

# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE



This program is for children who are ready and excited to grow both socially and academically.

Students have a six period day consisting of our core religion, math, science, history, and language arts classes. The sixth period is an elective. Electives include Performing Arts, Yearbook, PE, Technology, Speech & Debate, World Language, and Art.

## ACADEMIC FOCUS

### Religion

Our religion curriculum focuses on the learning of “right knowledge” as well as developing a personalized and communal practice of the Catholic faith.

In the seventh grade, our curriculum focuses on the Life and Teachings of Jesus. We also cover a lectionary-based Bible study each week in preparation for the Sunday Mass.

Ten hours of community service each trimester is required of our middle school students.

### Mathematics

The middle school math curriculum uses the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) Go Math.

Our seventh-grade math curriculum focuses on:

- Integers
- Rational numbers
- Ratios and proportionality
- Percents
- Expressions and variables
- Geometric drawings
- Angles
- Circles



## Science

Our seventh grade Science curriculum focuses on the following areas:

- The scientific method
- The metric system
- Newton's Law of Motion
- Fluids in Motion
- Energy
- Work and Power
- Matter (elements, compounds, mixtures)
- The Periodic Table
- Chemical Bonding
- Chemical reactions.

## Social Studies

Our seventh-grade history curriculum will cover the following themes in World History:

- Fall of Rome
- Islam
- Feudalism
- Renaissance
- The Reformation
- The Age of Reason
- The Age of Exploration
- The Industrial Revolution
- Discovery and Settlement

## Spanish:

- Meets daily for 50 minutes.
- Spanish 1 and 2 sequence- introductory to intermediate skill development in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- Aligns with first year Spanish at most high schools.
- Curriculum: ¡Qué chévere! Is aligned to the ACTFL World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages. This is the same program used at Bellarmine Preparatory School.
- Online textbook and language learning resources are fully integrated into the curriculum.
- Effective study skills and active participation are both encouraged and reinforced.
- 15-20 minutes of homework, online practice, or studying for tests/quizzes 4 days a week.



## **7th Grade Curriculum:**

- ELA: Amplify CKLA and Novel Studies
- Math: Savaas Pre-Algebra
- Religion: St. Mary's Press
- Social Studies: Discovery of the Past: History of the World, the Early Ages
- Science: Saavas

## **Homework Expectations:**

- English: 15–20 minutes a night, every night. Students are expected to read 1,200 independent
- reading pages per trimester.
- Math: 20 minutes per night.
- Science: 15–20 minutes per night.
- History: 10–15 minutes per night.
- Religion: 15 minutes every other night, 10 hours of community service per trimester.

## **Community Service Requirement:**

The middle school participates in service with L'Arche Tacoma Hope and for Nativity House communities during the school year. Opportunities are offered on a regular basis within St. Charles school and parish community. Students are encouraged to recognize needs and find ways to respond to them within their personal service offerings.

