

Curriculum ~~ Grade 8 ~~

Religion ~~

- Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation
- The Mystery of the Church
 - How we are a community of disciples
 - Our salvation history
 - The six models of the Church
 - How we are a people of prayer and service
- Marks of the Church
 - How the Church is One
 - How the Church is Holy
 - How the Church is Catholic
 - How the Church is Apostolic
- Church history
 - The early Christians
 - The persecutions
 - The Church in the Middle Ages
 - The Church during the Great Schism and the Crusades
 - The Church during the Renaissance and the Protestant Reformation
 - The Catholic Reformation and the Council of Trent
 - Saints throughout history
 - The effects of Enlightenment, the French Revolution, and Rationalism
 - The effects of the Industrial Revolution
 - The Second Vatican Council
 - The Church in North America
- Being a Witness of the Church
 - The ways of holiness, faith, worship, family, human dignity, justice, and truth.
- Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, The Beatitudes, Stations of the Cross, the Novena to St. Therese, and refresher on basic prayers.

Math ~~

Algebra I

- Solving, Graphing and Writing Linear Equations
- Solving and Graphing Linear Inequalities
- Solving systems of equations and inequalities
- Exponents and Exponential Functions
- Exponential growth and decay functions
- Graph exponential growth and decay functions
- Polynomials
- Add and Subtract

- Multiply and Factor
- Factor polynomials completely
- Quadratic Equations and Functions
- Graphing
- Square roots
- Quadratic formula
- Completing the square
- Radical expressions
- Rational functions
- Probability and Data Analysis

English ~~

- **Grammar**
 - Nouns
 - Pronouns
 - Adjectives
 - Verbs
 - Adverbs
 - Participles
 - Punctuation
 - Capitalization
- **Writing**
 - Research paper on a saint (one chosen for Confirmation)
 - Essay on a personal hero
 - Persuasive essay
 - Daily journals
 - Creative writing
 - Poetry
 - Short stories
 - Debates (literature class)
 - Expository writing

Literature ~~

- Literary Genres
 - Fiction/ short stories
 - Nonfiction
 - Poetry
 - Drama (*Romeo and Juliet*)
 - Epic (*The Odyssey*)
- Novels
 - *To Kill a Mockingbird*
 - *The Story of a Soul*
 - *Animal Farm* (may be replaced in 2010)

American History ~~

- The New West
 - Indian peoples
 - Mining
 - Railroads
- Industrial Growth
- New Urban culture
- Becoming a World Power
- World War I
- Roaring Twenties
- Great Depression
- World War II Era
- Cold War
- Prosperity, Rebellion and Reform

Science ~~

- Inside Earth; Weather & Climate; Space Science (Astronomy); Electricity & Magnetism; Sound & Light;