



St. John Paul II Catholic School

Eighth Grade

Curriculum Close-Up



Literature & Language Arts

- Evaluate, synthesize, and present ideas and information in a variety of publishing and oral formats
- Use increasingly complex oral and written conventions of the English language in speaking and writing
- Read increasingly complex text with fluency and comprehension, specifically memoir, classic American literature, mythology, poetry and drama
- Produce literary response to illustrate deeper understanding of text
- Provide evidence from text to support understanding
- Determine meaning of grade-level academic English words derived from Latin, Greek or other linguistic roots
- Use elements of the writing process: pre-writing, drafting, reviewing/revising, editing and publishing
- Expand the use of increasingly abstract grammar and sentence construction
- Write memoir and personal essay as means to better understand formation of personal values and beliefs
- Engage in the creative writing a fictional narrative, focusing on producing clear characterization, setting and motive
- Produce research in a multiple genre format



Theology

- Analyze personality types and implications on perceptions of God
- Recognize and understand our salvation history
- Comprehend parts of the Mass: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of Eucharist
- Understand how grace of God comes to fruition through sacraments
- Learn how to respect their body and God-given dignity
- Understand our responsibility for all of God's creation
- Recognize ways we experience the Holy Spirit at work in our lives

Foundations of Algebra

- Evaluate, solve, and simplify equations
- Perform transformations of figures on graphs
- Analyze angles and triangles
- Calculate volume of cylinders, spheres, and cones
- Graph and write linear equations
- Solve systems of linear equations
- Perform data analysis
- Utilize exponents and scientific notation
- Solve problems using the Pythagorean Theorem

OR

Algebra I

- Demonstrate and apply proportional reasoning
- Use rational and irrational number representations and operations
- Calculate and apply probability and statistics
- Understand equations and inequalities
- Two-dimensional and 3-dimensional geometric figures, properties, and uses
- Solve problems using the Pythagorean Theorem
- Perform data analysis

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Science

- Investigate matter, chemical reactions, acids and bases, the periodic table, and conservation of mass.
- Research force, motion, acceleration, Newton's Laws, waves, and electromagnetic energy.
- Study the universe, including stars, galaxies, the origins of the universe, and Earth's place in space.
- Examine weather, climate, Earth systems, and how natural events and human activities impact the environment.
- Explore cells, genetics, inherited traits, ecosystems, biodiversity, and adaptations that support survival.

United States History

- Identify reasons for European exploration and colonization of North America
- Recognize origins of the American government system as observed throughout Washington D.C. trip
- Identify significant individuals, events, and issues from Exploration to Reconstruction
- Understand citizenship skills, roles and responsibilities, including digital citizenship



Auxiliary Classes

- Art 
- Band 
- Chorale 
- Coding 
- Digital Design 
- Halo News & Yearbook 
- Holy Hospitality 
- Library & Study Skills 
- Money Matters 
- SOAR 
- Spanish 
- Theater Arts 

Technology Framework

All students utilize technology in the classrooms with filtered access to the Internet. All technology apps/software is accessed through Classlink. Classlink is a single sign-on platform that allows students to access school applications and online educational resources such as Google for Education apps, online textbooks, library research resources, and more!

