

RELIGION

Religion instruction is based on the CPH curriculum. Within the context of the lessons, students learn key concepts of faith such as Law and Gospel, confession, repentance, forgiveness, and grace. Application of Biblical principles and Christian faith to every day life is a daily emphasis. Prayer and worship are emphasized. Students write devotions and prayers and pray extemporaneously. Through a planned memory program, students learn selected Scripture verses, hymns, and portions of the Catechism.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Language

Grammar instruction includes review of parts of speech, sentence structure, capitalization and punctuation rules. The writing process is stressed as a tool for learning and communication. The writing process includes research papers, poetry, narratives, expository and persuasive writing.

Students are led to see spelling patterns as they build on basic word roots using affixes and word endings. Spelling also includes reviewing of spelling generalizations and skills, such as syllabication, vowel relationships, and consonant relationships. Dictionary and thesaurus skills are reviewed to strengthen spelling skills.

Literature

In the area of literature, short stories, drama, non-fiction, poetry, folk literature and two novels are studied. The Accelerated Reader program is used to supplement novel reading. Formal and informal writing is done in all areas of reading.

MATH

7th Grade Math

An all digital curriculum emphasizing personalized student learning is used to teach the Common core state Standards in 7th grade math. These standards include an emphasis on ratios and proportional relationships, reviewing operations with fractions and decimals, understanding integers, working with expressions, solving equations, and various geometry, probability, and statistics concepts. The course is designed to introduce algebraic concepts and prepare students to enter Algebra 1 in high school.

Accelerated Math

Opportunity is provided for our advanced students to increase their skills and knowledge in this accelerated course. They will study integers, rational numbers, exponents, ratios, and proportional and linear relationships. They will work with percents and learn to solve and graph linear equations in one variable. Students explore different sampling methods and probability concepts as well as volume and surface area of 3 dimensional figures, and angle relationships in 2 dimensional figures. This class leads to Algebra 1 in 8th grade and the option to test out of Algebra 1 in high school.

SCIENCE

Students study life science and learn to appreciate God's wisdom in His creation from the smallest unicellular organisms to their own amazingly complex body. Students study each of the major systems in the human body. When students are studying the reproductive system, the basic text used is Sex and the New You from Concordia Publishing House. Students have many laboratory experiences to help them learn and develop problem solving techniques. Each

student is required to participate in the science fair the year it is offered.

GEOGRAPHY

Our geography curriculum emphasizes the study of the Eastern Hemisphere, as well as the student's role in understanding, respecting, and valuing cultures and civilizations in God's created world. Students are motivated and desire to view God's Hand not only in the creation and preservation of the Eastern Hemisphere, but also in the sequence of events in that area as they relate to the history of humanity. They will understand that the Eastern Hemisphere's environment, culture, history, and geography are unique gifts from God. Students will learn individual study habits, various assessments of their choice, and an appreciation of others just as unique as our own culture here in Frankenmuth.

BAND

As more challenging rhythms, notes and techniques are introduced, instruction continues to reinforce fundamentals and emphasizes music as expression and art.

Class meets four days per week and often combines with 8th Grade Band to play at chapels, worship services, Music Festival and three annual concerts. Two band books: (Step By Step Band Technique and Developing Band Book #3) comprise the course content, and along with sheet music, provide students with a challenging and diverse musical diet. All students turn in weekly practice record cards.

ELECTIVES

- Art
- Creative Writing
- Economics
- Engineering
- German
- Graphing Calculators
- Intro to Computer Codin
- Life Science
- MAD Learn – App Development
- Political Science
- Spanish
- Spartan Care

GERMAN

The first nine weeks of 7th grade German involves translating theme stories, writing conversations, and reviewing vocabulary from the last seven years.

The second nine weeks involves translating German stories, cartoons, and poems. We will also concentrate on conversational German and work on using the vocabulary acquired in the past seven years.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR

Middle School Choir is for those sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who enjoy singing and are interested in learning vocal skills. The main goal of the choir is to give glory to God through singing together while providing musical enjoyment and growth in vocal technique. Middle School Choir is a performing group, singing as scheduled at church services, parish music concerts, school concerts, and the Saginaw Valley Music Festival.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Developing and refining locomotor skills and object control is ongoing at this level. Use of a variety of sports and activities helps this

development. Activities to build students strength, endurance, flexibility, and power will lay a groundwork for physical fitness. Using the various team, individual and dual sports as units of instruction, a number of things can be taught. The rules of the game are taught not only for those looking to play at a higher level but also for those who choose to watch and enjoy the game as spectators. An understanding of offense and defense is learned. Strategies can also be developed. A unit of folk dance is taught to continue the skills of dance/movement. Social and personal skills are being worked on at this level also. We continue to work on cooperation and leadership, integrity, respect, fair play, initiative, responsibility, effort, self-discipline, decision making, and performance standards.

SERVICE

The main goal of Junior High Service class is to develop and build on a caring, responsible attitude toward others in response to the gospel. Students will develop citizenship, provide valuable service to the community, become involved in ministries of the congregation and become increasingly aware of the needs of others.

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