

Summer 2023
Requirements & Study Suggestions
Rising 8th Graders

Dear Parents,

In this packet, you will find a list of resources for students to use over the summer. These resources are intended to help students keep their skills sharp and start eighth grade off strong. **Please note that summer reading for literature and service hours for religion are REQUIRED.** All other items listed are suggested, but not required.

Thank you for sharing your children with us this year! They are a wonderful group of kids and we very much enjoyed teaching them!

Sincerely,

Ms. Maw *Mrs. Shotland*

Mrs. Oliver *Mrs. Grizzle*

Ms. Wortham



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- ☐ **Religion:** 5 Service Hours –See separate instruction sheet
- ☐ **Literature:** 2 novels – 1 required: *The Fort* by Godon Korman and 1 of your choice

Keep a list of books that you read on the following form; get a parent signature. You will do a AR quiz in class on *The Fort* and a classwork assignment in August on the book of your choice.

Highly Recommended:

- ☐ **Religion:** Church Travel Challenge- Every different Church you attend take a selfie somewhere that identifies the Church. Create a Google Slide Presentation with the pictures. Each picture should have a caption telling where the Church was and something unique or different about it. **Depending on the quality you can earn up to 2- 5 pts on a test.**
- ☐ **English:** IXL.com (**Grade 7 only**) objectives (nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, pronouns, prepositions, and verbals) **Depending on the quantity, you can earn up to 2- 5 pts on a test coupons.**
- ☐ **Science:** PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Environmental Scavenger Hunt

Find the following 25 items, take a picture of the item and prepare a google slide presentation. **You can earn 2- 5 pts on a test coupon.**

- Solar panels
- Recycle symbol
- Recycle sign
- 5 types of birds
- A bee or insect that helps pollinate
- 2 wildlife creatures-that are not birds or insects
- A seedling or new plant
- A tree taller than your house or school
- An item you reuse
- A rock that is not grey or brown
- Something blue in nature
- Buds on a tree or shrub
- A recycle bin
- Something birds use to build a nest
- A natural area of water
- Something yellow in nature
- An item to recycle
- Turn off lights when you leave a room
- Walk or ride a bike instead of taking a car somewhere
- Use a reusable water bottle or cup
- An animal that need water
- New flowers in bloom
- A book about recycling
- A piece of trash to throw away
- A rain barrel or compost bin

- **Math:** IXL.com (**Grade 7 only**): 5 pts on a test for each letter completed as requested. **Depending on the quantity, you can earn up to 2- 5 pts on a test coupons.**

D- Decimals

F- Fractions and mixed numbers

E- Operations with decimals

G – Operations with fractions

- **Computer:** Practice keyboarding- www.typingclub.com

- **Social Studies: Postcard Project**

Purchase or create a postcard from a place you traveled to or an activity you did this summer. The Postcard must be written in correct post card format. You may do more than 1 postcard.

In at least 5 sentences, write a detailed description of your trip or activity. Include the following information:

1. What did you like the most?
2. What is 1 thing that you learned?
3. What is 1 fun fact about your trip or activity?
4. Would you recommend this trip or activity to one of your friend/family members?

Please address the post card to St. Mark Catholic School. You do not have to mail it. Bring it on the 1st day of school for a 5 points on a test! You can earn more depending on the quality/quantity of postcard! (Max 3).

Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading

During our summer break you are required to read **two books**. **One is required: *The Fort* by Gordon Korman and one book of your choice. You will complete an AR test on *The Fort* the first week of school and have a classwork assignment on the other book of your choice.** In addition, you need to complete your summer reading log. This log will be turned in during the first week of school and will count as a homework grade for literature.

Parents, please sign the bottom of your child's reading log to verify their reading time. The App, *Points Scan Free*, is a free app that will allow you to scan the barcode of any book to check and see if it is an AR book. Thank you for your support!

_____'s Reading Log

| Date | Book Title | # of Pages Read | Time Spent Reading |
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Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

7th and 8th Grade Summer Service Hours

Rising 7th and 8th grade students have 2 options for summer service hours. They can raise \$50 over the summer towards our bi-annual Make-A-Wish project or they can complete 5 hours of community service during the summer months and document those hours on the Service Hour Report Form that is due to the Religion teacher on the first day of school. A few ideas for earning this money include babysitting, yard work, and pet sitting. Students may also simply donate their birthday or allowance money towards the cause (you can access the form at www.stmcs.net/community-service).

Service Hour Report Form

Name: _____ Class: _____

Date(s) service was performed: _____

Description of service:

Signature of supervising adult: _____

Date(s) service was performed: _____

Description of service:

Signature of supervising adult: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

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