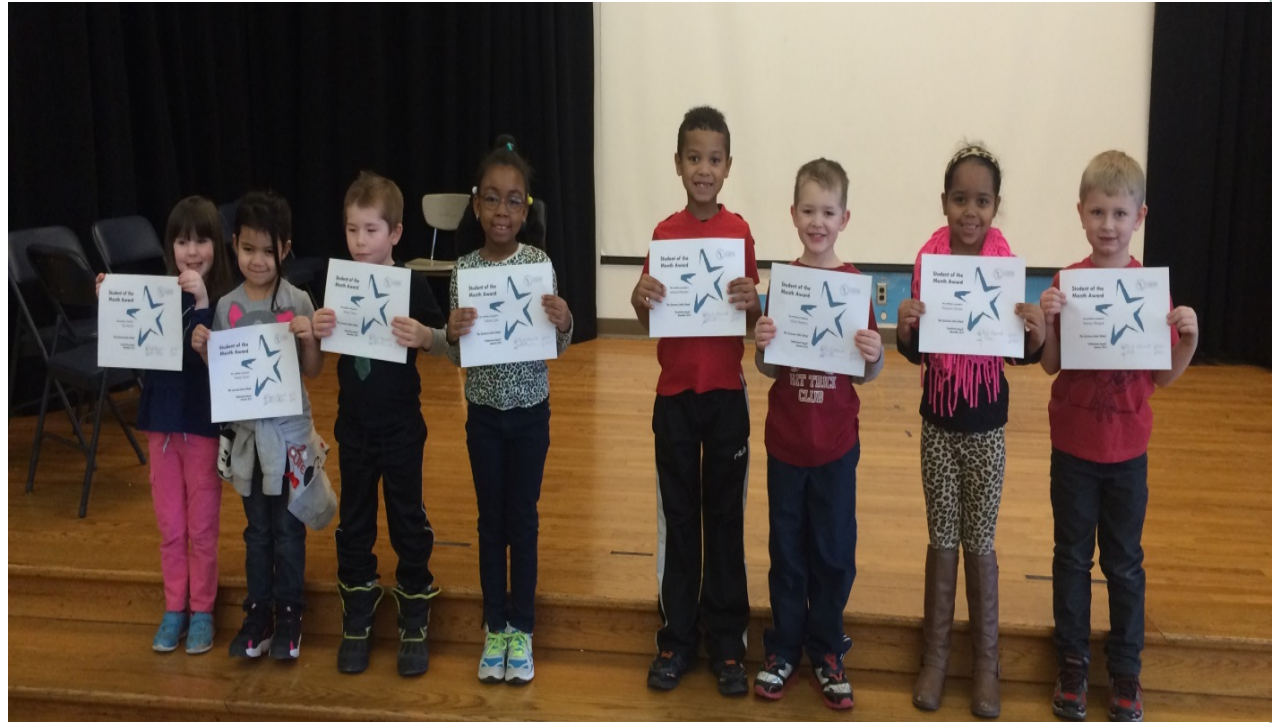
What is The Classical Model of Education?

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- A challenging liberal arts program
- Focus on the study of Latin language and the classics
- Instructional program is accelerated and highly structured
- An explicit three-part process (Trivium) of training the mind:
 - The Grammar Stage
 - The Logic Stage
 - The Rhetoric Stage



*The vision of
The Syracuse
Latin School
is to celebrate
learning by
providing an
academically
rigorous
curriculum with
a focus on
leadership,
citizenship
and
intellectual
growth.*



**The Syracuse Latin School
'Vision'**

What Does this look like at **The Syracuse Latin School**?

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- Use of the **Core Knowledge** program for English/
Language Arts block
 - Core Knowledge is a comprehensive program that builds students' knowledge and vocabulary in essential domains in literature, American and global history and the sciences.
 - Content includes:
 - ✦ Kindergarten: The Five Senses, Plants, Native Americans, Taking Care of Earth
 - ✦ 1st Grade: The Human Body, Early World Civilizations, The History of the Earth, Animals & Habitats



What Does this look like at **The Syracuse Latin School**?

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- Use of the **Engage NY Math Modules** for mathematics
 - Students work to develop and apply their own strategies when working with word problems
 - 1st Grade students participate in a Stock Market Challenge
 - Math enrichment groups, differentiated homework and assignments



Targeted Small Group Instruction / Workshop



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Gifted Institute *for teachers*

World Classical Language

Instructional Extensions

Individual Learning Portfolios

Commitment to Community Service

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Partnership with **Nazareth College** in Rochester, NY
to design the **Gifted Institute** for teachers

*By the Summer of 2016, the first cohort of
teachers will have their Gifted & Talented
endorsement from New York State*

The logo for Nazareth College, featuring the word "Nazareth" in a purple serif font and "COLLEGE" in a yellow sans-serif font below it.

Nazareth
COLLEGE

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World Classical Language offering beginning in Kindergarten

What this looks like...

- ✓ All students are immersed in Spanish instruction 3 times per week.
- ✓ Spanish instruction also occurs in small groups during other content areas such as mathematics and social studies

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Instructional Extensions to curriculum that allow students to explore content in-depth

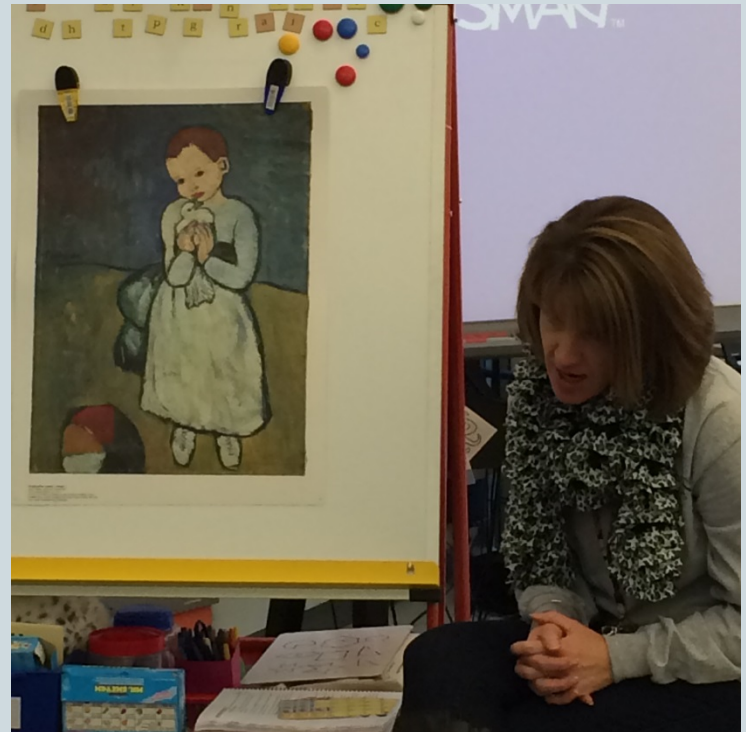
What this looks like...

- ✓ Students complete an interdisciplinary project once per quarter
- ✓ Weekly ***Enrichment Clusters*** provide students the opportunity to choose and learn more about topics that are of interest to them



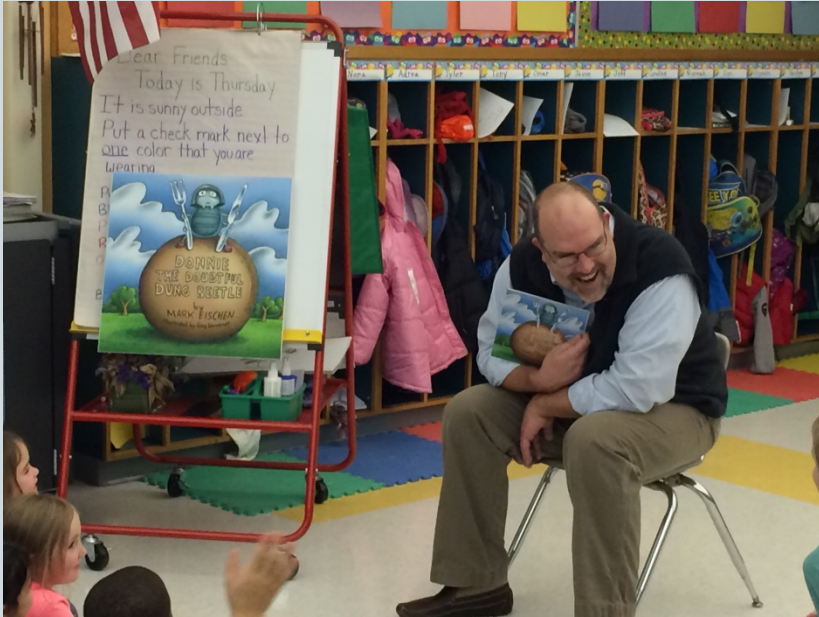
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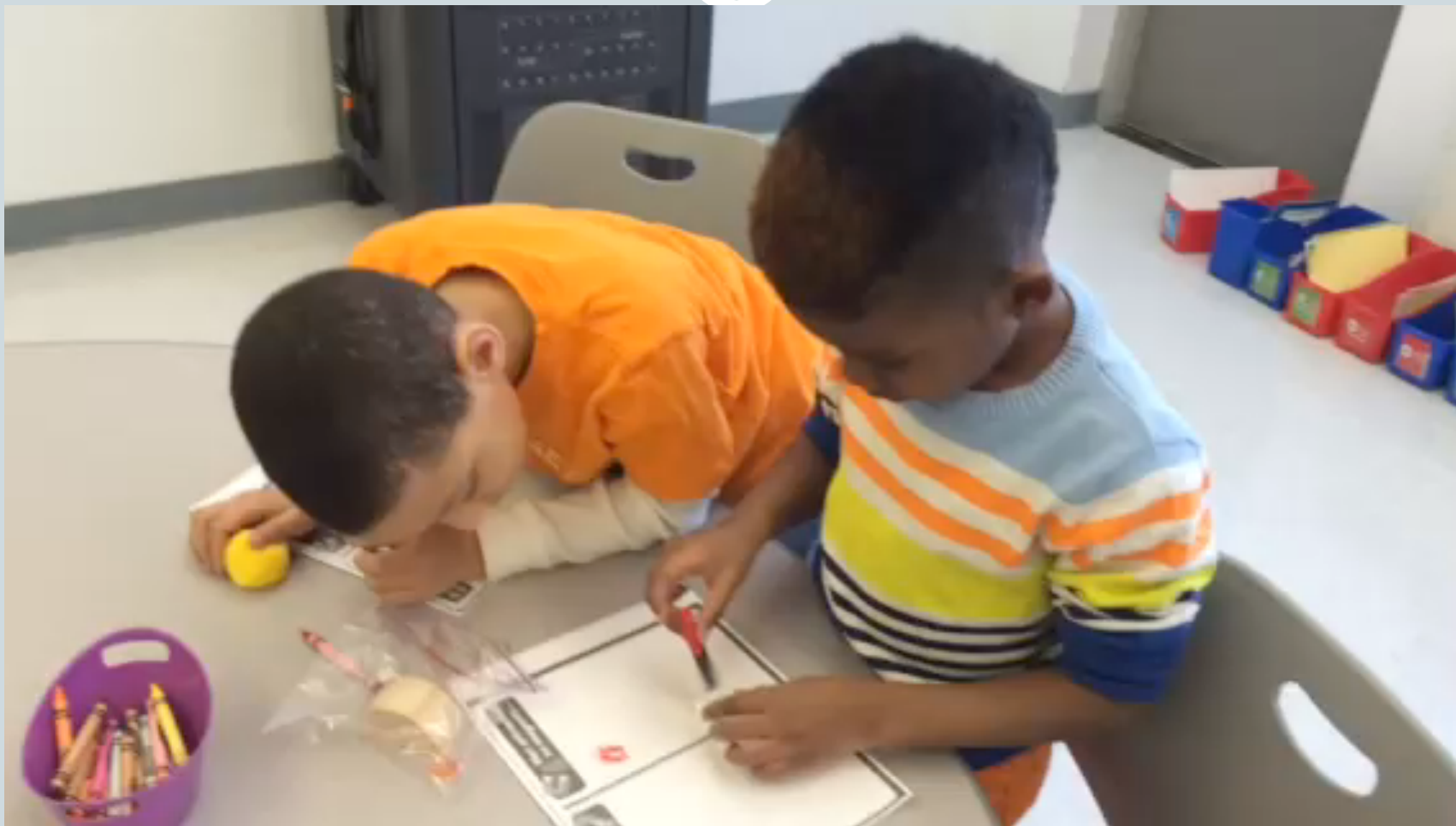


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Individual Learning Portfolios that will follow a students' educational journey

What this looks like...

- ✓ Students complete weekly reflection journal that allows them to reflect on the previous week's content and set goals for the week ahead
- ✓ Students track their learning with individual data binders and student portfolios

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Commitment to Community Service and how students make sense of the world around them

What this looks like...

- ✓ Students participate in at least one community service project each quarter. The project is the vision of the students and supported by the adults!
- ✓ Projects have included:
 - ✓ Making placemats for “Meals on Wheels”
 - ✓ “Keep our Babies Warm” donations and making fleece blankets
 - ✓ Turkey Trot and Salvation Army Food Drive



Sample Kindergarten Schedule



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Meeting 9:00-9:15	Morning Meeting 9:00-9:15	Morning Meeting 9:00-9:15	Morning Meeting 9:00-9:15	Morning Meeting 9:00-9:15
Reading Skills 9:15 – 9:45	Reading Skills 9:15 – 9:45	Reading Skills 9:15 – 9:45	Reading Skills 9:15 – 9:45	Reading Skills 9:15 – 9:45
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Math 11:45 – 12:55	Math 11:45 – 12:55	Math 11:45 – 12:55	Math 11:45 – 12:55	Math 11:45 – 12:55
Music 12:55 – 1:35	Art 12:55 – 1:35	PE2 (Goodness) 12:55 – 1:35	Library 12:55 – 1:35	PE2 (Goodness) 12:55 – 1:35
Social Studies 1:35 – 2:15	Project Lab 1:35 – 2:15	Roundtable 1:35 – 2:15	Science/Science Lab 1:35 – 2:15	Social Studies 1:35 – 2:15
Science / Science Lab 2:15 – 2:55	Spanish 2:15 – 2:55	Writing Lab 2:15 – 2:55	Spanish 2:15 – 2:55	Project Lab 2:15 – 2:55
Prepare for Dismissal 2:55	Prepare for Dismissal 2:55	Prepare for Dismissal 2:55	Prepare for Dismissal 2:55	Prepare for Dismissal 2:55

Sample 1st Grade Schedule

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Boy...that's a packed schedule!

Daily Schedule

8:45 - 9:00	Breakfast	morning work
9:00 - 9:15	Morning Meeting	
9:15 - 9:45	phonics	
9:45 - 10:30	reading	
10:30 - 11:00	writing	
11:00 - 11:45	lunch	recess
11:45 - 12:55	math	
12:55 - 1:35	art	
1:35 - 2:15	Enrichment Clusters	
2:15 - 2:55	dismissal	
2:55 - 3:00		

Taking a “Brain Break!”



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All Syracuse Latin School Scholars are expected to engage in the following at home...

Daily:

- ❖ 15 – 30 minutes of ***Homework*** (grade-level dependent)
- ❖ 20 minutes of reading and completion of ***Home Reading Log***

Weekly:

- ❖ ***Weekly Reflection Log*** to set individual goals for the upcoming week

Monthly:

- ❖ ***Home/School Connection Project***



Opportunities for Family Involvement at The Syracuse Latin School!

Join the “Friends of Syracuse Latin School” PTO group

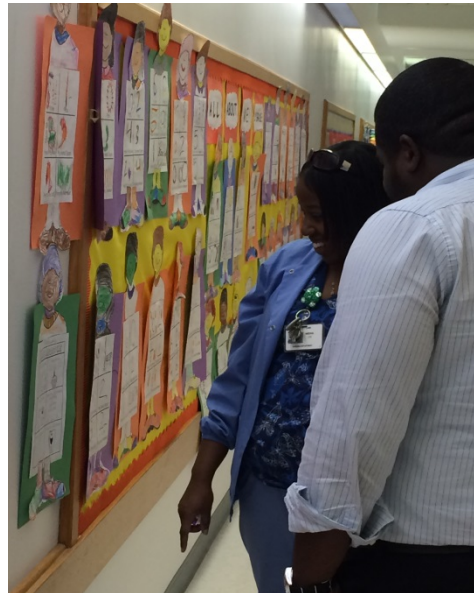
Participate in “Family Fun Nights” – get to know other families!

Volunteer Opportunities at the School or from home

Teach an Enrichment Cluster

Be a “Mystery Reader”

Join the School Leadership/Academic Leadership / School Climate Teams



Transportation & After-School Programming

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- Yellow bus transportation provided for students who live more than 1.5 miles from school
- After-School program (currently partnered with YMCA) Mon-Thurs (October – May)
- Before-School and After-School care (fee based) from YMCA in '15 – '16

What is the Admissions Process?

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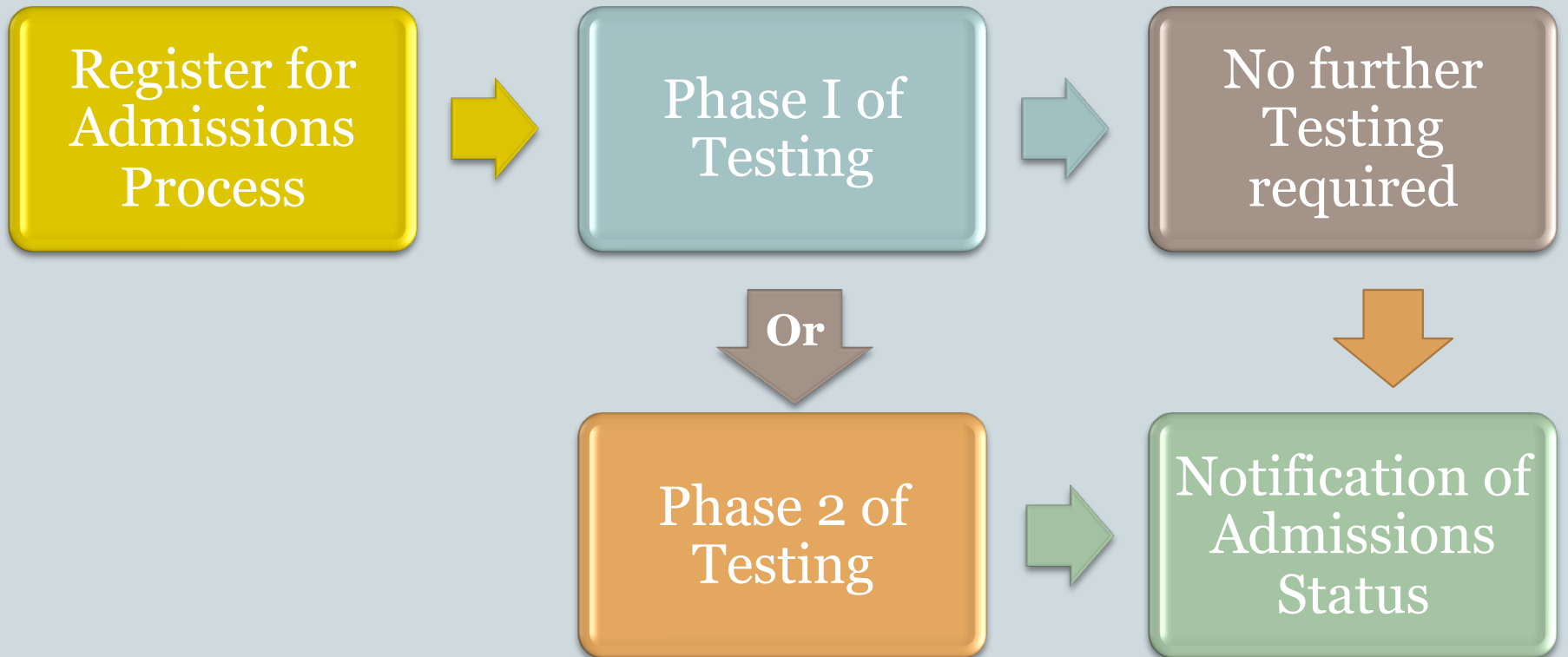
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Admissions Process Timeline (tentative)

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February 2nd – 28th

-Registration Link for Admissions Process Open

February / March

-Phase I and Phase II (if required) testing

By April 3rd

-Notification of Admissions Status

By April 17th

-Families notify SCSD of Intent to Enroll

Upcoming School Tours

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Tuesday, January 27th (12:00 – 1:00)
Thursday, January 29th (9:30 – 10:30)
Monday, February 2nd (12:00 – 1:00)
Wednesday, February 4th (1:30 – 2:30)
Friday, February 6th (9:30 – 10:30)
Monday, February 9th (12:00 – 1:00)
Thursday, February 12th (9:30 – 10:30)

Registration is REQUIRED

Contact Information

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