



## Prepare to Get Schooled in Hearthstone®'s New Expansion—Enrollment in Scholomance Academy™ Begins Early August!

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*The Scholomance Academy Mega Bundle, one of two card pack bundles available for pre-purchase, includes five bonus Golden card packs, the Kel'Thuzad Hero, a Tavern Pass, and more*

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 14, 2020-- Class will officially be in session early August with the arrival of **Scholomance Academy™**, the next expansion for Blizzard Entertainment's smash-hit digital card game *Hearthstone®*. Within the hallowed halls of this fabled college of magic, students will encounter **135 all-new cards**, designed to supercharge the game with sorcerous synergies and dazzling displays of arcane splendor.

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At *Scholomance Academy*, students will immerse themselves in a range of magical disciplines designed to empower their continued success in *Hearthstone*. This mystical curriculum is best represented by **Dual-Class** cards, usable by two classes (the ultimate double major) and designed around mechanics and strategies they both share. Hunter and Druid students, for example, both have an affinity for beasts and will learn of new ways to harness their wild power. There are 40 Dual-Class cards in *Scholomance Academy*, including 10 signature Legendary professor minions—one for each of the unique class pairings.

To achieve the highest marks, *Scholomance Academy* pupils will also have to master the **Spellburst** keyword, found on minions and weapons, which triggers a powerful one-time effect the next time the player casts a spell. In addition, **Studies** allow players to **Discover** a card (select one card from three choices to add

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to your hand) immediately and reduce the mana cost of the next card they play of that type.

"We love introducing new twists and mechanics to *Hearthstone*, and *Scholomance Academy* is one of our most inventive expansions to date," said J. Allen Brack, president of Blizzard Entertainment. "This is *Hearthstone* at its best, and we can't wait to see what players do with the new Dual-Class cards and all the other tools and tricks we're adding."

Students looking to prepare for the academic year can pre-purchase the **Scholomance Academy Mega Bundle** for \$79.99 USD, which comes with 85 *Scholomance Academy* card packs—5 of which are Golden Card Packs (containing all Golden *Scholomance Academy* cards)—plus one random *Scholomance Academy* Golden Legendary card; the Kel'Thuzad Mage Hero; the Kel'Thuzad card back; and a Tavern Pass, unlocking time-limited perks for *Hearthstone Battlegrounds®* and granting four Arena Tickets, which are good for a free run in the game's Arena mode. Also available is the **Scholomance Academy Bundle** for \$49.99 USD, which includes 55 *Scholomance Academy* packs, one random *Scholomance Academy* Golden Legendary Card, and the Kel'Thuzad card back.

Starting today July 14, players can log in to receive two free copies of the epic neutral minion card Transfer Student\*.

For more information on *Scholomance Academy*, visit the [official site](#).

\*Limit two per account. Must log in by October 20, 2020 to claim.

### About *Hearthstone*

With more than 100 million players worldwide, *Hearthstone* is Blizzard Entertainment's internationally acclaimed, free-to-play digital card game designed for novice and veteran card-slingers alike. Players can choose from 10 powerful hero classes and customize their decks with minions, spells, and weapons based on the unique fantasy of the *Warcraft®* universe. Featuring a variety of game modes ranging from epic head-to-head duels to

story-driven Solo Adventures, *Hearthstone* offers a vibrant and rewarding experience stacked with strategy, personality, and fun. *Hearthstone* is available globally for Windows and Mac PCs; Windows, iOS, and Android tablets; and iOS, and Android mobile phones.

#### **About Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.**

Best known for blockbuster hits including *World of Warcraft*<sup>®</sup>, *Hearthstone*<sup>®</sup>, *Overwatch*<sup>®</sup>, the *Warcraft*, *StarCraft*<sup>®</sup>, and *Diablo*<sup>®</sup> franchises, and the multifranchise *Heroes of the Storm*<sup>®</sup>, Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. ([www.blizzard.com](http://www.blizzard.com)), a division of Activision Blizzard (NASDAQ: ATVI), is a premier developer and publisher of entertainment software renowned for creating some of the industry's most critically acclaimed games. Blizzard Entertainment's track record includes twenty-two #1 games\* and multiple Game of the Year awards. The company's online gaming service, [Battle.net](http://Battle.net)<sup>®</sup>, is one of the largest in the world, with millions of active players.

\*Sales and/or downloads based on internal company records and reports from key distributors.

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