



ARCHANGEL GABRIEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BUILDING MINDS, NOURISHING SOULS.

Curriculum Summary

Middle School: 6th - 8th Grades



Overview

Archangel Gabriel Middle School is centered on empowering the students with the tools to be successful in high school and college. Students are challenged to become responsible individuals with a focus on organization, note-taking, research, and study skills. Technology is used to reinforce and enrich the learning environment.

English

The Middle School English curriculum is centered on expanding the students' writing and speaking experiences. Instruction is focused on the development of grammar and writing skills. Students work with the teacher and peers to develop proofreading skills. Journals are used to promote fluent writers. Throughout the year, the students compose various pieces of writing through the use of the writing process and the 6+1 Traits Model of Writing.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- *Prentice Hall: Writing Coach*

Other materials include:

- Criterion Online Writing Evaluation
- Teacher-Selected Mentor Texts
- Supplemental Videos and Music
- Journals

Math

The goal of our mathematics curriculum is to ensure that all students are proficient in the various areas of mathematics. Life skills are woven throughout the curriculum, and our students are challenged to apply problem-solving skills in all areas.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

Big Ideas Math: A Bridge to Success

- Advanced 1
- Advanced 2
- Accelerated 2
- Algebra 1

Prentice Hall Mathematics

- Course 1
- Pre Algebra
- Course 3
- Algebra

Other materials include:

- Teacher- Selected Supplemental Resources
- Manipulatives
- Scientific Calculators



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What Your Child Will Learn

- Decimals
- Fractions
- Percentages
- Ratios and Proportions
- Integers/Rational Numbers
- Algebra
- Geometry
- Graphing
- Probability
- Problem-Solving Strategies

Reading

The Middle School reading curriculum is focused on developing independent reading and comprehension skills through novel-based, multi-genre literature instruction. Students participate in individual, small group, and whole class reading activities centered on reading strategies, vocabulary development, effective study habits, and discussion skills. The goal of the Middle School reading program is to nurture lifelong readers.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

Mirrors and Windows: Connecting with Literature

Sadlier-Oxford: Vocabulary Workshop

- Level A
- Level B
- Level C

Other materials include:

- Teacher-Selected Novels
- Audio Books
- Related Films and Video
- Supplemental Resources
- Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 Nook

What Your Child Will Learn

- SAT Vocabulary
- Applying Reading Strategies
- Literary Terms
- Characterization
- Author's Purpose
- Figurative Language
- Poetic Devices
- Characteristics of Genres
- Public Speaking Skills
- Study Skills



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Religion

The religion curriculum is concentrated on preparing the students to become disciples of Christ in all aspects of their lives which include home, school, and community. The students learn about their Catholic faith by attending Mass, morning prayers, prayer services, religion instruction, and service.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- *Sadlier: We Believe*
- *Sadlier: We Live Our Faith*
- *Silver Burdett Ginn Religion: Blest Are We: The Story of our Church*
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Other materials include:

- Catholic Vision of Love
- Bibles
- Journals
- Supplemental Film, Videos, and Music

What Your Child Will Learn

- Prayers
- Books of the Bible
- History of the Church
- Lives of the Saints
- Feast Day/Holy Days of Obligation
- Liturgical Year
- Sacraments
- Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ
- Laws of the Catholic Church

Science

The science curriculum provides for the understanding of the science concepts and acquisition of science skills useful to the students in their everyday lives. Vast arrays of topics are covered incorporating life science, earth science, and physical science during each school year. Opportunities are presented for students to explore and investigate concepts through hands-on activities and experiments, interactive notebooks, and STEM related projects.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

Holt Science and Technology, Integrated Science,

- Level Green (6th grade)
- Level Red (7th grade)
- and Level Blue (8th grade)



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Other materials include:

- Laboratory Equipment
- Consumable Materials
- Related Videos

What Your Child Will Learn

Life Science

- Plants
- Animals
- Cell Structure
- Human Biology
- Health

Earth Science

- Geology
- Astronomy
- Meteorology
- Water Systems

Physical Science

- Chemistry
- Motion, Forces, and Energy
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Sound and Light
- Properties and States of Matter

Social Studies

The social studies curriculum is integrated and interwoven with the following major social studies disciplines: anthropology, sociology, economics, geography, history, and political science. The focal point of 6th grade social studies is world history with an emphasis on western civilization. The focal point of 7th and 8th grade social studies is United States history.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- *Prentice Hall: History of the World*
- *Prentice Hall: America: History of our Nation*

Other materials include:

- World Atlas
- *The American President*
- Supplemental films, video, and music
- *Junior Scholastic Current Events*



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What Your Child Will Learn

- United States Geography
- United States History
- United States Presidents
- World Geography
- World History
- World Religions
- Historical Political and Economic Leaders
- Art History and Movements
- Current Events

Spanish

Grades 6-8 begin study in a textbook. The textbook presents the fundamentals in grammar for Spanish. The students drill in pronunciation, conversation, and readings. They continue to expand vocabulary, and students are tested on vocabulary lists. They study chosen irregular verbs and verb conjugation. Students are expected to demonstrate an understanding of basic sentence structure and simple conversation. They will do a special projects on Hispanic heritage.

Classroom Textbooks & Materials

- *Adelante*, Holt

What Your Child Will Learn

6th grade

Students begin learning to translate conversation. They learn to form sentences using the vocabulary and verbs in the lessons. They learn to respond to oral questions in class and write small conversations with partners. They will practice all prayers that they have already learned.

7th grade

Students expand their vocabulary and learn verb conjugation to enhance their abilities in sentence formation. They learn to write their own simple conversations and present them. They will practice all prayers that they have already learned.

8th grade

Students learn to communicate in Spanish, translate from English to Spanish, and write sentences. They learn to conjugate verbs and practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. At the end of the year, the students will write a biography of another student in order to demonstrate their understanding of nouns with adjectives, verb conjugation, and expression of ideas. They will practice all prayers that they have already learned.