PRINCE of PEACE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Grade 8
2026-2027

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

In 8th grade, the core subjects cover American history, physical science, and a math track of algebra1 or geometry. Bible class focuses on biblically based worldviews and how to defend them. Discussions involve faith-based character development and setting the foundation for confident decision-making as students head to high school. The Bible stories in our curriculum align with chapel teaching and the church calendar.

Experiences outside of the classroom are also an important part of 8th grade. Outdoor education is opportunity to build friendships while learning in God's creation. Fun activities are planned throughout the year with our preschool 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 Seattle, Washington to compete against other Lutheran schools in a variety of events.

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 & teacher's selections
- **English** Write Source and Step Up to Writing
- **Math** Big Ideas Math
- **Social Studies** Core Knowledge
- **Bible** Enduring Faith

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.

In Christ,

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The following is the assessment process:

Assessments in all subjects are determined by individual and group quizzes, 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: 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

Spanish

8th Grade will review and continue building up Spanish Vocabulary (the body, family, places, numbers, colors, animals, etc). Students will learn and use Subject Pronouns, Possessive Adjectives, Regular Verbs with –ar, -er, -ir, endings, Stem changing verbs, Verb Gustar, Saber, Conocer, Acabar, Irregular Verbs, Present Tense, Present Progressive, Immediate Future, Past Tense, Questions & Answers. 8th Grade will learn about culture of different Spanish speaking countries.

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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 practice the *elements of art* and *principles of design* through their study of art history and studio projects. Each year's skills will build on knowledge learned and practiced in the previous year. Eighth grade students are also eligible for the Studio elective which includes watercolor, advanced drawing techniques, 3D projects, and design principles.

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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 through out 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	▪ Energy, Force and Motion
	  ○ Speed and how mass affects speed
	  ○ Magnetic force

Language Arts	▪ Writing to improve reading comprehension ▪ 8 parts of speech ▪ Novel Study – Twelfth Night
Algebra 1	▪ Solving Linear Equations ▪ Solving Linear Inequalities
Geometry	▪ Basics of Geometry ▪ Reasoning and Proofs
History	▪ Connections of WWI and WWII ▪ Weimar Republic Germany ▪ Versailles Treaty ▪ The Nazi Party ▪ The Blitzkrieg – American Neutrality / Lend Lease Act
Bible	▪ God Creates the World and calls a Nation ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ Outdoor Education

October

Science	▪ Energy, Force and Motion o Newton's Laws of motion o Potential and kinetic energy o Gravitational potential energy
Language Arts	▪ Sentence structure ▪ Punctuation & capitalization ▪ Writing process – Narrative Writing ▪ Parts of speech ▪ Argument Writing ▪ Informational Article
Algebra 1	▪ Graphing Linear Functions ▪ Writing Linear Functions
Geometry	▪ Parallel and Perpendicular Lines ▪ Transformations
History	▪ Total War vs. Limited War Concepts ▪ Failure of Appeasement ▪ Leaders of WWII ▪ Pearl Harbor
Bible	▪ God Leads His Nation ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trip this month

November

Science	▪ Energy, Force and Motion ◦ Effects of force on motion ◦ Action-reaction force pairs ◦ Newton's three laws
Language Arts	▪ Nouns, verbs, pronouns ▪ Read Model Essays ▪ Formatting ▪ Narrative writing ▪ Comprehension ▪ Introduce Argument Writing ▪ Informational Article ▪ Persuasive Speeches/Presentations
Algebra 1	▪ Solving Systems of Linear Equations
Geometry	▪ Congruent Triangles
History	▪ 3 Major Naval Battles of the Pacific ▪ Invasion of North Africa ▪ Conclusions of WWII ▪ Atomic Bomb ▪ The Holocaust
Bible	▪ God Raises Up Leaders ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trip this month

December

Science	▪ Energy Force and Motion o Design a roller coast to model potential and kinetic energy
Language Arts	▪ Adjectives & adverbs - IXL ▪ Letter Writing Project ▪ Persuasive Speeches on Topics of Personal Concern ▪ Transitions ▪ Argument Writing – Speech & Debate
Algebra 1	▪ Exponential Functions and Sequences
Geometry	▪ Relationships with triangles
History	▪ Articles of Confederation ▪ U.S. Constitution ▪ Legislative Branch
Bible	▪ Advent Service ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trip this month

January

Science	▪ Matter and Its Interaction o Physical and chemical properties o Property of substances: density o Conservation of Matter
Language Arts	▪ Narrative: literary devices ▪ Subject – verb agreement ▪ Verbals ▪ Planning ▪ Novel Study ▪ Literary Analysis/Writing ▪ Vocabulary Work
Algebra 1	▪ Polynomial Equations and Factoring
Geometry	▪ Quadrilaterals and other polygons ▪ Similarity ▪ SSS, & SAS.
History	▪ 3 Branches of Government ▪ Presidents Report ▪ 27 Amendments
Bible	▪ God Exiles and Restores His People ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ Exploratorium

February

Science	▪ Matter and Its Interaction o Atoms, Elements and Molecules o Chemical reactions o Periodic table
Language Arts	▪ Read Novel – The Outsiders ▪ Prepositions ▪ Conjunctions ▪ Interjections ▪ Clauses ▪ Literary Analysis
Algebra 1	▪ Graphing Quadratic Functions
Geometry	▪ Right Triangles and Trigonometry
History	▪ History / Fall Of the British Empire ▪ Ireland ▪ Asia / India Culture
Bible	▪ Jesus Comes for Us ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ L.E.S.T (Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament) or

March

Science	▪ Electricity, waves and information transfer o How human sense light and sound waves o Current and voltage ▪ Matter and Its Interaction o Law of conservation of matter o Chemistry, uses, advantages, disadvantages of synthetic compounds
Language Arts	▪ Narrative writing in Poetry ▪ Poetry: figurative language, analyze tone and meaning, write different forms of poetry ▪ Sentence fluency ▪ Vocabulary and spelling rules
Algebra 1	▪ Solving Quadratic Functions
Geometry	▪ Circles
History	▪ Cities of India ▪ Ghandi ▪ Regions of India ▪ China
Bible	▪ Jesus Teaches and Heals. ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trip this month

April

Science	▪ Electricity, waves and information transfer o Resistors, wires and how they affect voltage o Electromagnet o Transfer of thermal energy between devices o Amplitude, frequency, wavelength and wave energy
Language Arts	▪ Narrative: composition & research ▪ Writing for assessments ▪ Vocabulary review ▪ Organization ▪ Literature circles
Algebra 1	▪ Radical Functions and Equations
Geometry	▪ Circumference, Area, and Volume
History	▪ Cold War Topics ▪ Berlin Airlift ▪ Satellite Wars ▪ Truman Doctrine ▪ Marshall Plan
Bible	▪ Jesus Saves the World ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ No field trip this month

May

Science	▪ Electricity wave and information transfer o Transverse and longitudinal waves o Diffraction o Interaction with matter affects wave properties o Analog vs digital methods o Neurons transmission and neurological disorder
Language Arts	▪ Short stories ▪ Writing for assessments ▪ Listening & speaking (interviewing skills) ▪ Grammar review ▪ Literature circles
Algebra 1	▪ Data Analysis and Displays
Geometry	▪ Probability
History	▪ Decades Project ▪ Important Civil Rights Leaders ▪ 50's, 60's, 70's
Art	▪ Art portfolio
Bible	▪ Jesus Sends the Church ▪ Memory
Field Trips	▪ Yosemite Trip