

## Religion

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The 7th grade Religion curriculum fosters a strong Catholic identity.

- ◆ Scripture reading, interpretation and analysis
- ◆ Practical application of religious teaching in every day life
- ◆ Concentration of reading and learning the New Testament
- ◆ Introduction of Church doctrine



Fun activities throughout the year:

- ◆ Participation in Student Council as a member of the Executive Board
- ◆ 7th and 8th grade Deanery Dances
- ◆ 7/8th Basketball teams
- ◆ Girls or Boys Volleyball
- ◆ Field trip: Traditionally our trip is to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty
- ◆ Prayer Group for the Middle School

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### Grade 7

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“You can teach a student a lesson for a day, but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.”

Clay P. Bedford





## Math

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics

Students are grouped by ability. Math and Pre-Algebra are offered.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Topics:

- ◆ Fraction operations
- ◆ Signed numbers
- ◆ Order of operations
- ◆ Percentages
- ◆ Multistep word problem
- ◆ Algebraic equations

#### Pre-Algebra Topics:

- ◆ Algebraic expressions and equations
- ◆ Properties of real numbers
- ◆ Order of operations
- ◆ Problem solving
- ◆ Geometry
- ◆ Radical equations
- ◆ Graphing linear functions

## ELA

The ELA curriculum is comprised of four areas: each has component parts.

- ◆ Reading: increasing reading proficiency through poetry, plays, short stories, fiction, and non-fiction
- ◆ Writing: the skills of persuasive, expository, and narrative writing in many forms, including essays, creative writing, and poetry.
- ◆ Grammar: vocabulary, spelling, conventions, and parts of speech through Voyages in English Grammar text.
- ◆ Oral Communication: the skills of public speaking and expression, through presentation of poetry and narrative pieces.

## Science

◆ The curriculum incorporates an integrated approach to Earth, Life, and Physical Sciences reflecting Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). A dynamic hands-on approach to learning enhances critical thinking and problem solving skills. The curriculum features:

- ◆ " E-Books
- ◆ " Technology/ Virtual Labs/ Media
- ◆ " Scientific Tools
- ◆ " Scientific Method/ Engineer Design Process
- ◆ " Modeling
- ◆ " STEM Activities
- ◆ " Dissection
- ◆ " Energy and Renewable Resources
- ◆ " Cell Division/Differentiation/ Stem Cells
- ◆ " Genetics/ DNA
- ◆ " Human Body Systems/ The Eye
- ◆ " Motion/ Forces/ Newton's Laws

## Social Studies

Curriculum: Building a New Nation

The 7th Grade program is the formal introduction to American History which continues into 8th grade.

- ◆ Events from 1750 to 1850
- ◆ Our Government and Civics
- ◆ Current Events: Journals and News
- ◆ Geography: Our Nation and the World
- ◆ Orals: Significant American documents
- ◆ Using Selected Primary Sources: Declaration of Independence; the Constitution; various first person accounts
- ◆ Including analytical skills for visual information: graphs, charts, political cartoons, photographs
- ◆ Use of technology for research
- ◆ Documentary DVDs

