

## Religion

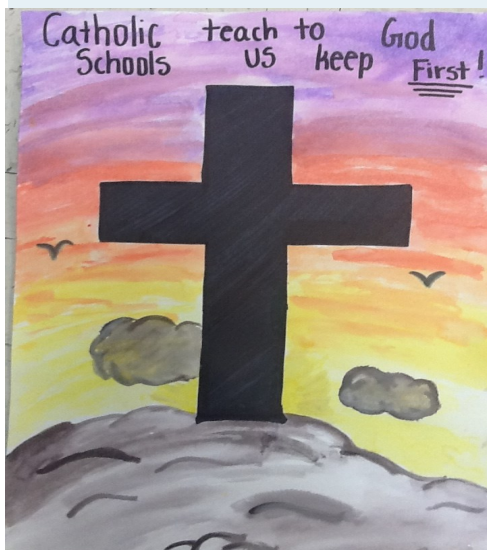
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The 8th grade religion course focuses on the history of the Church. The themes are:

- ◆ 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 Christmas time, and a Passion Play at Easter.



### 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**

**The 8th Grade participates in the St. Joseph Scholastic Olympics.**

**The 8th grade participates in a school Oratorical Contest.**

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

**Our 8th graders are leaders in the St. Elizabeth Chapter 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

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## Math

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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

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The ELA curriculum is comprised of four areas taught as a block schedule: 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: conventions and parts of speech are covered to improve sentence flow and structure.
- ◆ Vocabulary: roots, prefixes and suffixes, and extension of core vocabulary
- ◆ Oral Communication: the skills of public speaking and expression, through presentation of poetry and narrative pieces.

## Science

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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

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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.

