

HOLY SPIRIT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Ministrare non Ministrari

Sixth Grade Curriculum

In Sixth Grade *Theology* our students will:

- Study Sacred Scripture, focusing on the idea of how God reveals Himself and His plan for our salvation through the inspired Word of the Bible.
- Explore how to read and use the Bible, and how it is unique among books.
- Learn about the authority of the Magisterium, senses of Scripture, and how to pray.

In Sixth Grade *Mathematics* our students will:

- Build upon their previous mathematical skills to be able to study more advanced concepts of algebra and geometry.
- Analyze different types of graphs and charts, and the concepts of averaging and sampling.
- Explore concepts, problem solve, and create mathematical models.

In Sixth Grade *Science* our students will:

- Approach science at the logic level, through inquiry-based techniques of the scientific method.
- Learn about topics such as the solar system, planet earth, geology and weather.
- Continue to integrate the historical and theological issues that accompany nature studies to provide a comprehensive approach to learning about the natural world.

In Sixth Grade *History* our students will:

- Learn about geography, history, culture, and how these come together in the forming of the world's great civilizations and unique cultures.
- Cover the cultures of the ancient Greeks and Romans, along with cultures of Europe, Latin America, and those of the Eastern world as well, with a focus on the Rise of Christianity.
- Study the way in which our Church progressed throughout history.

In Sixth Grade *English* our students will:

- Develop reading comprehension through a variety of texts, and cultivate their composition, grammar, and vocabulary skills.
- Focus on vocabulary, author's perspective, and literary devices through a variety of novels.
- Explore strategies such as Close Reading, Socratic Seminars, Writer's Workshop, and written connections made with the class readings.

In Sixth Grade *Latin* our students will:

- Introduction to Latin with a systematic study of nouns and adjectives, in particular.
- Have the prayers of the holy Rosary memorized, such as the Pater Noster, Ave Maria, and Gloria Patri.
- Learn Latin chants and the parts of the Mass.

In Sixth Grade *Fine Arts* our students will:

- Strengthen their musical talent and appreciation through either Choir, Concert Band, or Symphonic Band
- Develop greater understanding of visual art through techniques such as foil relief-collage making, portraiture, and figure drawing
- Understand the sources of inspiration, both divine and secular, for masterpieces throughout history

"I have no greater cause for thankfulness, than when I hear that my children are following the way of truth."

3 John 1:4

Virtue Curriculum

Grades 2nd-6th

Theological Virtue of Focus

Charity

Cardinal Virtue of Focus

Fortitude

Human Virtues of Focus

Perseverance

Justice

Industriousness

Responsibility

Generosity

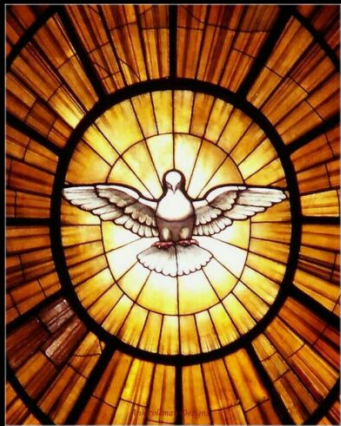
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Seventh Grade Curriculum

In Seventh Grade *Theology* our students will:

- Learn about living as a disciple of Christ.
- Study the essential message of the four Gospels, examining common themes and varying aspects.
- Look at the foundations of human dignity, our origin and end, the Sacraments, and different types of prayers.

In Seventh Grade *Pre-Algebra* our students will:

- Bridge more number-oriented mathematics to a strong symbol-oriented algebra and geometry as students prepare for the Upper School.
- Increase their use of algebraic principles including prime and composite numbers, rational numbers and fractions, ratio/proportion/percent, finite and infinite sets.
- Continue to develop their use of formulas.

In Seventh Grade *Science* our students will:

- Use inquiry-based techniques of the scientific method to learn about new topics such as plants and animals, including invertebrates and vertebrates, and human biology/physiology.
- Approach scientific topics through exploration, lab work, study, writing, group work, independent projects and presentations.
- Integrate the historical and theological issues that accompany nature studies to provide a comprehensive approach to learning about the natural world.

In Seventh Grade *History* our students will:

- Learn about the history of the world spanning the time period from the birth of Jesus Christ up to the Enlightenment.
- Analyze the effect on our world throughout history brought about by the Christian faith.
- Appraise their place in the world, both geographically and culturally, through a deeper understanding of the content and their faith.

In Seventh Grade *English* our students will:

- Explore fictional class novels and non-fiction excerpts in depth, focusing on vocabulary, author's perspective, literary devices, and further comprehension of the reading.
- Utilize Writer's Workshop to experience each step of the writing process by following the teachers' lead, discussion and explanation, writing samples, and guidance through constant feedback and support.
- Develop and cultivate the students' composition, grammar, vocabulary, and comprehension skills.

In Seventh Grade *Latin* our students will:

- Review material from the previous year, and continue with a study of verb conjugations with a focus on the indicative active.
- Continue memorizing prayers of the holy Rosary, including the Salve Regina and the Apostle's Creed, and more common Gregorian chants of the Catholic Tradition

In Seventh Grade *Fine Arts* our students will:

- Grow in their appreciation for music through either Choir, Concert Band, or Symphonic Band.
- Develop greater understanding of visual art through techniques such as sand painting, crayon etching, magazine mosaic, poster design, watercolor painting, and Cubist collage.

"And he answered, Shall we not say, Blessed are those who hear the word of God, and keep it?"
Luke 11:28

Virtue Curriculum

Grades 7th-8th

Theological Virtue of Focus

Faith

Cardinal Virtue of Focus

Temperance

Human Virtues of Focus

Friendship

Moderation

Simplicity

Sociability

Respect

Modesty

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Eighth Grade Curriculum

In Eighth Grade *Theology* our students will:

- Study the communion of the Faithful.
- Learn about personal growth, how we are called to love, and how we are responsible under God and through Him to others.
- Explore morality and conscience formation, church history, the saints, liturgy and hierarchy, natural rights, purpose of government, and God's plan for marriage and the family.

In Eighth Grade *Algebra* our students will:

- Bridge the concrete to the abstract study of mathematics through basic algebraic skills such as functions, graphing, systems of equations, radicals, factoring polynomials, rational equations, probability and statistics, and quadratic functions.
- Emphasize practical methods of solving first- and second-degree equations and inequalities.
- Learn the language, concepts, and techniques for solving problems in a logical succession of steps.

In Eighth Grade *Science* our students will:

- Use inquiry-based techniques of the scientific method to learn about new topics such as forces, motion, energy, thermodynamics, electricity, and introductory chemistry concepts.
- Approach scientific topics through exploration, lab work, study, writing, group work, independent projects and presentations.
- Strive to integrate the historical and theological issues that accompany nature studies to provide a comprehensive approach to learning about the natural world.

In Eighth Grade *History* our students will:

- Explore the time period from the Enlightenment through the conclusion of the second World War, and lay the foundations for the modern world.
- Continue to explore the effect on our world throughout history brought about by the Christian faith.
- Better understand their place in the world, both geographically and culturally, through a deeper understanding of the content and their faith.

In Eighth Grade *English* our students will:

- Learn to use research and analysis to strengthen their writing across every discipline and demonstrate understanding of the rules of language.
- Use shared inquiry to delve deeper into fiction and non-fiction literary texts, identifying and discussing themes as well as literary techniques.
- Have vocabulary instruction integrated within the context of each thematic unit and incorporate the study of Greek and Latin roots and affixes.

In Eighth Grade *Latin* our students will:

- Review material from the previous year, covering additionally: passive and subjunctive verbs
- Continue to memorize prayers of the holy Rosary, Gregorian chant, Mass parts, also incorporating translation of the Latin Bible (the Vulgate).

In Eighth Grade *Fine Arts* our students will:

- Grow in their appreciation for Music through either Choir, Concert Band, or Symphonic Band.
- Develop greater understanding of visual art through techniques such as bead making, landscape and figure drawing, portraiture, cartooning, and trompe l'oeil illusionism.

"A lamp is not lighted to be put away under a bushel measure... and your light must shine so brightly before men that they can see your good works..."

Matthew 5:16

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