

# St. Margaret Catholic School

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum

### LITERATURE – Elements of Literature - Holt

This series includes fiction and nonfiction selections, literary elements and forms, novel studies, comprehension strategies such as main idea, purpose, inferring, cause/effect, sequencing, summarizing, vocabulary development through dictionary skills and context clues. Students give oral presentations, develop creative writing skills and practice fluency. Students use close reading and text-dependent questions in order to improve comprehension skills as well as interpreting the purpose of the genre piece read. Annotation is taught according to the SLCH and TSPFASTT guides to enhance the reading experience. Select novels are taught as a Novel Study each quarter such as *Hatchet*, *Maniac McGee*, and *The Sign of the Beaver*. SMCS uses Accelerated Reader and STAR Reading to motivate students to read and monitor their success.

### ENGLISH – Elements of Language - Holt

- Paragraph writing, essays, reports
- Writing process of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading
- Grammar such as parts of speech, sentence structure, and punctuation
- Writing styles required such as argumentative, expository, narrative, DBQ (Document Based Questions), Literary Analysis, and Email Writing
- Writer's Inc. Student Handbook, Sebranek, Kemper, Meyer
- Use of RAP CC method for constructed response

### MATH – Glencoe Math

- Integers
- Long division
- Decimals
- Order of operations
- Variables & expressions
- ALEKS
  - Added dimension to Math program
  - Provides adaptive, personalized learning and assessment to target knowledge gaps
  - Delivers focused instruction
  - Allows the teacher to differentiate instruction to support and challenge each student's unique learning needs
- Fractions
- Mean, Median, Mode
- Factorization
- Graphs
- Perimeters & Area
- Geometry – angles, triangles, quadrilaterals, parallelograms

### SOCIAL STUDIES – Discovering our Past: A History of the World

- World History/Geography
- Early man
- Ancient Egypt
- Hebrews
- Renaissance
- Ancient Greece
- Greek Mythology
- Roman Republic
- Christianity
- Middle Ages
- The DBQ Project: Document Based Questions

## SCIENCE

- Science Fair participation
- Chemistry – atoms, elements, Periodic Table
- N.E.E.D.
- Lab Safety
- Scientific Method through hands-on experiments and activities
- Introduction of STEM
- Energy – forms, sources, light, motion, sound, electricity, magnetism
- Students attend the Chem Expo at McNeese
- Weather/Hurricanes

## RELIGION

The theme entails a blueprint for a life of love: the law of God, especially in the Ten Commandments, and the presence of Jesus in the Holy Mass. The interaction of challenges of God's law and his gifts of grace that help us fulfill his law.

Part 1: The Ten Commandments; forming conscience and increasing closeness to God

Part 2: The Holy Mass; an emphasis on the Real Presence and Christ's Sacrifice and explanation of the parts of the Mass.

Part 3: The Last Things; Death and God's Judgment of us with an emphasis on the great happiness of Heaven.

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> all participate in Lectio Divina (meditating with scripture)

## ENRICHMENT

Junior High students rotate enrichment classes of Computer, Writing, Spanish, and Art every quarter. Students attend these classes daily for a 50-minute period during that quarter. Students attend PE 3x/week and Library 1x/week all year long.

## OPEN ENRICHMENT

- **Drama**    **Life Skills**    **Road Trip USA**    **STEM**    **Coding**    **Career Explorations**

Students attend open enrichment for 30 minutes on Fridays for the entire year. Students are given choices and must select their top 3. Each student will be placed in one of their top 3 choices for that year.

## TECHNOLOGY

Each classroom is equipped with a Promethean ActivBoard and AV station for instruction and learning. The students have access to computers within their classrooms as well a mobile lab with laptops and Chrome Books to help enhance the instruction within the classroom. Teachers and students have access to portable iPads and a computer lab housed in our library. Use of Chrome Books and Google Classroom is used widely among junior high students.