

## Enrichments

### Foreign Language

Students can choose between 25 different languages to study through the Rosetta Stone Language program. This powerful language learning tool teaches students through the same pathways that their original language was learned and includes speaking, reading, grammar, and written language skills. Students can also access this program at home for even more opportunity to progress in their language abilities!

### Senior Orchestra

Here is the apex of your child's instrumental musical development at SGCS. This is the advanced ensemble that works hard in rehearsals so we can have fun during performances. If your child has come this far in the music program, then you can be proud that they have learned how to blend and cooperate with others to create a true musical experience. Performances include Christmas; Red, White, and Blue Chapel; ACSI Solo and Ensemble; Open House; ACSI Band and Orchestra Festival as well as a scheduled trip to Disneyland with the Choir for performance and fun.

### Senior Choir

The Senior Choir provides growth and development of each student's musical abilities and gifts vocally at a more advanced level. Repertoire is carefully chosen to motivate and enhance the student's musical range. The Senior Choir participates in all festivals as well as regular chapels. Students completing this course enter high school fully prepared to participate in any choral ensemble at the freshman level.

### Art and Computer Graphics

In the art program, the students participate in various projects which are developmentally appropriate. These projects teach and encourage the students to do many things, including work cooperatively and independently, exercise creativity, follow directions, and work with a variety of media. Junior High, grade projects consist of printing techniques, wire sculptures and Pop Art collages.

Second through eighth grade levels all work with clay. In addition, Computer Graphics is offered to the Junior High level which involves basic design layout such as CD covers, posters, and packaging. The art program provides the students at all grade levels a variety of experiences.

### Other Enrichment Offerings

Sr. Orchestra, Sr. Choir, Sewing, Robotics, Computer Coding, Music, Public Speaking, Drama, Yearbook and Study Hall classes are also offered to Middle School students at various times in the year.

*Thank you for your interest in San Gabriel Christian School.  
We look forward to working with you and your child!*

# 7<sup>TH</sup> CURRICULUM FOLDER



*Seventh  
Grade*

## SAN GABRIEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

San Gabriel Christian School exists to extend the ministry of San Gabriel Community Church into the community by offering the highest quality education in an environment which encourages the development of committed followers of Jesus Christ.



# 7th Grade Curriculum

## Core Subjects

### Bible

Students will begin the year with an overview of the Old Testament historical books. In our study, we will always keep in mind that God is always the hero. We will cover God as Creator in the book of Genesis, God as Redeemer in the book of Exodus, God as the Conqueror in the book of Joshua, and the invisible hand of God in the book of Esther. Students will then learn the basics of Systematic Theology. We will cover topics such as the theology of God, theology of the end times, theology of the church and the theology of Christ. Last, the students will learn proper hermeneutics in studying the book of Mark. We will discuss how to find the author's main idea while analyzing a set of stories.

### Math

Students experience incremental development through math concepts and skills including the areas of arithmetic, graphing, equations, probability, percents, unit conversions, and word problems. Area, volume, and perimeter of geometric figures are also components of the math program. Instruction includes group participation in lessons, written practice at school and home, and daily assessments.

#### 7th & 8th Grade Algebra

Students will learn Algebraic concepts through a process of incremental development spanning over a hundred different lessons that lasts the entire year. Along with new material comes a continual process of review built in the curriculum to provide solidification of knowledge in Algebra. Much attention is also given to higher level critical thinking skills and application of such skills to real life problems.

#### 7th & 8th Grade Pre-Algebra

Students experience incremental development through math concepts and skills. Lessons include review/overview of topics learned in elementary school. This course provides a spring board from which to organize the basic thoughts and concepts of mathematics for use in developing the higher level thinking required in advanced mathematics course work. Students will solve and simplify equations and inequalities, translate word problems into equations and equalities, and apply algebraic conceptions to solving basic geometric and economic problems.

### Science

Students will enjoy working through four areas of Life Science beginning with a study of the animal kingdom and followed by an in-depth study of the plant kingdom in preparation for science fair. Many "hands-on" experiences are provided. During the second semester, our young scientists will enrich their knowledge of environmental science and have a brief exploration of human biology and health. Captivating projects, dissecting, and our annual adventure to Catalina are among the highlights. Students have the opportunity to serve on the Y.E.S. Team: Young Environmental Specialists, "Say YES To A Better World!"

### Social Studies

Seventh Grade World Geography covers the physical and cultural geography of the Eastern Hemisphere. An overview of the physical, historical, and cultural aspects of major countries is included as part of the following units: The Industrialized Countries of Western Europe; The Middle East; Japan, China, and the Newly Industrialized Countries of the Pacific Rim and Southeast Asia; The Indian Subcontinent; and Africa South of the Sahara Desert.

### English

The standards for seventh grade English provide a transition from elementary school, as skills taught in earlier educational years are built upon in order to begin the process of preparing students for secondary school. Students build upon prior knowledge to write, read, and evaluate different forms of literature. Lessons and activities allow students to become actively engaged readers and writers who are involved in the learning process. Students are given opportunities for individualized writing instruction. Spelling, grammar, vocabulary, and other appropriate skills are incorporated in such a way as to allow each student to grow and capture his or her ideas, and allow these skills to their evaluation of literature and their written communication. Students analyze both literature and informational texts by making inferences, determining themes, studying the elements of plot, evaluating claims and arguments in texts, and analyzing the use of figurative language in both fiction and non-fiction pieces. Writing includes both narrative and expository essays. In addition, students will develop research skills, including proper use of formal citations. One of the primary goals of seventh grade English is for students to become excellent and discerning readers and writers who use the powerful tool of communication for the glory of God.

### Physical Education

It is the desire of San Gabriel Christian School to prepare the students for participation in high school physical education and sports programs, and to instill a desire to maintain life-long fitness through exercise and sports.