

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

RELIGION: Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

Daily religious instruction is based upon Catholic faith-based traditions of the Roman Catholic Faith, and the four pillars of the catechism of the Roman Catholic church — creed, prayer, liturgy, and morality — and the *Faith First* textbook series is utilized to emphasize the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. There is a strong focus on the study of faith so students understand exactly *why* they are called to be active participants in the world around them, even at such an early age.

Faith-instruction spreads beyond the classroom, and students are frequently involved in school-wide service activities. Students pray daily, both as a group at the beginning and end of the day, and within the classrooms, as well as attend Mass and prayer services at least twice monthly.

COLLINS WRITING PROGRAM: Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

A comprehensive writing program designed to simultaneously improve students' thinking and writing skills, Collins emphasizes writing to learn and is utilized across the curriculum in each grade level.

SPECIALS, ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT AND EXTRACURRICULAR

Art (PK-8) • Library (PK-8) • Physical Education (PK-8) • General Music (K-3) • Band/Choir (4-8) • Technology Instruction (K-4) Integrated Technology (5-8) • Curriculum-based field trips (PK-8) • Cultural Arts program (PK-8) • Service Projects (PK-8) Battle of the Books (3-6) • Spelling Bee (4-8) • Geography Bee (5-8) • Student Council (5-8) • Peace Patrol (5-8) • Safety Patrol (5-8) • Oratorical (6-8) Literary Magazine Staff (6-7) • Math Competition (6-8) • Yearbook Staff (7-8) • National Junior Honor Society (7-8) • Religious Retreats (7-8)

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Textbooks: *Little Treasures* (McGraw-Hill) and *Handwriting without Tears*

Program Components: phonemic awareness • theme-based units of study • faith-based curriculum emphasizing bible stories and Mass themes

Specials: art • library • music • Spanish • P.E.

KINDERGARTEN through SECOND GRADE

Language Arts

Textbooks: *Treasures* reading series (McGraw-Hill)

Program Components: phonemic awareness • phonics • mnemonic recognition • guided reading • writing • handwriting

Math

Textbooks: *Mathematics* (McGraw-Hill)

Program Components: number recognition • computation of mathematical operations • introduction to geometry (shapes/patterns) • time, money and problem solving • concepts and estimation

Science and Social Studies

Textbooks: *A Closer Look* (McGraw-Hill), Harcourt

Program Components: weather/seasons • five senses • animals • habitats • matter • earth through time • light and color scientific inquiry • community • cultural diversity • simple economics • government • civics

Spanish (Enrichment)

Program Components: Includes an introduction to the language, culture and traditions through music, hands-on activities and conversational phrases

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School seeks to create a nurturing environment grounded in the Catholic faith, which provides for the spiritual and academic development of each child.

2011 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE



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THIRD through FIFTH GRADE

Language Arts

Textbooks: *Treasures* reading series (McGraw-Hill); *Vocabulary Workshop (3)*, *Greek and Latin roots (4-5)*

Program Components: reading comprehension • written expression • vocabulary • spelling • critical thinking skills

Math

Textbooks: Mathematics (McGraw-Hill)

Program Components: computation • problem solving • geometry • estimation • statistics • algebraic concepts

Science

Textbooks: *A Closer Look at Science (McGraw-Hill)*

Program Components: life cycles • geology • energy • plants • animals • intro to kingdoms • scientific method/inquiry

Social Studies

Textbooks: Harcourt and Prentice Hall

Program Components:

3rd grade — US and World communities • geography • civics • economics

4th grade — Geography and regional studies of the United States

5th grade — Geographic study of the Americas (North and South) • ancient origins to present

Spanish (Enrichment)

Textbooks: Prentice Hall

Program Components: Includes an introduction to the language, culture and traditions through music, hands-on activities and conversational phrases

Advanced Program (MAC) — Language Arts (3rd-5th) and Math (5th)

Incorporates the grade-level curriculum at an accelerated pace with an emphasis on critical thinking and problem solving.

SIXTH through EIGHTH GRADE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Language Arts

Textbooks: McDougal-Littell, Scribner and Sadlier-Oxford; *Daily Grammar Practice*; *Greek and Latin roots*

Program Components: grammar • writing • vocabulary • spelling • literature • basal readers/novel studies

Math

Textbooks: Glencoe, Holt and McDougal-Littell

Program Components: computation (properties and estimation) • problem solving • measurement • properties and conversion • statistics • geometry • algebraic concepts and functions

Advanced Level — 7th grade Pre-Algebra • 8th Grade Algebra

Science

Textbooks: *Science Explorer* (Prentice-Hall)

Program Components:

6th grade — earth science • space • scientific method • scientific inquiry

7th grade — life science • scientific method • scientific inquiry

8th grade — physical science • chemistry • scientific method • scientific inquiry

Social Studies

Textbooks: Harcourt and Glencoe series

Program Components:

6th grade — Ancient Civilizations of Europe, Asia and Africa

7th Grade — Early American History to the Civil War

8th Grade — American History from Reconstruction to Present • Georgia History • the Constitution

Spanish

Textbooks: Holt, Rhinehart and Winston

Program Components: core curriculum • introduction to the language, culture and traditions using speaking, listening, writing, projects and story-telling techniques

