

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!*

8TH CURRICULUM FOLDER



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.



8th Grade Curriculum

Core Subjects

Bible

Students will begin the year with an overview of the New Testament books penned by Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, and Jude. We will discuss the book's major themes, and will show how to find the major themes on their own. Students will learn proper Hermeneutics as they study the sermon on the Mount text. A process of studying the scriptures called "Blocking" will be used to visually determine the main idea of the author. Last, students will close out junior high with a unit on spiritual disciplines. This unit will be completely practical and will provide students an opportunity to put into practice all they have learned in the biblical schooling.

Math

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

Geometry

Students are given basic concepts of Geometry through a step-by-step approach. Algebraic concepts will be reviewed in this course while Trigonometric concepts will be previewed at the end of the year. Logical thinking and deductive reasoning will be emphasized as students learn to perform Geometric proofs by utilizing postulates and theorems.

Science

The eighth graders will obtain an understanding of the Physical Sciences. We will focus on Chemistry and Physics. Students will learn the properties of matter, the physical and chemical changes of matter, and the arrangement of the periodical table. Students will also be introduced to motion, forces, and energy. "Hands-on" experiences will reinforce the material taught in class.

Social Studies

The eighth grade curriculum covers the history of the United States with a special unit on the US Constitution. Historical units include: The Colonial Period and the Revolutionary War; The Growth of the New Nation and the Westward Movement; The United States Becomes an Urban Industrialized Nation; and Major Wars of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, with emphasis on the Civil War, World War One and World War Two.

English

The standards for eighth grade English provide preparation of students for the secondary level. The course content consists of strands from the domains of reading, writing, written and oral English language conventions, listening, and speaking. The strands to be emphasized include vocabulary development, reading comprehension, literary response and analysis, writing strategies, and applications, language conventions, and listening and speaking strategies.

Students will analyze both literature and informational texts by making inferences, determining themes, identifying the use of story devices such as satire and irony, determining how characters are developed, evaluating claims and arguments in texts, and analyzing the use of figurative language in a variety of genres. Writing includes both narrative and expository essays, in addition, students will expand their research skills, using formal citations, including the use of embedded citations. The curriculum follows a logical growth pattern, which builds on information students have processed in previous grades. A solid understanding of basic grammar and writing skills is stressed. In preparations for high school, students read literature and novels that will stretch their understanding. Performance standards are high. The course is taught with the objective of building a Biblical worldview. Students are taught to be discerning readers, evaluating literature in the light of God's Word. In the development of writing ability, emphasis is placed on the skills necessary to effectively communicate the message of God's truth.

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.