



**DePAUL CATHOLIC
8TH GRADE PREP
COURSE CATALOG
2025-2026**

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Welcome to DePaul Catholic 8th Grade Prep

The DePaul Catholic 8th Grade Prep offers a dynamic, supportive, and high-energy transition year that prepares students for success in high school, academically, socially, and spiritually. Families choose DePaul because we combine strong academic expectations, engaging instruction, and a warm, faith-centered environment where every student is known, supported, and challenged to grow.

DePaul empowers students with confidence, critical-thinking skills, positive routines, and a sense of belonging. It's the perfect balance of high-school readiness and middle-school support, helping young learners build momentum for the years ahead.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Founder of the Congregation of the Mission and the Sisters of Charity (A.D. 1660) Saint Vincent DePaul said simplicity was his gospel. He might also have added humility, for which he was famous. Love could be called his gospel since he was known as the Apostle of Charity. While the poor and the needy were his people, it was the children who most profoundly touched his heart and inspired within him the deep sense of Christian charity, which has become synonymous with his name. Pope Clement XII canonized Vincent DePaul in 1737.

DEPAUL CATHOLIC CREST

The DePaul Catholic crest was designed in 1956. It contains the lamp of wisdom, the book of knowledge, and the cross of salvation. Deus Est Caritas is the mantra of the Sisters of Charity who have served at DePaul Catholic since its inception. Students who attend DePaul Catholic understand that growing in wisdom and knowledge is a lifelong journey that becomes more meaningful for the children of God who are one in His love.



MISSION STATEMENT

DePaul Catholic High School is a co-educational diocesan college preparatory high school whose mission is to foster the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social growth of its students.

VISION STATEMENT

The school's vision is to transform young men and women from varying backgrounds into skilled, compassionate citizens who respect the dignity of all people and are striving to become leaders willing to meet the challenges of a complex global society.



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8th Grade Course Descriptions

Humanities and Religion

Theology 8

Students explore the foundations of Catholic faith through Scripture, saints, prayer, and meaningful reflection. The program encourages students to think deeply about compassion, service, decision-making, and what it means to live a faith-filled life. Lessons are interactive, engaging, and rooted in values parents appreciate.

English 8

English 8 blends academic rigor with engaging, theme-driven study. Students read a variety of texts focused on identity, resilience, courage, and personal growth, and they learn to express their ideas with clarity and confidence. Writing instruction strengthens creativity, structure, analysis, and communication—essential skills for high-school success.

History 8

Students study the great civilizations of the ancient world—India, China, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. They analyze geography, culture, government, and innovation to understand how early societies shaped today's world. The course builds inquiry skills, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of global history.

World Languages

Italian I

Students begin building real communication skills through speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities. The course incorporates culture, conversation, and vocabulary that help students feel confident using the language.



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Spanish I

Students develop functional Spanish skills through grammar, vocabulary, cultural learning, and interactive speaking tasks. They gain an appreciation for the Spanish-speaking world while building a foundation for future language study.

Mathematics and Science

Math 8

Math 8 prepares students for Algebra by strengthening number sense, problem-solving, geometry, probability, and statistics. Students work through real-life applications and learn to approach problems with confidence.

Algebra I

This course develops strong algebraic thinking through linear equations, inequalities, systems, functions, and introductory quadratics. Students learn how to reason logically and apply algebra to real-world scenarios.

Algebra I Honors

A fast-paced, enriched program for advanced learners. Students explore challenging concepts more deeply, strengthening abstract reasoning and higher-level problem-solving.

Geometry

Students build spatial reasoning, logical thinking, and geometric understanding. They study shapes, proofs, coordinate geometry, and real-world applications that prepare them for advanced math courses.

Science 8

Science 8 brings chemistry and physics to life through hands-on experiments, lab activities, and real-world investigation. Students explore matter, energy, force, motion, waves, and light—strengthening scientific reasoning and curiosity.



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Fine & Performing Arts

Art 8 (Quarter Course)

Students engage in creative expression through watercolor, acrylics, colored pencil, and mixed media. They explore artistic movements, develop visual literacy, and learn to communicate ideas through art.

Music 8 (Quarter Course)

Music 8 builds vocal technique, ensemble performance skills, musical understanding, and confidence. Students listen, analyze, and create through project-based musical experiences.

Intro to Joinery 8 (Semester Course)

In this course, students will learn the basics design and woodworking. They will of creating technical drawings using traditional drafting techniques, demonstrating an understanding of measurements, scales, proportions, and dimensions.

Physical Education

PE promotes healthy living, teamwork, fitness, and confidence. Students build physical skills and learn the importance of staying active for lifelong wellness.

The DePaul Difference

- High academic expectations and structured routines
- A warm, faith-centered environment
- Teachers who know, support, and challenge each student
- A true bridge to high-school success
- Strong communication between home and school
- Engaging classes that spark curiosity and confidence

The DePaul Catholic 8th Grade Prep is where students grow in faith, confidence, and purpose—ready to embrace the next chapter with pride.



8th - 9th Grade Academic Pathway Overview

A Strong Launch into High School

The DePaul Catholic 8th Grade Prep is intentionally designed to bridge middle school and high school with purpose, structure, and momentum. Students build academic confidence, independent learning habits, and a strong foundation in faith and character, ensuring a smooth, successful transition into Grade 9.

Across every subject, students strengthen analytical thinking, communication skills, digital literacy, and personal responsibility. This year becomes the launchpad for high school success.

Digital Literacy Across All Subjects

Students will build comprehensive computer literacy through the use of Google Suite, introductory AI tools, and specialized digital platforms in each content area, ensuring readiness for the digital demands of modern high-school learning

Subject Pathways

THEOLOGY

8th Grade Course: Theology 8

Pathway to 9th Grade: Theology 9

Prepares Students For:

- Responsible choices and moral reasoning
- Reflection grounded in Catholic identity
- Leadership rooted in faith and character

ENGLISH

8th Grade Course: English 8

Pathway to 9th Grade: English I, Honors English I

Prepares Students For:

- High-school-level analytical reading
- Clear, structured, and persuasive writing
- Confident verbal and written communication



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HISTORY / SOCIAL STUDIES

8th Grade Course: History 8

Pathway to 9th Grade: World History, Human Geography

Prepares Students For:

- Evaluating primary and secondary sources
- Understanding cause-and-effect in societies
- Identify Global perspective and inter-cultural awareness

WORLD LANGUAGES

8th Grade Courses: Italian I, Spanish I

Pathway to 9th Grade: Italian II, Spanish II

Prepares Students For:

- Functional conversational, writing, and listening fluency
- Expanded vocabulary and grammar mastery
- Cultural awareness and real-world communication skills

MATHEMATICS

8th Grade Courses: Math 8, Algebra I, Algebra I Honors, Geometry

Pathway to 9th Grade: Algebra I, Algebra I Honors, Geometry, Algebra II

Prepares Students For:

- Logical and abstract mathematical reasoning
- Multi-step problem solving
- Confidence navigating algebraic and geometric concepts

SCIENCE

8th Grade Course: Science 8

Pathway to 9th Grade: Biology I, Biology I Honors

Prepares Students For:

- High-school laboratory expectations
- Scientific inquiry and curiosity
- Data analysis and evidence-based thinking



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FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

8th Grade Courses: Art 8, Music 8, Intro to Joinery 8

Pathway to 9th Grade: Visual Arts 9, Music Appreciation 9, Joinery I 9

Prepares Students For:

- Creative expression and artistic confidence
- Visual and musical literacy
- Refinement of technique and creative problem-solving

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & WELLNESS

8th Grade Course: Physical Education 8

Pathway to 9th Grade: Freshman Health, Physical Education I

Prepares Students For:

- Lifelong healthy habits
- Teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship
- Personal fitness, coordination, and resilience

A Confident Step into High School - Join the DPCHS Family!

The 8th Grade Prep is more than a final year of middle school: it is a powerful transition year where students grow spiritually & academically, strengthen character, and gain the independence, habits, and mindset that allow them to enter high school ready to excel.

DePaul Catholic prepares students not just for the next grade — **but for the next chapter of a responsible and faith centered life.**

