

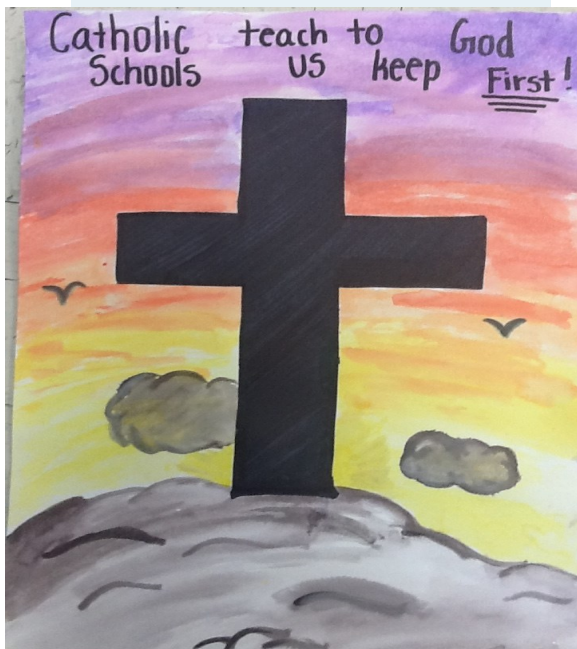
Religion

The 8th grade religion course focuses on the history of the Church. The themes are:

- ◆ The 4 Marks of the Church
- ◆ The Growth of Christendom
- ◆ The Church in medieval times
- ◆ The Protestant Reformation and the Counter-reformation

The 8th graders live out their faith in service throughout the year.

Students present a Living Nativity at



8th Grade: Did you Know?

The 8th Grade participates in 2 Field Trips- 9/11 Museum and Rocking Horse Ranch

The Little Sister/Brother program couples the 8th grade with 1st graders

This class participated in the St. Joseph Scholastic Olympics, and came in 3rd. Four students won individual trophies.

The 8th grade participates in a school Oratorical Contest.

One student will represent SES at the Archdiocese for the Catholic Challenge each spring.

Ten 8th graders are members of the National Junior Honor Society.

8th grade students run a bazaar at Christmas that raises money for charity.

In May Sacred Heart in Jersey City sends buses of students for a Field Day hosted by the 8th grade.



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Grade 8





Math

8th Grade Math students are grouped by ability into Pre-Algebra and Algebra. Both courses are supplemented by ALEKS, an online resource.

Pre-Algebra Topics:

- ◆ Algebraic expressions and equation
- ◆ Properties of real numbers
- ◆ Order of Operations
- ◆ Problem Solving
- ◆ Geometry
- ◆ Radical equations
- ◆ Graphing linear functions

Algebra Topics:

- ◆ Order of Operations
- ◆ Multi-step equations involving distribution and variables on both sides
- ◆ Monomials and polynomials
- ◆ Solving systems of linear equations with two variables
- ◆ Graphing and solving quadratic equations
- ◆ Properties of exponents
- ◆ Compound inequalities
- ◆ Simplifying and solving radical expressions and equations

ELA

St. Elizabeth 8th graders will understand the importance of comprehending literature through the study of grammar, letter and report writing, vocabulary and spelling.

Reading/Writing: Students continue to develop their proficiency in comprehension, accuracy, fluency and extended understanding of text. Students read a variety of materials such as poems, plays, short stories and novels.

Grammar:

- ◆ Grammatical conventions
- ◆ Varied learning approaches (direct instruction, written application, technology)
- ◆ Spelling and Vocabulary are studied
- ◆ Use of spelling strategies and memory tricks
- ◆ Focus on word meaning, ranges of application and use in context
- ◆ Online interactive website

Oral Communication: Students memorize and recite poetry by Frost, Angelou, Kilmer, Poe and others, while learning about rhyme and rhythm. Each February students compete in an oratorical contest in which they present speeches for the school.

Science

8th grade Science incorporates an integrated approach to Earth, Life and Physical Sciences reflecting Next Generation Science Standards. And features:

- ◆ E-Books/Technology/Virtual Labs/Media
- ◆ Scientific Method/Engineer Design process
- ◆ STEM Activities
- ◆ Dissection
- ◆ Elements/Bonding/Reactions
- ◆ Ecosystems
- ◆ Environmental Issues
- ◆ Human Body Systems/The Heart
- ◆ Plate Tectonics
- ◆ Force and Motion
- ◆ Scientific Tools
- ◆ National Geographic Monthly Magazine

Social Studies

8th Grade Social Studies begins in 1850 and continues until modern times.

- ◆ Pre Civil War Tensions
- ◆ Civil War
- ◆ Civil Rights Movement
- ◆ An Emerging World Power
- ◆ World War I
- ◆ Roaring Twenties
- ◆ Great Depression
- ◆ World War II
- ◆ Current Events
- ◆ Geography
- ◆ Economics
- ◆ Globalization
- ◆ Curriculum is taught through use of a text, primary sources, power point, research, technology, analysis of issues and documentaries.

