



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Happenings

SUBJECT	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
ELA	Novel Studies using multitude of genres, focusing on figurative language and vocabulary practice. Project Based Learning is used for assessments.	Novel Studies from a multitude of cultural perspectives with a focus on empathy. Student Led Discussion and Collaborative Learning help students dig even deeper into these varying viewpoints.	Student Choice is used in Project Based Assessment as students begin studying novels that focus on the struggles of everyday life. Author Studies are also used to help students understand common theming across writing.	Complete novel studies on a high school level, focus on social issues, both past and present. Non-fiction Literary studies dig into the realities of our world. Project Based Assessments used for analysis & deeper meaning.
Math	Add, subtract, multiply and divide with both fractions and decimals. Geometry classification and volume.	Ratios and rates, negative numbers, algebraic expressions and equations, probability and statistics.	Accelerated Math - 7th and 8th Grade Math This allows for all students to take Algebra in their 8th grade year. Proportions, rational numbers, linear equations, and Pythagorean Theorem.	Algebra 1 Students will be prepared for the NYS Regents exam. This allows students to take more advanced courses in high school. Linear, quadratic, and exponential functions, and statistics.
Science	States of Matter; Energy; Earth's Systems and Spheres	Cells; Introduction to Biology Topics; Electricity and Magnetism	Periodic Table; Genetics; Earth's Functions and the Solar System	Living Environment
SS	Students learn origins of the Western Hemisphere through an equity based instructional method. Students examine different systems across the western hemisphere in terms of economics, government, & culture.	Students examine the origins of different cultures around the world. With an emphasis on "western civilization." Students perform sentence and paragraph building activities to enhance writing performance at the most fundamental parts.	Students will discover the beginnings of the American story from European exploration to the end of the American Civil War. Students work with primary source documents in an authentic based learning environment.	Students will examine the continuity and change of the American story from the immediate aftermath of the Civil War to the present day. Students analyze primary and secondary documents to develop longer form writing pieces.
Religion	The mystery of the Incarnation and our encounter with Jesus in Baptism and Confirmation.	God's faithfulness to His Chosen people, which culminates in the salvation we find in Jesus.	The mystery of the union of the divine and human natures of Jesus, Son of God.	What it means for us to be members of the Catholic church and how the church forms us into a community that shares common beliefs and practices.
Health/ Study Skills	Organization; Using a Planner and Creating a Productive Work Space	Ways to Study; How to Take Notes and Prioritizing Work	Social Emotional; Wellness and Nutrition	Self- Esteem; Conflict Resolution; Drug and Alcohol Prevention