

7th & 8th Grade Syllabus

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Parents:

Welcome back to a fresh start of a new school year! May your young scholars start off with a warm smile as they learn new skills, challenges and surroundings. Let's strive together to make this a healthy, positive learning environment to prepare them for their future endeavors.

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY:

In fulfillment of the Church's mission of Catholic education and in response to parental need, Santa Rosa de Lima exists to bring the message of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel into the formal educational experience of its students.

We strive to have our students follow the call of Jesus Christ by centering our teaching around faith, life and learning, providing opportunities for service and worship.

We strive to embody the spirit of Santa Rosa de Lima, living as disciples of Christ.

We strive to build a school community which responds to the dignity and worth of each member.

The development of a strong Christian largely depends on making responsible choices, starting now. A classroom discipline plan will be followed through to ensure that every student makes good decisions about his/her growth. Your child deserves the most positive educational environment to enhance their growth and spiritual well-being. The plan below outlines our rules, positive

recognition for appropriate behavior and consequences for inappropriate behavior.

CLASS RULES:

- 1. Treat EVERYONE, including the teacher, with respect**
- 2. Follow directions**
- 3. Keep your hands and feet to yourself**
- 4. Raise your hand before speaking**
- 5. Listen quietly teacher is speaking**

Positive Recognition: To encourage students to follow these rules, appropriate behavior will be recognized with “class points” in the Class Dojo app. Students who receive only positive points throughout the week will receive a “treat or prize” on Friday.

CONSEQUENCES:

Consequences will be applied accordingly for those students who break the rules.

- 1. 1st Warning**
- 2. 2nd Warning**
- 3. Points taken away from ClassDojo**
- 4. Email to parents/phone call to parents**
- 5. Parent/teacher conference**

HOMEWORK:

- 1. All students must write their homework assignment for that day on their agendas/ipads**
- 2. Homework will be assigned MON-THURS nights. If a student is absent or has missing assignments, he/she must complete them over the weekend since all weekly assignments will be archived on Monday**
- 3. Students will complete weekly math assignment on iReady**
- 4. All assignments MUST be submitted on time and fully completed in order to receive full credit**
- 5. All daily assignments will be posted on School Speak**

6. Academic integrity is highly regarded here. Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic "O" as his/her grade.
7. Please check SchoolSpeak on a consistent basis to keep an eye on your student's progress. Grades will be published every Friday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM:

7th GR. MATH: Names & numerals for integers, decimals, ratios, percentages, exponents, fractions, scientific notation and root radical.

8th GR. MATH: Number sense and operations, algebra, geometry, and spatial sense, measurement, and data analysis and probability.

7th GR. LIFE SCIENCE: The study of living things; cells; heredity & genes; earth & life history; human body systems; structure and function in plants and animals

8th GR. PHYSICAL SCIENCE: Structure & properties of matter; gases, liquids, solids; chemical reactions; energy & matter

7th GR. RELIGION: Church structure and history; profession of faith;

8th GR. RELIGION: Feasts & Seasons; Sacraments; revelation; morality

TESTS:

It is your student's responsibility to take notes during class time and study for the test. All test dates will be posted on SchoolSpeak in order for you to check on your student's study habits.

The grading scale for Math, Science and Religion is as follows:

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| Tests/Projects | 50% |
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| Quizzes | 25% |
| Classwork | 15% |
| Homework | 10% |

The letter grade scale will be as follows for all three subjects:

A = 100-93%

B+ = 92-90%

B = 87-89%

B- = 85-86%

C+ = 80-84%

C = 79-75%

C- = 74-70%

D = 69-65%

F = 64% and below

Technology in the Classroom:

- 1. Class Dojo**
- 2. iReady - Math**

*****PLEASE NOTE: the use of cell phones during school time is prohibited! Cell phones will be confiscated and taken to the office if used during class time*****

WEEKLY MASS:

The 7th graders will host the weekly mass during the month of November, including the Sunday family mass.

Mass Days: 11/1 - All Saints Day; 11/9;11/16; 11/26 Family Mass

The 8th graders will host the weekly mass during the month of December, also including the Sunday family mass.

Mass Days: 12/1;12/8 Immaculate Conception;12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day; 12/15

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your children. I am looking forward to an engaging year of learning together.

In Peace,

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Please return with your signature and student's signature:

I have read and understood the 7th and 8th grade rules and policies.

Print student's name: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

