

Middle School Overview

Saint Raphael School is committed to providing a nurturing environment that strengthens each individual's self worth.

The Dignity of All

Learn More!

What We Do

Middle School Program: defined by the following Characteristics:

- High School Readiness
- Unifying Gospel Values
- Literacy Strategies taught across all classes
- Executive Functioning Assistance
- Social Emotional Wellness
- Variety of Specialist Classes
- Teacher and Student Support Model
- Utilizing Google Classroom in all classes

Living the Gospel Values: In place of Conduct and Effort on report cards, Middle School Students will be assessed in each class according to their exhibition of Gospel Values:

- Gathering, Energy, Neutrality, Affect, Goals and Empathy

As a community, the Middle School attends the 8:00 am Mass every Friday.



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Our Program

English Language Arts

Types of writing: Narrative, Descriptive, Expository, Response, and Creative. Students in all grades will utilize the Write Source curriculum and build upon writing skills for each writing type from year to year. *Write Source* also teaches all grades about the writing process and the mechanics of proper writing and grammar usage.

Other elements of ELA: Students will read various novels throughout the year to learn about literary elements and reading comprehension. The grammar curriculum covers punctuation, parts of speech, and sentence composition, amongst other topics. Lastly, the vocabulary textbook contains 20 units of varied and valuable words.

Assessment: Students will complete a myriad of assessments in English Language Arts including essay writing, test taking, journal writing, technology based assessments, vocabulary quizzes, amongst many others in order to cater to the learning styles of all students.

Buddies

Saint Raphael runs a buddy program between older students and younger students to foster good relationships and build community. Grade 8 and Kindergarten are paired as Buddies – Grade 7 and Grade 1 - Grade 6 and Grade 2

Religion

Grade 6

The World and Its People

We Answer God's Call
 God Invites Us Into His Kingdom
 God Reminds Us to Do His Will
 God Promises Us Everlasting Life
 Feasts and Seasons
 Our Catholic Teachings

Grade 7

The Story of Jesus

Mystery of the Incarnation
 Meaning of the Kingdom
 Christian Life
 The Paschal Mystery
 The Good News
 Feasts and Seasons
 Our Catholic Teachings

Grade 8

History of the Church

Marks of the Church
 Growth of Christendom
 Age of Faith and Beauty
 Reason, Rebellion, Reform
 Return to Roots of Our Catholic Heritage
 Christianity
 Feasts and Seasons

Math

App for Math Curriculum: Pearson eText for Schools Website for Math Curriculum: www.pearsonsuccessnet.com

Grade 6

Course 1 Mathematics: Common Core 2013 Prentice Hall

- Number Properties and Decimals
- Expressions & Equations
- Number Theory
- Fraction Operations
- Ratios and Percents
- Integers & Rational Numbers
- The Coordinate Plane
- Geometry
- Measurement

Grade 7

Course 2 Mathematics: : Common Core 2013 Prentice Hall

- Equations
- Inequalities
- Integers & Rational Numbers
- Ratios, Rates & Proportions
- Percents
- Surface Area & Volume
- Geometry & Area
- Analyzing Data
- Probability

Grade 8

Course 3 Mathematics: Common Core 2013 Prentice Hall

- Real Numbers and The Coordinate Plane
- Solving Linear Equations
- Functions
- Systems of Linear Equations
- Exponents
- Geometry
- Transformations
- Measurement
- Data Analysis

Algebra 1: Common Core 2015, Prentice Hall

- Solving Equations and Inequalities
- Functions (Linear, Quadratic)
- Systems of Equations & Inequalities
- Exponents & Exponential Functions
- Polynomials & Factoring
- Radical Expressions & Equations
- Rational Expressions & Functions



Social Studies

Grade 6

The World and Its People

Silver/Burdett/Ginn

Studies:

Ancient Civilizations:

Egypt, India, China, Greece, Rome

International Night

Grade 7

The American Nation

Prentice Hall

Studies:

Native Americans

Exploration

Thirteen Colonies

Revolutionary War

Constitutional Convention

Grade 8

The American Nation

Prentice Hall

Studies:

Age of Jefferson

Civil War

Reconstruction

Industrial Revolution

Westward Expansion

Immigration

In all Social Studies classes students do work with maps, timelines, and historical facts. Students also answer critical thinking questions using Write Source writing conventions. All classes are required to do research projects connected to the curriculum.

Science

Text:

Glencoe- Science Level Red - Gr. 6

Earth Science

Nature of matter

Earth's changing surface

Forces shaping Earth

Science Level Green - Gr. 7

Life Science

Cells and Cell Processes

Cell Reproduction

Heredity

Science Level Blue - Gr. 8

Physical Science

Chemistry of matter

Physical interactions

Motion, Forces and Energy

In all Science classes students will do activities to enhance their learning of the material. All classes are required to do research projects connected to the curriculum. Students will be required to answer critical thinking questions.



We aim to spark minds and foster creativity.

Service to Others



At Saint Raphael, students are taught about the importance of service. In the middle school this includes service to the school and community. Pictured to the left are students showing off their breast cancer awareness shoelaces during a "Uniform Free Day".

GRADE 6

Grammar/Vocabulary

Colors

Numbers from 0 to 100

Spanish alphabet

Subject pronouns

Greeting in Spanish

The house: Vocabulary

The family

Clothing

Initiation on AR verbs

(conjugations)

CULTURE:

Diversity of the Hispanic culture

GRADE 7

Building more vocabulary

Conjugating AR verbs

Intro to ER and IR verbs

Irregular verbs

Stem changing verbs

Indirect object pronouns

Other verbs like Gustar

Personal A

Verbs SER and ESTAR (To be)

Possessive adjectives

Demonstrative adjectives

Numbers from 0 to 1000

CULTURE:

Diversity on the Hispanic culture

Famous Hispanic People (Pope

Francis, Picasso, Salvador Dali,

Frida

Kalho, Diego Rivera y Botero)

Central and South America

GRADE 8

Direct and indirect object pronoun.

Verb IR + infinitive

Verb Gustar + infinitive

Numbers from 0 to 1000

AR, ER and IR verbs (conjugation)

Personal A

CULTURE:

Hispanic culture and heritage

Facts

Spain

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In all

Spanish classes students will study

the Spanish language and the

people and culture associated with

it. Students will develop their

awareness and appreciation from

other cultures and the

interconnected role of language in

all areas of knowledge. Each class

will be focusing on the study of a

particular Hispanic country from

Central America, South America,

The Caribbean and Europe.

Throughout the classes, students

will start understanding cultural

traditions and language patterns. As

they do so, they will find links

between a variety of cultures and

their own.



7th Graders working with their buddies on a craft project.