



Immaculate Conception School promotes (a/an)

- Caring community,
- Home for the active mind,
- Respectful, responsible citizens for a global society,
- Individual love for life-long learning,
- Strong value-based curriculum,
- Trust in the Word of God.



Enrichment

- Accelerated Reading
- Foreign Language
- Physical Education
- Computer Skills
- Art - Drama - Music

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Curriculum Guide Grade 8

- Confirmation**
- Graduation Trip**
- Academic Olympics**
- Varsity Sports**
- Spring Musical**

"And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth"
 (John 1:14)

Language Arts

Emphasizes:

- Extending and expanding vocabulary
- Improving comprehension
- Reading and analyzing a variety of genres based on its literary elements
- Creating examples of a variety of essays, short stories and poems
- Mastering the understanding and appreciation of dramatic forms through reading, viewing, and performance
- Cultivating the proper usage of the parts of speech (nouns, pronouns, appositives, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, etc.)
- Informational and complex text

Social Studies

Emphasizes:

- American History from the colonial period through reconstruction
- Evaluating the U.S. Constitution
- Relevant political, social, and technological events
- Explaining the relationship between our nation's history and current events
- Comparison of past and present problems and solutions
- Improving and expanding students ability to communicate
- Selected student driven research projects

Science

Emphasizes:

- Discriminating between chemical and physical changes in systems
- Understanding that energy is transferred into or out of a system in most chemical and nuclear reactions.
- Explaining how matter changes due to organisms and technology
- Qualitatively describing and comparing three-dimensional motion
- Measuring the physical characteristics of objects or substances
- Areas of study: The Nature of Matter, Chemistry, Motion, Forces, and Energy, Electricity and Magnetism, Waves, Sound, and Light
- Science Fair in the spring: research, oral presentation, visual display

Math

Emphasizes:

- Mastery of operations using fractions
- Mastery of operations using decimals
- Mastery of operations using integers
- Developing use of negative and positive exponents
- Developing operations of algebra including:
 - Factorization, distributive property,
 - Conjunctions, polynomials, solving multivariable problems,
- Using substitution, using elimination, slope
- Continuing themes in geometry: area, volume, perimeter
- Using scientific notation
- Using the Cartesian coordinate system
- Accelerated opportunities for the advanced student

Religion

Emphasizes:

- Presenting the truth of the Catholic faith in a comprehensive, informative and exciting manner
- Focusing on the sacraments and preparing for Confirmation
- Exploring Jesus in the gospels and through church teachings
- Considering the sacraments and liturgy
- Participating and hosting weekly liturgies
- Examining social doctrine and vocations
- Praying daily as a group and individually
- ∞ Service projects
- ∞ Bible study

Writing and Communications

Emphasizes:

- Personal narratives
- Various expository writing with an emphasis on argumentative writing
- Development of research skills in multiple media with a specific emphasis on validation and verification
- Introduction to the extended research paper format using multiple sources