

8th Grade Curriculum

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Welcome to the 8th grade! We have many things to look forward to this year as we learn together, pray together, and have fun together. Let's make it a great year! -Ms. Schoen

Learning

8th grade Mathematics

Texts:

Mathematics Grade 8 - Holt McDougal - textbook

Mathematics Grade 8 - Holt McDougal - homework and practice workbook

Simple Solutions - Common Core Mathematics - 8

In class:

Notes on vocabulary and lesson examples (textbook)

Practice with activities and examples from the texts (textbook and homework/practice workbook)

Homework:

Problems from textbook and/or homework/practice workbook

Simple Solutions lesson each day

Algebra

8th grade students will have the opportunity to also take an Algebra course that will potentially give them high school credit for Algebra I. Parents will receive a letter about this course in case their student is interested in participating. The Algebra course will be in addition to the standard 8th grade Mathematics course. The Algebra group will meet on Monday and Thursday after school as well as Friday during recess. Refer to the letter that is sent out for more details!

8th Grade Language Arts: Reading

Texts:

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl

Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

In class:

20 minutes of discussion each day

10 minutes of reading each day

Homework:

Assigned chapter from the text as well as a reading packet

8th Grade Language Arts: Expression

Texts:

Simple Solutions - Common Core English Grammar and Mechanics - 8

Vocabulary Workshop - Level C - Sadlier

Spelling and Vocabulary - Houghton Mifflin

Grammar for Writing - Sadlier - Grade 8

In class:

Monday - *Grammar for Writing* lesson

Tuesday - *Vocabulary Workshop* lesson

Wednesday - *Grammar for Writing* lesson

Thursday - *Spelling and Vocabulary* lesson

Friday - *Spelling and Vocabulary* lesson and *Simple Solutions* Quiz

Homework:

Simple Solutions lesson each day

Practice from different texts (if needed)

8th Grade History and Science

History - taught by Ms. Getz

Science - taught by Mrs. Nusky

Sciencesaurus: A Student Handbook - Great Source Education Group

Simple Solutions - Science - Level 8

8th Grade Religion

This year, the 8th grade students will learn about the following topics of faith:

- The Creed
- Revelation
- Salvation and Redemption
- Sacraments and Sacramentals
- Liturgy
- Moral Living
- Conscience

- Prayer
- Mary and the Saints
- Memorized Prayer
- Christian Living
- The Church
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Evangelization and Discipleship
- Vocations
- Theology of the Body

Texts

Morality: Life in Christ - RCL

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Church History - RCL

Sacred Scripture

Along with these texts, students will work with many other texts, resources, and activities/projects to aid them in growing deeper in their knowledge of these faith topics.

8th Grade Art

Students will have art class with Ms. Schoen every Friday. We will work on different projects that help us to make connections with the content we are learning in our other courses.

Here are a few of the projects/topics we will be covering this year:

- Architecture - Cathedrals
- Stained Glass Windows
- Art Prayer

Prayer

- Prayer Corner - I have created a prayer corner in our classroom with books, prayers, and religious items that students can go to throughout the day when they need quiet time in prayer.
- 15 Minute Prayer Times - Throughout the week, we have short breaks in our schedule that we will use to practice different forms of prayer together, as a class community. This will be separate from the prayer we do in Religion class.
- Intention Board - We will have a place on one of the walls in the classroom for students to write down the prayer intentions that they have each day. When we pray in the morning, our prayer leader will read those intentions aloud so that we can lift each other's intentions up in prayer each day.
- Virtues (Hope) - As a school, we are focusing on the virtue of Hope this year, along with other virtues that fall under hope. The 8th grade will learn about 9 Saints that are connected with these virtues as well. These Saints appear on one of the boards in our classroom so that the students can be reminded of their constant prayers for us.

Fun

Student Council

8th grade students have the special privilege of forming a Student Council for the year which includes a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Students will create posters and give speeches in order for the whole class to vote on their officers for the year.

Chicago Trip

At the beginning of May, the 8th grade class will take a trip to Chicago for a few days to explore the city with their classmates and teacher before graduation.

Other fun events:

1st Grade buddies

Fundraising

Graduation!!