

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Visitation is a Catholic Parish School that promotes life-long learning, responsible citizenship, academic excellence, and sharing the Good News and love of Jesus Christ.



Teacher:

Mrs. Hatton

Sixth Grade Homeroom & 6th & 7th Grade Math

EDUCATION

BA in Elementary Education from Bemidji State University with a Middle School Math Endorsement



Teacher:

Ms. Crenshaw

Seventh Grade Homeroom & Middle School Language Arts

EDUCATION

BA in Psychology from Portland State U; MA in Theology from Franciscan U; MA in English Education Secondary from Western Governor's U; Preliminary Oregon Teaching License with an endorsement in English



Teacher:

Mrs. DeCofano

Eighth Grade Homeroom & Middle School Science

EDUCATION

BA in Child Development from Cal State University, Chico, California; Simpson College

VCS WELCOMES YOU!

Come explore our campus; a place where students from Preschool through 8th grade have an opportunity to fulfill their potential within a safe and supportive academic environment.



VISITATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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8TH GRADE CURRICULUM



Cultivating faith through academic excellence, arts and athletics in the Catholic tradition since 1883.

LANGUAGE ARTS

READING

- Read from various grade-level appropriate text genres, including novels, plays, opinion pieces and non-fiction articles
- Integrate information from fiction and non-fiction texts to enhance understanding of a topic
- Analyze the plot events and characters of a piece of literature based on structural patterns repeated in other literary works
- Annotate texts to track understanding during the reading process

WRITING

- Form a strong thesis statement supported by relevant evidence and elaborated with clear explanations, as well as writing in narrative, persuasive and expository genres based on audience and purpose. Genres covered include: personal narratives, argumentative pieces, definition and literary analysis essays, cause/effect essays and research reports. Adhere to MLA formatting guidelines

SPELLING

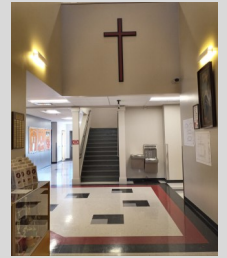
- Practice grade level words, vocabulary and decoding skills: using Latin and Greek root words to improve spelling

GRAMMER

- Form verbs into the appropriate tense and mood, including active and passive voice and the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjective mood, as well as recognizing and correcting incorrect shifts in verb tense and mood

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Visitation Catholic School is dedicated to the four-fold principles of Catholic education: message, service, community and worship. In accordance with these principles, we are committed to the building of a Christ centered community of students. We believe all who participate in the process have vital and distinct roles.



MATHEMATICS

- Focus on Pre-Algebra concepts
- Consistently and accurately add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers using mental arithmetic, paper and pencil & calculators
- Estimate and find square roots of whole numbers less than 100 and cube roots of whole numbers less than 1000 between two whole numbers
- Collect and display data as lists, tables, and plots using appropriate technology
- Evaluate algebraic expressions and formulas, including expressions involving exponents and parentheses, by substituting rational numbers
- Understand, graph, and recognize linear functions, including slope and y-intercept
- Measure perimeter, length, weight, area, time, volume, temperature, and distance, as well as using the Pythagorean Theorem

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Study of important people and places in U.S. History
- In-depth look at early U.S. History including the Revolution and the Constitution
- Concentration on the frontier, Civil War and Reconstruction, rise of an industrial nation, and 20th Century wars and culture

OTHER CURRICULUM

Physical Education, Music, Spanish, Library & Technology. Please see brochures for details

RELIGION

- Introduce the Marks of the Church surrounded by the Lord's Supper and Gospel message
- A look into the growth of Christianity
- How to use our faith through media and current events to proclaim our Catholic faith
- Discuss the history of reason, rebellion, and reform in the Catholic Church

HEALTH

- Focus on effect of nutrition, exercise, drugs, and alcohol on our body; studying environmental hazards and how they effect our body
- Study of health issues such as asthma and how they have changed with time

SCIENCE

- Focus on experimentation using the scientific method and understanding electricity, magnetism, and electromagnetic waves. Study atoms, molecules, and the periodic table
- Study of health issues such as asthma and how they have changed with time

ART

- Taught in art class as well as integrated throughout all subject areas
- Concentration on creative art performance and expression