SEVENTH GRADE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**Bible 7**

What is the source of personal character? Character is not inherited, it must be developed. Recognizing God’s Word as the only source for true character education, this course introduces a new character trait each week while applying these traits to current events as well as focusing on life experiences common to 7th graders. Students are challenged to dig deeper into God’s Word as they apply each week’s study to their own lives.

**English 7**

English class is designed to build on the foundation begun in elementary school, while preparing the student for more advanced high school English studies. The student is taught to master the skills of grammar and spelling and to apply them to writing. Vocabulary is designed to encourage students to know and be able to use an extensive, well-developed vocabulary in order to become an effective communicator. Opportunities are provided to help students develop their skills in reading speed and comprehension and to enrich their personal lives through the memorization of poetry.

**Creative Writing 7**

The creative writing class is an extension of the English 7 curriculum and serves to expose students to a more in depth look at the entire writing process while extending them extra time to develop their own writing skills in preparation for high school and college writing.

**Fundamentals of Math I**

Basic Mathematics class is designed to reinforce and further develop basic math skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and English measures. Students are involved in an extensive study of fractions, decimals, ratios/proportions, percent, measurement, graphs/statistics, and plane and solid geometry. Pre-algebra skills are introduced through writing and solving equations and working with integers and the coordinate plane.

**Life Science**

A course designed to introduce students to the scientific method, classification, and the use of the microscope. An introduction is also given to the study of plants, insects, the atmosphere, weather, and creation vs. evolution. Students are given information for doing a scientific investigation and are required to do a science research paper and a science project. This course is taught for 27 weeks. During the other nine weeks a course designed to teach the basic concepts of personal health and safety is taught. Basic first aid, helpful use of drugs, and dangers of drug abuse is also taught.

**History of the World in Christian Perspective**

This is a 36 week course which takes the student from creation to the 20th century. The rise and fall of nations and individuals and their acceptance or rejection of God’s truth is clearly presented. The study of maps, time lines, terms, and review lessons/questions are the tools most often used. Current events are due each nine-weeks.

**Rotation (6th-8th):**

**Music/Drama (6th-8th Grade, one nine-weeks)**

Music theory, history, and drama is studied in this combined class for one nine-week period. Students study and perform a musical drama at the end of each nine-weeks.

**Physical Education (6th-8th Grade, one nine-weeks)**

One nine-weeks of Physical Education including rules, drills, and play of team and individual sports including: basketball, football, softball, volleyball, team handball, soccer, swimming, and tennis. Conditioning and flexibility are a part of every class; ending the nine-weeks with the President’s Fitness Challenge. Sportsmanship and team work are a top priority.

**Computer (6th-8th Grade, one nine-weeks)**

A general survey of the basic computer skills; hands-on experience with the computer for the purpose of familiarity; using the computer as a tool. A strong emphasis placed on learning and using Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint).

**Art (6th-8th Grade, one nine-weeks)**

A nine-weeks course where students are taught one and two point perspective, basic drawing skills and techniques, and correct use of art tools and materials. Materials include oil pastel, clay, watercolor, tempera paints, crayons and colored pencils. Each student is encouraged to develop any artistic abilities they may have.