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### *Vista Academy Hosts Curriculum Night*

On Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Math/Science Teacher Mike Montgomery and I hosted Vista Academy's first Curriculum Night. The event enabled us to showcase our innovative curriculum, as we walked parents through the process of curriculum selection and the overall scope and sequence for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade.

Vista Academy has a deep understanding of the gifted adolescent, and our programmatic decisions are made through this lens, enabling us to develop a middle school that best meets the needs of this unique student population.

We created a comprehensive [Curriculum Guide](#), which spells out Vista's philosophical underpinnings, describes our understanding of the gifted adolescent learner, and details the middle school curriculum. Further, we developed grade level themes for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade, crafted after months of piecing together the curriculum and other programmatic features.

Vista is very excited about welcoming its first class of sixth graders in September, 2007. We have worked hard to put together a program that both challenges and nurtures these remarkable students, and we are confident that our graduates will be well prepared for academic and personal success in high school and beyond.

I invite you to read through the Curriculum Guide, and I welcome your comments and questions. We are developing something very special here at Vista Academy, and I hope your family will join me on this amazing educational journey.

Tim Costello  
Middle School Head