

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School 8th Grade Curricular Syllabus

The 8th Grade Year is the New World Year. The year begins by studying the Age of Exploration and the settlement of the Americas. As the year progresses, the students dive further into American History by looking at the causes and outcomes of the American Revolution, studying the founding documents of the United States, and analyzing the Civil War. The second half of the year is devoted to the development of the modern era with a study of the Industrial Revolution, the early Twentieth Century, the era of the World Wars, and finally, the growing tensions and ultimate resolution of the Cold War. The literature studied in the New World Year complements the historical studies by providing the students with a greater understanding of the culture during the eras covered in History and allows the students to consider the moral decisions of characters, emulate their virtues, and recognize the importance of pursuing the truth and choosing the good even in challenging circumstances.

Religion

Resources: Holy Bible
YouCat
Catechism
Spirit of Truth
Ruah Woods Institute: Theology of the Body - Common Place Book

Math

Resource: Elementary Algebra Textbook, Second Edition: 2012-2013
College of the Redwoods Department of Mathematics
Euclid's Elements, Thomas L. Heath Translation

Nature Science

Resources: The Physics of Everyday Phenomena by Griffith
Introductory Chemistry: A Foundation by Zumdahl and DeCoste
Seminar and Recitation material from scientific papers and original works

History

Resources: The American Venture (Catholic Textbook Project)
A History of the United States: Modern Times: Late 1800s to the 2000s (CoreKnowledge)
Primary Sources

Literature

Resources: *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, Baroness Emma Orczy
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain
Poetry and Short Stories of American Literature, Memoria Press
Other short stories and poems

Language Arts

Composition

Resource: Institute for Excellence in Writing

Grammar

Resource: Voyages in English (Loyola Press)

Vocabulary

Resource: Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder

Latin

Resources: Lingua Latīna Per Sē Illustrata: Pars Prīma, Familia Rōmāna (Chp. 14-17)
Colloquia Personārum (Chp. 14-17)

Music

Resources: Harmony in Sequence by Ruth Dwyer (Indianapolis Childrens' Choir)
Sightsinging School by Mark O'Leary
Lumen Christi Simple Gradual
St. Michael Hymnal

Art

Resources: Assorted paintings from various artists
Mediums Used: graphite and eraser
mixed media paper
decoupage
mosaic
colored pencils

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Under the patronage of our Blessed Mother, the mission of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School is to support parents in their role as the primary educators of their children. Our classical training nourishes the students' natural sense of wonder and guides them to know and love what is genuinely good, true, and beautiful. Faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church, we form our students to be virtuous disciples of Jesus Christ and joyful witnesses to the Gospel.