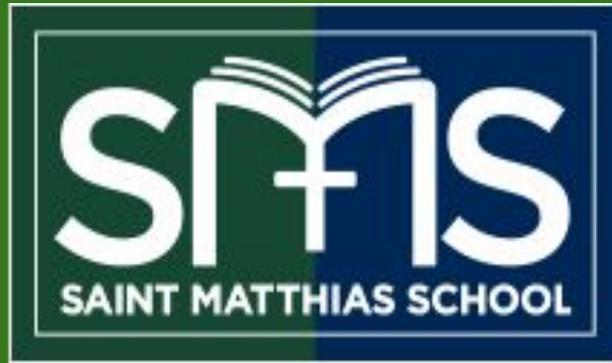


Welcome, Parents & Guardians,
to our
2022-23 School Year!



Called to be Christ to One Another



Prayer for a New School Year

**Dear Lord, please give our children
a thirst for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.**

**May they be ready to learn this year,
at home, school, and church.**

**Please guide them in knowing that they are
*Called to be Christ to One Another.***

Amen.



Communication

Here is the best way to reach us:

- Please send us emails using our SMS email addresses.
- On weekdays, please allow up to 24 hours for us to respond to you.

Homeroom Teachers-

Mrs. Bellouny-6A: sbellouny@stmatthiasnj.org

Mrs. Vattelana- 6B: dvattelana@stmatthiasnj.org

Mrs. Tartaglia-7A: startaglia@stmatthiasnj.org

Mr. Garlatti-7B: pgarlatti@stmatthiasnj.org

Mrs. Chorazak- 8A: pchorazak@stmatthiasnj.org

Mrs. Jennings- 8B: djennings@stmatthiasnj.org



- **Classwork and Homework** will be assigned during class periods. Students will be given adequate time to copy the daily assignments.
(Please make sure your child uses the planner provided by SMS to keep track of their schoolwork.)
- **Posting of Assignments:** Homework will be posted on Google Classroom. **Google Classroom** and the **SMS Teacher Websites** are communication tools allowing teachers/families to support the middle school with information about school-wide events.
- **Submitting Assignments:** Google Classroom will be used to submit most assignments electronically. Math may be a paper copy with student work shown. **ELA and Social Studies** will require both typed (*electronic*) and handwritten (*paper*) essays.



- Parents are responsible for accessing **PowerSchool** (online gradebook) to check on completed assignments/grades.
- Homework is assigned as a reinforcement of the concepts taught in class and, additionally, it is an opportunity for parent/child to connect over the lessons learned.



Grading



- Grades will be posted on PowerSchool within 2 days of a quiz or test and no more than 5 days for written reports or projects.
- Students will be given a minimum of 3 days notice prior to a quiz or test.
- For every day a long term assignment is late, it will be lowered a letter grade. *After 3 days late, it will be an automatic 55%. Students will not be allowed to submit assignments for credit after three days.*
- **Academic Integrity:** Any student caught cheating or helping someone cheat will receive a 55%.

Grading

Religion	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Tests: 50% Quizzes/Projects : 35% Classwork: 15%	Tests: 40% Quizzes: 15% Classwork: 20% Projects (including written papers): 25%	Tests: 40% Quizzes: 20% Projects: 10% Classwork: 30%	Tests & Quizzes: 40% Labs/Projects: 35% Classwork: 25%	Tests: 40% Quizzes: 20% Projects (including written papers): 25% Classwork: 15%

Our Expectations

Student/Teacher Contracts of Expected Behaviors in Middle School were distributed to your children. Please sign & return the final page of the form as soon as possible.

At dismissal, parents picking up students by car please go to the back parking lot.

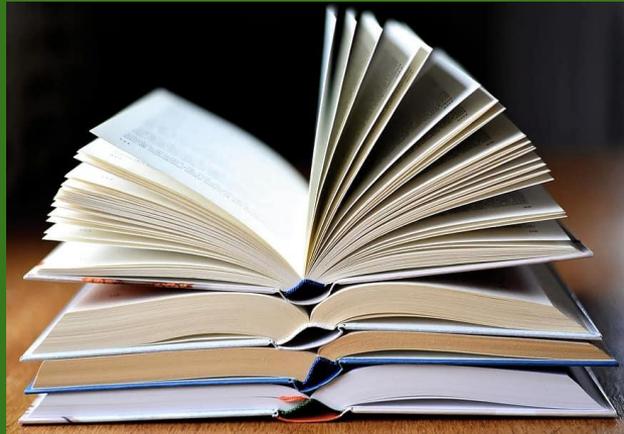
The front of the school is for walkers.



ELA: English Language Arts

Mrs. Bellouny- Grades 6 & 7

Mrs. Jennings- Grades 7 & 8



ELA: English Language Arts

- ★ **Required Textbook:** *Sadlier's Vocabulary Workshop*
- ★ Students are responsible for maintaining an organized binder of the material covered in class.
- ★ Students are also expected to maintain a grammar notebook.
- ★ Each day, students should come prepared with their novel, independent reading book, vocabulary workbook, binder, and grammar notebook.
- ★ Students are expected to complete homework assigned on Google Classroom as well as required IXL Skills

ELA: English Language Arts

Reading

- Implementation of Reader's Workshop strategies. Teacher-led instruction followed by group and independent student work and small group instruction.
 - Students will explore a variety of short stories, nonfiction articles, and novels.
 - Students will be responsible for completing assignments related to the readings.
 - At the conclusion of a novel, story or article, there will be a test.
- Students will be required to have an independent book with them each day.
 - Students will complete a monthly book project, which will include a choice board activity.
 - Assignment expectations for the project will be given in class.
 - Students must have their monthly book approved by the teacher to ensure it is within an appropriate Lexile range.

ELA: English Language Arts

Writing

- Genres: Narrative, Argumentative, Expository, etc.
 - Students will be provided with a rubric on the first day of a new writing assignment.
 - Students will follow the Writing Process (brainstorming/pre-writing, rough draft writing, revision, editing, final publishing).
 - One multi-page research paper will be written at the end of the school year.

Grammar

- Students will be responsible for maintaining an interactive notebook, which will become a wonderful reference tool as the year progresses.
- A quiz will be given at conclusion of each topic.

ELA: English Language Arts

Vocabulary

- Students will be given new vocabulary words every two weeks.
 - Vocabulary words will be taken from *Sadlier's Vocabulary Workshop*.
 - Level A= Grade 6
 - Level B= Grade 7
 - Level C= Grade 8
 - Students will be responsible for completing activities from a choice menu.
 - There will be a quiz on vocabulary words every two weeks. Students must be able to recall the definition of the given set of words. Students may also be assessed on proper spelling, part of speech, and synonym/antonym.

Science

Mrs. Vattelana- Grades 6, 7, 8

Science - 6, 7 & 8

Course Overview

6th Grade Science: Exploring Life, Exploring Earth, Understanding Matter, Understanding Energy, STEM Activities

7th Grade Science: Life Structure & Function; Life Changes & Interactions, Energy & Matter, Exploring the Universe; STEM Activities

8th Grade Science: Interactions of Matter, Motion & Energy, Earth & Geological Changes, Exploring Ecology; STEM Activities

Required Text

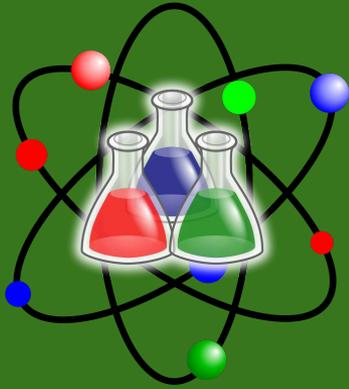
6th Grade Science: *Integrated Science Course 1*, Glencoe

7th Grade Science: *Integrated Science Course 2*, Glencoe

8th Grade Science: *Integrated Science Course 3*, Glencoe

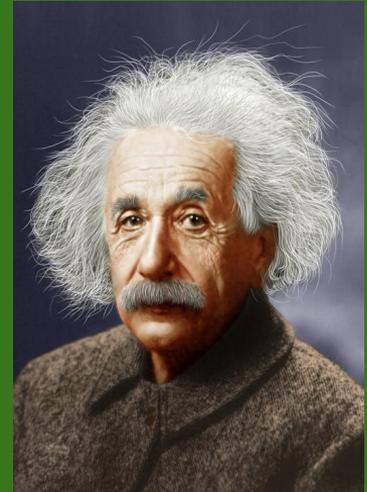
Course Materials:

1, One Subject Composition Notebook, Chromebook, *Please See Middle School Supply List*



Science - 6, 7 & 8

Middle School Science Fair Project



Social Studies

Mrs. Tartaglia- Grades 6, 7, 8



Social Studies - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Mrs. Tartaglia

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Gr. 6: Social Studies - *Required Text:* **World Civilizations** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Gr. 7: Social Studies - *Required Text:* **United States History: Beginnings to 1914**, Holt McDougal

Gr. 8: Social Studies / Civics *Required Text:* **United States History: Civil War to Present**, Holt McDougal

Social studies education provides students with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives needed to become active, informed citizens and contributing members of local, state, national, and global communities in the digital age.

New Jersey social studies students develop an increased depth of understanding of our global society. At the same time, their understanding of the fundamental principles and values of American democracy and citizenship provides the conceptual framework that allows them to make informed decisions about local, national, and international issues and challenges.

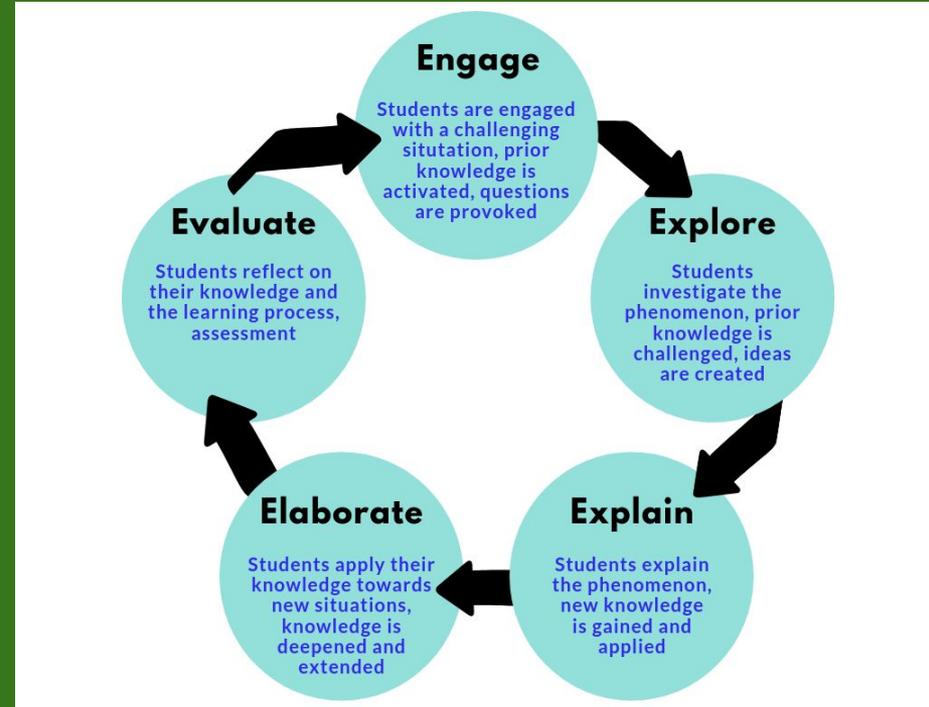
Civics Education enables students to learn the ways in which Americans' participation in civic life is essential to sustaining our democratic form of government.

Social Studies - 6, 7 & 8

Mrs. Tartaglia

❖ INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING:

Inquiry-based social studies begins with a complex and open-ended inquiry question for students to explore. When students investigate this question, they act as social scientists seeking to understand the world and share the information with others. As they investigate, they build knowledge that is deep and lasting, because their learning connects to their curiosities and interests—and because it has a real-world purpose: to inform others, improve their community, and help them prepare for higher education and careers.

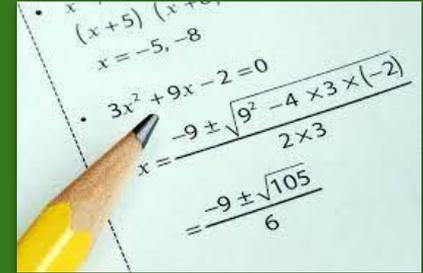


7th Grade Math

- Review previous materials, particularly material from 6th grade
- Prepare students for Algebra
 - Solving Multi-Step Equations
 - Percent, Percent Change, Ratios
 - Number Theory & Exponents
- Foundational Class

8th Grade Math

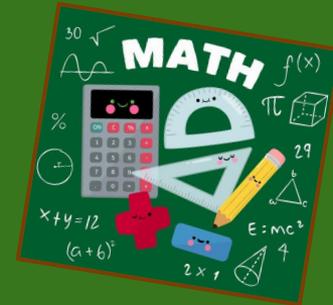
- Review and refresh students' Pre Algebra knowledge
- Prepare students for High School and College level mathematics
 - Slope, Linear Equations, Graphing on Coordinate Plane
 - Multi-Step and Two Variable Equations
 - Exponent Rules, Quadratics, & Solving Quadratic Equations
- Independent students who are able to find their mistakes and correct them!



Grade 6 Mathematics - Mrs. Chorazak 8A

Gr 6A & 6B Math Required Text: *Into Math National: Advanced 1*, HMH

- **Course Overview:** New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Mathematics Grade 6
 - Number Systems and Operations (Introduction to integers, review of rational numbers-decimals and fractions)
 - Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities
 - Ratios and Proportional Reasoning
 - Geometry
 - Data Collection and Analysis (statistics)
- **Educational Websites** - Extra practice and supplemental materials (HMH Waggle, IXL, Khan Academy)



All of the homework assignments are only available in Google Classroom.

Religion: Homeroom



Required Text:

- 6th Grade: Christ Our Life, God Calls a People. Loyola Press, 2016
- 7th Grade: Christ Our Life: Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- 8th Grade: Christ Our Life: The Church Then and Now

Thank you for joining us today!

May God bless you and your families.

