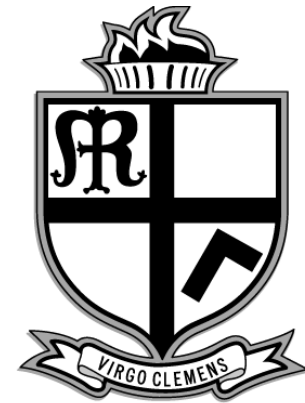


SEVENTH GRADE

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Seventh Grade curriculum,
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www.schools.charlottediocese.org
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Core Curriculum

Seventh Grade is the transitional year for middle school. Students are already familiar with time management, organization, and teacher expectations, and are now ready for a challenge.

In all areas of the curriculum, the content delves deeper into critical thinking and problem solving techniques. In literature and writing, students prepare for a Diocesan writing test in the persuasive genre, where they are allotted fifty minutes to write an argument for a prompt. Our seventh graders' performance on this writing test is consistently among the highest in both the Diocese of Charlotte and Raleigh combined. Grammar reviews the basic foundations of sentence structure and advances into more complex types of words and phrases. In literature students explore further into characterization and response to literature.

In science, students learn the human body, weather, genetics and physics. Social studies looks into the deeper questions in Africa and Asia. They apply their classroom findings when they compete for the first time in Model U.N. Math is leveled to challenge advanced students in Pre-Algebra. A rigorous Course Two program is utilized as well.

7th Grade Projects and Field Trips:

- Overnight trip to Pigeon Forge, TN
- Science: The Bone Song (movie presentations), Weather Forecasting, WFUBMC, Zoo, Science Day, Science Fair, Egg Drop
- Math: leveled classes, scale & proportion project
- Language Arts: Dramatic Interpretation, Persuasive writing, characterization, Vocabulary Day, *The Hobbit*
- Religion: Apostle Cards, Saint Presentations, Saint Books, Miracles and Parables

- Social Studies: Model U.N.
- Host a graduation dance for 8th graders

Catholic Identity

Seventh grade religion curriculum points to Jesus Christ, the world's greatest teacher, as a model. As they are embarking on a journey into adulthood, they relate Christ's teachings through the Word, miracles and parables, and how those teachings relate today.

With the rest of the school, we start our day with prayer and the daily scripture reading/reflection. We pray the Angelus, as a school, before lunch and then ask our lunchtime blessing. At the end of the day we say our closing prayer. We go to weekly Mass and monthly adoration.

Specials

Seventh graders have classes in their "special" subjects of Media/Technology, Spanish, Art, Music and Physical Education on a rotating basis.

PE: Units include soccer, volleyball, basketball, health and fitness, bowling, lacrosse, baseball, track and field, kickball, and tennis. PE meets twice a week.

MEDIA/TECHNOLOGY: We cultivate a learning environment where technology and media are integrated into the curriculum to enhance student learning. Students understand important issues of a technology-based society including safe and ethical behavior in the use of technologies. Teachers collaborate to provide learning experiences that incorporate access to print and digital resources and students use a variety of technologies to access, analyze, interpret, synthesize, apply and communicate information.

SPANISH: Students in seventh grade meet three times a week for Spanish. Students are encouraged to use Spanish in class. They continue to acquire the basic skills and grammatical

concepts of the Spanish language while learning about the holidays and customs in Hispanic countries.

ART: Students work on advanced color theory, advanced perspective with multiple vanishing points, and advanced 3-D design. We continue critiques by peers and increase our focus on art appreciation.

MUSIC: We continue our study of musical notation, instruments, and compositions of various composers. We learn the hand bells and give a handbell performance in the school-wide Christmas music program and Spring Concert.

Service and Buddies

Our Lady of Mercy considers seventh graders as the junior leaders of the school. They are assigned as buddies to the PreK students. They sit next to their PreK buddies during Mass, have story times and do special projects with their buddies.

Middle Schoolers do the planning for Helping Hands of Mercy, our student-led outreach program. This group coordinates many projects to help others in need, with the focus being "children helping children." The leadership of this team helps the whole school demonstrate that EVERY one is important to God.