

Back to School Night: Middle School Grades 6-8

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Classroom Expectations

- 1. Be Safe**
- 2. Be Respectful**
- 3. Be Responsible**
- 4. Be Kind & Positive**
- 5. Be More Like Jesus**

Classroom Consequences:

1. Name on the board-A Warning
2. Circle the Name on the Board-Lose 5 min of recess
3. Star the Name-A Call or Email Home
4. All of the above with conduct referral

***Any referral will affect Honor Roll eligibility.**

Lateness/Tardiness

Late to Class

School Policy states that being late 3 times to class in a two week period will result in an effort referral. Students are encouraged to go directly to their next class to ensure they arrive on time.

Late Assignments:

- One Day Late will result in a 25% loss of grade
- Two Days Late will result in a 50% loss of grade with a loss of recess to make up the missing assignment with parent notification.
- Assignments that are not turned in after three days, will earn a grade no higher than 25%.

Designated Locker Trips

Students will have 3 designated periods throughout the day during which they can go to their lockers.

Homeroom: Students are encouraged to take supplies, including snack, for only periods 1-4 during their initial locker trip.

Before Recess/Lunch: Student's are allowed to go to their lockers before recess/lunch to put books away from periods 1-4 and take supplies needed for periods 5,6, and 7, including their lunch.

Dismissal: Students will go to their lockers at the end of 7th period to put away their books and pack any books for homework that have been assigned in their classes.

Classwork

Students are asked to please come to class prepared, organized, and ready to work.

Each teacher has explained to the students the supplies they will need for their classes. We encourage students to only bring the supplies/books requested.

Test/Quizzes/Assessments:

Students will be notified at least 5 school days prior to any upcoming tests & 3 school days for upcoming quizzes.

- Only 1 retake on a failed test or quiz in each subject will be allowed per quarter (below 65%).
- Any test or quiz grade below a 75% will be sent home for parent signature to be returned the following day.

Inclement Weather

- **Delays**
 - Any Homework, quizzes, tests, or projects assigned will go on as planned
- **Cancellations**
 - All Homework, quizzes, tests, or projects will be due on the next day we have school

Sick Days/Absence

- Students who are absent because of illness will be allowed one day for each day of absence to hand in homework. For example, a student who was absent three days will be given three school days to complete the missing work.
- If the student is absent on a test or quiz day, they will need to schedule a time with their teacher to take it within 1 week
- If a student is out for an extended period of time, please give their teachers ample notice to gather work and a reasonable time period will be allotted to the student for completion.

Religion Grades 6 & 7 Sr.Thaddeus Rajca CSFN

Grade 6 Old Testament : We are God's People - Sadlier Religion Series	Grade 7 New Testament: The Story of Jesus Blest Are We - Benziger Religion Series
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation• People Turn from God• God Promises a Savior• The People of Israel• The Kings of Israel• The Kingdoms of Judah and Israel• The Prophets• God fulfills His promise in sending Jesus• The Liturgical Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gospel Writers• The Incarnation• The Kingdom of God• The Healing Miracles• The Paschal Mystery• The Early Church• Pentecost• The Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes• The Sacraments• The Liturgical Year <p data-bbox="981 851 1633 883">Saint Project in preparation for Confirmation</p>

Religion Grade 6 and 7 Continued:

- Written homework for Grade 6 and 7 will be assigned approximately once a week.
- Grade 7 will be given a Saint Project to complete before the end of October in preparation for receiving Confirmation next year.
- Grade 7 will need to complete 10 hours of service that is due the week of March 17, 2019.

Religion Grade 8: Mrs. Petrillo

8th grade Religion focuses on Church History. Additionally, students will prepare for Confirmation. **Their service hours will be due in January (15 hrs if 10 were completed last year).**

Textbook- BLEST ARE WE : THE STORY OF THE CHURCH

- **The Marks of the Church from the Beginning** - a study of the essential characteristics of the Church from the time of the Apostles
- **The Growth of Christendom** - a study of the first centuries of the early Church, describing disagreements between leaders.
- **The Age of Faith and Beauty** - we will discover how medieval society in Europe produced traditions that define much of Catholicism today.
- **Reason, Rebellion and Reform** - a focus on the Renaissance and the Reformation and discovering the Catholic Church's response to the Reformation.
- **Returning to the Roots of Christianity** - discover how the renewal of Catholicism has been the most positive result of the Reformation for Catholics; focus on modern times particularly on morality and Catholic social justice.

Chapter tests, essays, homework and small projects over the year will be assigned.

Science Grades 6, 7, and 8: Mrs. Petrillo

The 3 main branches of Science (Physical, Earth and Life) are covered throughout middle school. Each grade level focuses on specific content within each branch. As middle schoolers, students don't necessarily move from one topic to another, instead they get to see and explore how different core ideas fit together.

All students will:

- **Develop safe practices in the lab**
- **Conduct and present research**
- **Expand their science inquiry skills**
- **Demonstrate curiosity, exhibit motivation for learning and use class time effectively**

+ **Homework is given daily.**

+ **It is expected that students review notes nightly to be better prepared for class.**

Grade 6 Science: Mrs. Petrillo

Physical Science	Earth Science	Life Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Properties of Matter-States of Matter-Periodic Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Our atmosphere-Weather Factors/Patterns-Climate & Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Classification of living things-Ecosystems & Biomes-Populations & Communities-Biodiversity/Environmental Issues-Water as essential to life-Long Island watershed (with field trip in the Spring)

Grade 7 Science: Mrs. Petrillo

Physical Science	Earth Science	Life Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Work & Mechanics-Energy & Power-Electrical Force & Magnetism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Constructive & Destructive forces that shape the Earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Cell Structure & Function-Human Body Systems & Health

Grade 8 Science: Mrs. Petrillo

Physical Science	Earth Science	Life Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Atom Structure Review-Chemical Bonding-Forces, Motion & Inertia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Solar System-Our Planet Earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Heredity-Reproduction-Evolution & Adaptation

Structural Design/Technology In Society:

- Structural Design of Bridges**
- Engineering Design**

Language Arts Grades 6 & 8: Ms. Vertucci

- Homework is given daily.
- Vocabulary and Spelling assessments will be given every other week.
 - Students will be given a reminder of at least 5 school days prior to each assessment.
- AR Goals will be assigned individually and students are expected to have their books with them every day, including during Homeroom.
- Homework Planners are required to be signed by either parent daily.

Language Arts Grade 6:Ms. Vertucci

Reading	Writing	Other
The Wizard of Oz The Giver Tom Sawyer Twelfth Night	Persuasive Descriptive Poetry Letter Writing Expository Fact vs. Opinion	Paragraph Structure Thesis Statement Figurative Language Presentation Writing Process

Language Arts Grade 8: Ms. Vertucci

Reading	Writing	Other
The Great Divorce Animal Farm A Christmas Carol Macbeth	Narrative Descriptive Memoir Poetry Expository Persuasive	Writing Process Literary Devices Presentation Thesis Statement Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Essay

Language Arts Grade 7: Mrs. Quinn

ELA Important Information

- Homework will be given on a daily basis
- Vocabulary & Spelling will be every other week on Friday
- AR goals will be given each quarter and students are expected to have their book with them every day

Language Arts Grade 7: Mrs. Quinn

Reading	Writing	Poetry	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Outsiders• To Kill A Mockingbird• Romeo & Juliet (No Fear Shakespeare)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrative• Informative• Argumentative• Creative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sonnets• Haiku• Figurative• Narrative• Saga	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern Woodsman Speech Contest

Social Studies Grades 6-7-8: Mrs. Quinn

Social Studies Important Information

- Homework will be given at least 2-3 times a week
- Each chapter will consist of at least 1 quiz and 1 test
 - A study guide will be given out for both a quiz & a test
- Students will be notified of upcoming quizzes & tests at least a week in advance

Social Studies Topics to be Discussed:

6th Grade Social Studies	7th Grade Social Studies	8th Grade Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mesopotamia• Egypt• Kush• Ancient Hebrews• Ancient Greeks• India• China• Romans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Americans• Explorers• Colonial America• The American Revolution• Creating a New Nation• The Federalists• Jefferson & the Louisiana Purchase• Manifest Destiny• Nationalism & Sectionalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Civil War• Reconstruction• Exploring the West• Industrial Age• Rise to World Power• WWI• Great Depression & The New Deal• WWII & The Holocaust• Civil Rights Era• Vietnam War

Math Grade 7: Ms. Smith and Mr. Toaso

Grade 7 Math Curriculum:

- + Integers
- + Exponents
- + Equations
- + Inequalities
- + Ratios, Rates, Proportions
- + Percents
- + Functions
- + Analyzing Data
- + Probability
- + Geometry and Area
- + Surface Area and Volume
- + Transformations
- + Daily Problem Solving

Math Grade 6: Mr. Toaso

Grade 6 Math Curriculum:

- Number Properties and Decimals
- Expressions
- Number Theory
- Fraction Operations
- Ratios and Percents
- Integers and Rational Numbers
- The Coordinate Plane
- Geometry and Measurement
- Data and Graphs

Math Grade 8: Mr. Toaso

GRADE 8 MATH CURRICULUM TOPICS

- Foundations of Algebra
- Solving Equations
- Solving Inequalities
- Functions
- Linear Functions
- Systems of Equations and Inequalities
- Exponents and Exponential Functions
- Polynomials and Factoring
- Quadratic Functions
- Radical Expressions
- Rational Expressions and Functions
- Data Analysis and Probability