PRINCE of PEACE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Grade 7
2026-2027

Welcome to 7th grade! This booklet outlines the scope of our learning for this year and the sequence in which we will be addressing each subject. Below are the middle school teachers along with the subjects they teach:

Mrs. Cassia Sollitt – 7th grade homeroom, Bible, and Language Arts
Ms. Esther Na – 7th grade homeroom, Bible, Language Arts, & Social Studies
Mr. Ryan Melcher – 8th grade homeroom and Social Studies
Mrs. Jenny Woodrow – 8th grade homeroom and Math
Mrs. Erin Mansfield – 6th grade homeroom and Science
Mr. Trevor Sollitt – 6th grade homeroom and Math
Mrs. Alva Valle & Mrs. Lori Robeck – P.E.
Señora Sisniegas – Spanish
Ms. Lynne Sparling – Art
Mr. Bob Sterling & Mrs. Barbar Ettner – Band
Ms. Alyssa Presutto – Choir

In 7th grade, the core subjects cover world history, life science, and a math track of advanced 2 or algebra. Bible class is focused on real-life faith application. A 7th grader can expect around 70-100 minutes of homework per night.

A variety of other experiences are part of this year. In September, our outdoor education camp is held at Mount Hermon, located in the Santa Cruz mountains. Fun activities throughout the year are planned with our first-grade buddies. Students have the opportunity to play after-school sports, which include softball, flag football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and cross country. Some athletes, scholars, and musicians may attend the Lutheran Elementary Schools' Tournament in Southern California to compete against other Lutheran schools in a variety of events.

7th grade is an important and formative year. It is an adventure and a blessing!

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

- **Science** Smithsonian Science & Technology Concepts
- **Reading** Realms of Gold and teacher selections
- **English** IXL and Step Up to Writing
- **Math** Big Ideas Math
- **Social Studies** Core Knowledge
- **Bible** Enduring Faith

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.

In Christ,
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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%

Language Arts

Transcends all: speech prep, document formatting.
Narrative: genre review, 5 elements of a narrative, point of view, narrative composition, responses to literature
Expository: writing process, cause and effect, summarizing.
Research: locate various types of information, inquire/investigate/support statements with facts, MLA parenthetical citations, write research composition, present research speech
Poetry: figurative language, analyze tone and meaning, write themed poetry, spoken word
Persuasive: Perspective and persuasion, question and respond to author's perspective, debates

Spanish

7th Grade will review and continue building up their Spanish Vocabulary. Students will learn the Alphabet, Days of the Week, Months and Dates, Gender of the Nouns, numbers, adjectives, Telling Time, Verbs Ser and Estar, The Family, Occupations, The Body, Transportation, Possessive Adjectives, Subject Pronouns and Verbs that ends in –ar, -er, and -ir, The Weather and Question Words. Students will use a workbook to practice what we are learning as well as different applications to practice new vocabulary and grammar.

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Art

Through instruction and experimentation, students will build skills in various media and approaches to artmaking. They will learn to describe what an image represents, identify the purpose of an artwork, and practice the four artistic processes of visual arts (creating, presenting, responding, and connecting). Students also continue learning and practicing the elements of art and principles of design through their study of art history and studio projects using the bi-monthly Scholastic Art Magazine.

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Physical *Education*

Every class will include 10-15 minutes of physical fitness and movement that provides dynamic stretching, flexibility, cardio, muscular strength, reaction time, agility, loco-motor and non-local motor movement.

Lessons will focus on including a skill-based game or movement concept related to the activity.

Units include: Physical fitness testing with strength and conditioning, movement in space games, team games, 1 mile run, soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, pickleball, flag tag, football throwing/catching, playground games, indoor gym games and track & field.

Key focus throughout the year: Safety, Sportsmanship, Fitness and Fun!

Health and Wellness

Emphasis on nutrition, mental, social, and physical fitness well-being. Ensuring our children will learn compassion-in-action, self-care, goal setting and making good choices to live a happy healthy lifestyle. Social Emotional Leaning (SEL) utilizing Second Step curriculum teaches children about Mindset and Goals, Recognizing Bullying and Harassment, Thought, Emotions and Decisions, Managing Social Relationships and Social Conflict.

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August/September

Science	▪ Structures and Functions o Cellular respiration o photosynthesis o Organ System
Language Arts	▪ Narrative: genre review, 5 elements of a narrative, composition ▪ Study skills & taking tests ▪ Subjects, predicates and kinds of sentences ▪ Document Formatting ▪ General Overview
Math Advanced 2	▪ Equations ▪ Transformations ▪ Angles and triangles
Algebra 1	▪ Solving linear equations ▪ Solving linear inequalities
History	▪ Imperialism & Expansionism vs. Isolationism ▪ Colonialism ▪ Manifest Destiny & Completion of Westward Expansion ▪ Europe Map ▪ USS Maine
Bible	▪ God Leads His Nation ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ Outdoor Education

October

Science	▪ Structures and Functions
	  o Organ Systems
	  o Nervous System
	  o Animal structures and functions

Language Arts	▪ Expository: writing process, cause and effect ▪ Narrative: 5 elements of a narrative ▪ Library and reference resources ▪ Nouns and verbs ▪ Writing process skills
Math Advanced 2	▪ Graphing and writing Linear Equations
Algebra 1	▪ Graphing Linear Functions ▪ Writing Linear Functions
History	▪ Spanish American War and Battles ▪ Teddy Roosevelt & Social Reforms ▪ US Involvement in Hawaii - Cuba - Philippines
Bible	▪ God Leads His Nation ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No fieldtrip this month

November

Science	▪ Genes and Molecular Machines o Unicellular vs multicellular o Asexual and sexual reproduction o Meiosis and genetic diversity
Language Arts	▪ Expository: summarizing ▪ Narrative: 5 elements of a narrative ▪ Pronouns, adjectives and adverbs ▪ Novel: Call of the Wild
Math Advanced 2	▪ Systems of Linear Equations ▪ Functions
Algebra 1	▪ Solving Systems of Linear Equations
History	▪ Militarism, Colonialism, Nationalism
Bible	▪ God Raises Up Leaders ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ USS Hornet

December

Science	▪ Genes and Molecular Machines o Mitosis vs Meiosis o Passing traits to offspring o Types of mutations
Language Arts	▪ Expository: essay structure ▪ Narrative: responses to literature ▪ Adjectives & adverbs ▪ Novel: Call of the Wild
Math Advanced 2	▪ Equations and Inequalities
Algebra 1	▪ Exponential functions and sequences
History	▪ Begin World War I ▪ United States Neutrality – Lusitania ▪ MAIN Causes of World War I
Bible	▪ Advent Service ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trips this month

January

Science	▪ Genes and Molecular Machines o Factors that affect germination o Explore genetic diversity
Language Arts	▪ Research: locate various types of information, inquire/investigate/support statements with facts, MLA parenthetical citations, ▪ Narrative: point of view ▪ Clauses and complex sentences ▪ Verbals
Math Advanced 2	▪ Data Analysis and displays ▪ Exponents and scientific notation
Algebra 1	▪ Polynomial Equations and Factoring
History	▪ Steps to WWI ▪ Allied and Central Powers List ▪ WWI combat and Weapons/Human Toll
Bible	▪ God Exiles and Restores His People ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No Field trip this month

February

Science	▪ Genes and Molecular Machines o Genetic Modification and artificial selection o Natural selection
Language Arts	▪ Research: composition ▪ Narrative: point of view ▪ Subject – verb agreement ▪ Poetry: Figurative language, analyze tone and meaning, write themed poetry
Math Advanced 2	▪ Inequalities ▪ Constructions and scale drawings
Algebra 1	▪ Graphing Quadratic Functions
History	▪ 14 Points vs. Versailles Treaty ▪ Total Cost of WWI – Effects on Germany
Bible	▪ Jesus Comes for Us ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ L.E.S.T (Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament)

March

Science	▪ Ecosystems and Their Interactions o Identify biotic and abiotic factors o Limited available resources o Photosynthesis, cellular respiration
Language Arts	▪ Research: speech ▪ Capitalization and Punctuation ▪ Poetry: spoken word
Math Advanced 2	▪ Circles and Area
Algebra 1	▪ Solving Quadradic Functions
History	▪ Monarchy vs. Communism ▪ Reds vs. Whites ▪ Lenin, Trotsky, End of the Tzar's ▪ Russian Geography / Color Map
Bible	▪ Jesus Teaches and Heals ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trip this month

April

Science	▪ Ecosystems and their interactions o Transfer of energy between trophic levels o Types of interactions in an ecosystem o Impact of change on a population o Natural selection o biodiversity
Language Arts	▪ Sentence combining ▪ Persuasive: effective persuasion and composition ▪ Novel: The Diary of Anne Frank
Math Advanced 2	▪ Surface Area and Volume
Algebra 1	▪ Radical Functions and Equations
History	▪ 1920's Era ▪ Jazz ▪ Prohibition Age ▪ 18th/19th Amendments ▪ Influential people ▪ African Migration ▪ Harlem Renaissance
Bible	▪ Jesus Saves the World ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trip this month

May

Science	▪ Ecosystems and their interaction
	  ○ Impact of human activity
	▪ Structure and Function
	  ○ Multicellular organisms
	  ○ Cellular structure

Language Arts	▪ Persuasive: Perspective and persuasion, question and respond to author's perspective ▪ Listening & speaking (interviewing skills) ▪ Speeches & oral reports ▪ Novel: The Diary of Anne Frank
Math Advanced 2	▪ Probability and Statistics
Algebra 1	▪ Data Analysis and Displays
History	▪ Great Depression Unit Begins ▪ Stock Market Investment ▪ Air Travel ▪ Fame ▪ The New Deal ▪ Hoover v. FDR ▪ Dust Bowl
Bible	▪ Jesus Saves the World
Field Trips	▪ Service Field Trip at Animal Assisted Happiness ▪ Class Party at Great America