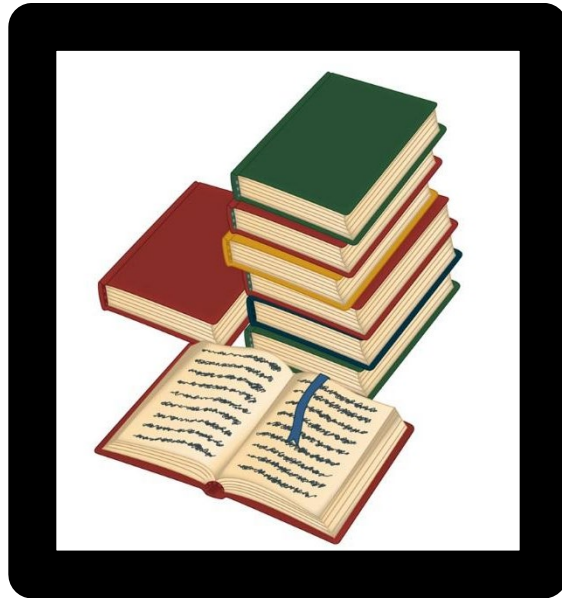


SEAS Junior High  
Back to School Night Packet

2020-2021



Subject and Grade Level Curriculum

Policies and Procedures

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

## **Further Explanation of the Demerit Policy for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Behavioral demerits will be issued for any student whose actions are in violation of the SEAS Code of Conduct and Handbook. Please refer to the SEAS handbook for an outline of these infractions. A demerit may be issued by any member of the SEAS faculty, staff or administration who witnessed the infraction. A parent acknowledgment is requested, though not required, for the demerit to be issued.

A warning yellow light may be issued, though not necessary, at the discretion of the faculty/staff regarding a behavior before a demerit is issued.

***2 missed homeworks accumulated from all subjects= 1 yellow light***

***1 more missed homework accumulated from all subjects= 1st demerit***

***3 more missed homeworks accumulated from all subjects= 2nd demerit***

***3 more missed homeworks accumulated from all subjects= Detention***

A demerit carries over into the next trimester in the event that the student did not receive 3 demerits yet and has not served a detention.

If a student has received three demerits for missed homeworks or behavioral issues, that student will receive a detention. Once a detention has been issued, that student will not be eligible to be on an honor roll list for the trimester in which he/she received the detention. In addition, that student will be removed from honor society, if applicable. The student cannot apply for National Junior Honor Society if he/she has a detention.

***All yellow light, demerits, and detention notices will be emailed to the parent/guardian email on file. Due to safety protocols, students will not physically serve a detention but will earn a detention for their records.***

# Middle School Religion

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religion- Mrs. Carlson**

This year in Religion, we will be discussing the history of the Church and how Our Faith has developed through the study of the Apostles, disciples, and our Church Community. We will also be discussing Our Faith as it pertains to issues of social justice and morality.

Many students will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in their respective parishes throughout the school year. Please let me know when and where your child will be receiving Confirmation prior to the sacrament so documentation can be made of this event.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Mrs.Petersen**

This year in Religion, we will be discussing the New Testament and Jesus and the Apostles' roles in creating the early Church. As part of our study, we will be discussing Jesus' parables and miracles and application of these lessons in our everyday lives as we continue the Mission. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade will also begin their Confirmation preparation through their use of the **Chosen** Confirmation Preparation program. Students will begin working on projects that will help them prepare for their renewal of their Baptismal promises as adults in the Church.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Religion- Mrs. McNamara and Mr. McDonagh**

This year in Religion, we will be discussing the Old Testament leading from Genesis to the time of Jesus. The following will be the major topics discussed during the course of the year: Introduction to Scripture, God's Call and Promise, Highlights of the Old Testament, Prayers, and the Liturgical Year.

## **Classroom Procedures**

**Tests, Quizzes, and Projects-** Announced one week before a test and two days before a quiz

- Grading based on Tests/Quizzes, Projects, Classwork/Class Participation, and Homework.

***Overall Grading will be based on the Current Diocesan Rubric Scale Grades 1-5.***

# Junior High Mathematics– Mrs. Carlson

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## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Common Core Curriculum**

Ratios and Unit Rates

Arithmetic Operations including Dividing by a Fraction

Rational Numbers

Expressions and Equations

Area, Surface Area, and Volume

Statistics

**Students will be taking the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Common Core State Test in the spring.**

*Grades will be determined by tests/projects, quizzes, classwork, and homework .Grades are based on a 1-5 rubric.*

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Common Core Curriculum**

Ratios and Proportional Relationships

Rational Numbers

Expressions and Equations

Percent and Proportional Relationships

Statistics and Probability

Geometry

*Grades will be determined by tests/projects, quizzes, classwork, and homework. Grades are based on a 1-5 rubric.*

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Common Core Curriculum**

Integer Exponents and Scientific Notation

Congruence and Similarity

Linear Equations

Functions and Geometry

Linear Functions

Introduction to Irrational Numbers using Geometry

*Grades will be determined by tests/projects, quizzes, classwork, and homework. Grades are based on a 1-5 rubric..*

## **Algebra Common Core Curriculum**

Relationships between quantities and reasoning with equations and their graphs

Descriptive Statistics

Linear and exponential functions

Polynomials and quadratic expressions, equations and functions

Modeling equations and functions

**The students will take the Algebra Common Core Regents in June, regardless of the high school they will be attending.**

*Grades will be determined by test/projects, quizzes, classwork, and homework. Grades are based on the 1-5 rubric*

**Please feel free to email at [jcarlson@steas.com](mailto:jcarlson@steas.com) with questions.**

**6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Curriculum**

**READING**

- Determine and analyze plot, setting, character, theme, point of view, structure
- Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, poems, nonfiction
- In-class novels (TBA)

**WRITING**

- Narrative
- Persuasive
- Informative
- Compare and contrast

**SPEAKING AND LISTENING**

- Collaborative discussions including one-on-one, in groups, teacher-led
- Oral presentations

**LANGUAGE**

- Vocabulary
- Parts of a sentence
- Nouns and pronouns
- Verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, interjections
- Subject-verb agreement
- Punctuation, capitalization and spelling

**\*\*Students will be taking the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA exam in April.**

***Grades will be determined by tests/projects, classwork, and homework.***

***Grades are based on the 1-5 rubric.***

**Please feel free to email at [mcnamara9356@steas.com](mailto:mcnamara9356@steas.com) with any questions.**

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Curriculum**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be exploring Earth Science.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade will be studying Physical Science, which includes topics such as Chemistry and Physics.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be studying Regents Living Environment. They will be taking the Living Environment Regents exam at the end of the year.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be learning **There will be a Science state exam at the end of May for all Eighth Grade students. All topics (Earth, Life, and Physical Science) will be on the exam.**

**Classroom Procedures**

For each chapter covered, students will be expected to complete all vocabulary and assigned questions from the chapter. Throughout the year, students may receive additional homework as needed.

Labs will be completed by each grade level when it correlates to the topics being discussed.

Quizzes will be given after the completion of a section/skill.

Tests will be based upon subject and may contain all chapters covered in class. Review sheets and in-class review will occur before all tests.

There will be at least one project each trimester.

***Grading will include tests, projects, labs, quizzes, homework, and classwork (participation and work completed in class).***

***Overall Grading will be based on the Current Diocesan Rubric Scale Grades 1-5.***

**Please feel free to email at [spetersen@steas.com](mailto:spetersen@steas.com) with any questions.**

## Junior High Social Studies – Mr. McDonagh

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### **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Curriculum**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Ancient Civilizations of the Western Hemisphere

- Early man, Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, Rome, and Medieval Times

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade** Introduction to American History (Native Americans-Civil War)

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade** Continuation of American History (Civil War-Present)

### **Classroom Procedures**

Several different forms of note taking, lecturing, audio clips, videos, and document analysis

Current Events News - monthly news summary of various news worthy items

This year we are continuing our use of Chromebooks and Google Classroom in our curriculum for classwork and homework, as well as for extended projects/assignments. Please refer to the Google Classroom and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton website for upcoming projects and assessments.

Tests, Quizzes, and Projects- Announced one week before a test and two days before a quiz

- Grading based on Tests/Quizzes, Projects, Classwork/Class Participation, and Homework.

***Overall Grading will be based on the Current Diocesan Rubric Scale Grades 1-5.***

- Please feel free to email me at any time at [emcdonagh9356@steas.com](mailto:emcdonagh9356@steas.com)

***The following is the criteria used to determine the Honors' Lists and National Junior Honor Society members for Grades 6-8.*** This criterion incorporates the Common Core Standards and the Diocesan Grading Rubric for Grades 6-8. The grading system for Grade 6-8 is based on a 1- 5 Scale Rubric. Any questions can be directed to your homeroom teacher.

<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>Academic Guidelines</u>	<u>Effort/Conduct Guidelines</u>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade First Honors</b>	<b>All 4s and 5s in the Major Subjects (ELA, Math, Advanced Math, SS, Science, and Religion) No less than a 3 in the Special Subjects</b>	<b>All S or E in Effort and Conduct  No Detentions for an Academic or Behavioral Offense During The Trimester</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Second Honors</b>	<b>4s or 5s in Three out of the Five Major Subjects(Excluding Advanced Math) No less than a 3 in the Remaining Major Subjects including Advanced Math and All Special Subjects</b>	<b>All S or E in Effort and Conduct  No Detentions for an Academic or Behavioral Offense During The Trimester</b>
<b>NJHS Quality Point Requirements</b>	<b><i>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- at least 21 Points</i></b> Entry based on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester of 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade and 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester of 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade  or Entry based on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester of 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade and 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester of 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade  Students in Advanced Math and Regular Math will receive points based on the <u>average</u> of the two grades for that trimester.	<b>No Detentions for an Academic or Behavioral Offense</b>

Sincerely, Mrs. Carlson, Mr. McDonagh, Mrs. McNamara, and Ms. Petersen