



PRINCE *of* PEACE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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Grade 8
2020-2021

Welcome to eighth grade! Our Junior High is more departmentalized than the younger grades. That means they will experience instruction in a variety of classrooms from several different teachers. Mr. Peter Berg is their homeroom teacher. He will teach their Bible class as well as Jr. High Math. Mr. Kris Toth teaches Science, Mr. Ryan Melcher teaches Social Studies, Mr. Trevor Sollitt teaches 8th grade Language Arts and Math, Mrs. Viviana Sisniegas teaches Spanish, and Mr. Mr. David Bravo teaches P.E.

In general, Math covers Algebra I, Science is Physical Science, Language Arts dives into writing longer essays, and Social Studies covers American History. In the Bible study course, students will learn what a biblically-based worldview is and how to defend it. Discussions involve their behavior amongst themselves and the social and peer pressures that they will begin to face in the next four years.

Many wonderful experiences outside of the classroom are part of this year. Outdoor education is great for building friendships while learning of God's creation and it includes spontaneous writing in a solo forestry location, a walk through the sequoias, and a night of sky watching. There is also a ski trip, an end of the year event that usually includes white water rafting and major hiking, along with other experiences. Fun activities throughout the year are done with our preschool grade buddies. Eighth grade is also an important time for extracurricular sports. Students will grow and play at volleyball, basketball, as well as track. Some may attend the Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament in Portland, Oregon to compete in events that range from spelling to math, from musical performance to basketball.

In addition to an abundance of resources we will be using in the classroom, our standard textbooks will be:

- **Science** Prentice Hall
- **Reading** Realms of Gold & teacher's selections
- **English** Write Source and Step Up to Writing
- **Math** Big Ideas Math
- **Social Studies** Core Knowledge
- **Bible** Case for Christ Student Addition; Light Bearers

You are more than welcome to come and examine all of these resources.

As part of eighth grade, you can expect 90-130 minutes of homework per night, some of which will be completed in class or study hall.

We look forward to a wonderful year and welcome any feedback from you that might help your child excel. If you have any questions, please email any of the teachers or call (797-8186) to set an appointment so we can give you undivided attention while we meet.

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The following is the assessment process:

Assessments in all subjects are determined by individual and group quizzes via Activote, paper & pencil tests, chapter and unit quizzes. Class presentations, both individual and group, and class participation provide a portion of the grade. Rubrics for grading are given based on the assignment.

Homework for all classes is due on the date assigned in-class unless extensions are given. Late work will be graded according to the junior high policy. Extension can be given on a case by case basis and to the teacher's discretion. Please talk with the teacher if such a situation should arise

Grading Break down

- Tests/Quizzes - 40%
- Homework - 40%
- Participation - 20%

Spanish

8th Grade will review and continue building up Spanish Vocabulary. Students will learn and use Subject Pronouns, Possessive Adjectives, Verbs that end with -ar, -er, -ir, Irregular Verbs, Stem changing verbs, Verb Gustar, Saber, Conocer, Present Tense, Present Progressive, numbers. The Body, The Family, Questions, Negatives. This year the student will use a book.

Language Arts

Transcends all: document formatting, speech prep

Narrative: 5 elements of narrative, literary devices, author analysis, write narrative composition, narrative speech

Expository: writing process, compare and contrast, how to solve a problem

Research: investigate, writing style, composition, speech

Poetry: figurative language, analyze tone and meaning, write different forms of poetry, spoken word

Persuasive: persuasive techniques, understand and question perspective, debate

**Please note that due to COVID 19 and distance learning field trips and some in-class activities will be adjusted.

August/September

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Introduction to Physical Science■ Measurement■ Mathematics in science■ Lab safety■ The nature of matter■ Describing matter■ Changes in matter
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Writing to improve reading comprehension■ 8 parts of speech■ Novel Study
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Solving Linear Equations■ Solving Linear Inequalities
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Basics of Geometry■ Reasoning and Proofs
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Connections of WWI and WWII■ Weimar Republic Germany■ Versailles Treaty■ The Nazi Party■ The Blitzkrieg – American Neutrality / Lend Lease Act
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers Worldviews■ Introduction Unit■ Worldviews Pre-Test■ Worldviews Survey Questions■ Memory
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Outdoor Education

October

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Solids, liquids, gasses■ States of matter■ Behavior of gasses
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Sentence structure■ Punctuation & capitalization■ Writing process■ Parts of speech■ Novel Study
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Graphing Linear Functions■ Writing Linear Functions
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Parallel and Perpendicular Lines■ Transformations
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Total War vs. Limited War Concepts■ Failure of Appeasement■ Leaders of WWII■ Pearl Harbor
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers: What about God?■ Case for Christ: Student Edition■ Memory
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No field trip this month

November

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Elements and the periodic table■ Atoms■ Organization of the periodic table■ Metals and non-metals
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Nouns, verbs, pronouns■ Read Essays■ Formatting■ Informative writing■ Comprehension
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Solving Systems of Linear Equations
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Congruent Triangles
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 3 Major Naval Battles of the Pacific■ Invasion of North Africa■ Conclusions of WWII■ Atomic Bomb■ The Holocaust
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers: What About Truth and Reality?■ Case for Christ: Student Edition■ Memory
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No field trip this month

December

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Atoms and bonding■ Bonding in the periodic table■ Ionic and covalent bonds
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Adjectives & adverbs■ Read speeches■ Transitions■ Introduce argument writing
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Exponential Functions and Sequences
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Relationships with triangles
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Articles of Confederation■ U.S. Constitution■ Legislative Branch
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers: What About Truth and Reality?■ Memory
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No field trip this month

January

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Chemical reactions■ Chemical changes■ Describing and controlling chemical reactions
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Narrative: literary devices■ Subject – verb agreement■ Verbals■ Argument writing■ Planning■ Structure
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Polynomial Equations and Factoring
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Quadrilaterals and other polygons■ Similarity■ SSS, & SAS.
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 3 Branches of Government■ Presidents Report■ 27 Amendments
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers: How Should We Behave?■ Memory
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Field trip to Exploratorium

February

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Acids, bases and solutions■ Solutions and solubility■ Describing acids and bases
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Read Novel – Animal Farm■ Prepositions■ Conjunctions■ Interjections■ Clauses■ Argument writing■ Persuasive Speeches
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Graphing Quadratic Functions
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Right Triangles and Trigonometry
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ History / Fall Of the British Empire■ Ireland■ Asia / India Culture
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers: What is the Origin of Life?■ Lightbearers: What Does it Mean to be Human?■ Memory
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ L.E.S.T (Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament) or■ L.B.A.P.O.P (Left Behind at Prince of Peace)

March

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Motion and energy■ Speed and velocity■ Acceleration
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Give speeches/debates■ Novel – Animal Farm■ Narrative writing■ Poetry: figurative language, analyze tone and meaning, write different forms of poetry■ Sentence fluency■ Vocabulary and spelling rules
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Solving Quadratic Functions
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Circles
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Cities of India■ Gandhi■ Regions of India■ China
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers: What Does it Mean to be Human?■ Lightbearers: What Makes a Healthy Society?■ Memory
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No field trip this month

April

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Forces and forces in fluid■ Friction and gravity■ Newton's laws
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Narrative: composition & research■ Writing for assessments■ Vocabulary review■ Organization■ Literature circles
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Radical Functions and Equations
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Circumference, Area, and Volume
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Cold War Topics■ Berlin Airlift■ Satellite Wars■ Truman Doctrine■ Marshall Plan
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers: What is the Basis of Law?■ Lightbearers: What is the Purpose of Government?■ Memory
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No field trip this month

May

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Exploring Space■ Rockets■ The space program■ The solar system■ The sun■ The planets■ Earth, moon and sun■ Gravity■ Phases, eclipses and tides
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Short stories■ Writing for assessments■ Listening & speaking (interviewing skills)■ Grammar review■ Literature circles
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Data Analysis and Displays
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Probability
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Decades Project■ Important Civil Rights Leaders■ 50's, 60's, 70's
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Art portfolio
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers: What is the Purpose of Government?■ Lightbearers: How Should We Use Our Resources?■ Memory
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No field trip this month

June

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Tests and projects
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Review
Algebra 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Review and final exam
Geometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Review and final exam
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Civil Rights
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Review of art portfolio
Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lightbearers: Conclusion of Worldviews■ Worldviews Survey Questions
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 8th grade graduation outing■ Service Day at Coyote Hills