

CURRICULUM GUIDE 2023-2024

GRADES K-6

RELIGION

The goal of our religion classes is to build faith by teaching the scripture, prayers, tradition and doctrine of the Catholic Church. Children are empowered with ways to practice their faith. Faith development is woven into classroom activities throughout the day.

Faith and Life, Ignatius Press & Theology of the Body, Ruah Woods (K-5) Theology of the Body, Ascension (Grade 6)

READING

Kindergarten and 1st grade systematically teaches phonics and incorporates whole language experiences with daily reading from big books and read-aloud anthologies to build a strong foundation level. Students in grades 2-5 extend phonemic awareness to develop fluency and independence. Reading anthologies contain award-winning literature grouped into themes. Unit activities and novel studies teach students strategies to read, write, think, discuss and conduct research.

Superkids (grades K- 2)

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (grades 3-5)

ENGLISH

In addition to traditional grammar instruction and practice, students in grades 3-6 also develop skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. **Houghton Mifflin**

SPELLING Spelling in grades 1 and 2 is part of whole language. Spelling books in grades 3-6 present weekly lists and activities to develop vocabulary, identify word patterns and apply generalizations. **Houghton Mifflin**

SCIENCE

Students in grades **K-8** are taught a broad continuum of science concepts combined with purposeful hands-on activities. **SAVVAS**

SOCIAL STUDIES

3rd graders explore community life. 4th grade focuses on geography, 5th grade learns U.S. history, and 6th grade delves into world cultures. The study of cultural diversity and map skills are integrated throughout these grade levels.

HM Harcourt

MATH

Primary students develop a concrete understanding of math through manipulative activities and guided practice. Third through 6th graders make the transition from concrete to symbolic levels of understanding. Computation skills, problem solving strategies, and real world applications are integrated into daily math experiences. **Saxon Mathematics**

GRADES 7-8

RELIGION

7th grade centers instruction on Jesus' life, teachings, and sacraments and calls each person to become a disciple. 8th grade presents the Church through its history, encompassing its teachings and traditions. **Faith and Life, Ignatius Press & Theology of the Body, Ascension Confirmation Prep:7th: Dynamic Catholic Decision Point8th: Ascension Chosen**

LITERATURE

7th and 8th grade literature is a comprehensive study of literary works: myths, short stories, nonfiction, poetry, drama, and novels. Literature classes provide an in-depth study of literary elements.

McDougal Littell Literature (grade 6-8)

ENGLISH

Knowledge of grammar usage and mechanics is reinforced and expanded. Students improve their ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written language. **Write Source**

AMERICAN HISTORY

8th graders explore pre-Columbian history through the Civil War. 8th graders continue the historical journey toward the twentieth century. **McGraw-Hill American Journey**

KANSAS HISTORY

One quarter of the 8th grade year is set aside to travel back through our diverse and colorful Kansas History. **Kansas:The Prairie Spirit (7th)**

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (7th)

MATH

7th graders take Course 2. 8th graders continue into Course 3. Each course is consistent with the goals of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Course 3 is designed to provide a smooth passage from arithmetic to algebra. **Saxon Mathematics**

ELECTIVES

Students are able to choose an elective that meets their needs or expands their interests. Offerings may include band, chorus, art, study skills, health, newspaper, media skills and foreign language.