

TRINITY ACADEMY EIGHTH GRADE PROGRAM

Instruction at Trinity Academy is provided in a hands-on, multi-sensory approach. Additionally, Scripture and a biblical worldview are emphasized and integrated into each subject.

CORE SUBJECTS

daily instruction

SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

Resource: Positive Action: *Dynamic Christian Living*

- Attend weekly chapel and weekly small groups
- Learn how to begin the journey toward spiritual maturity
- Gain an understanding of introductory Christian doctrine
- Understand what salvation is all about
- Understand why we need salvation
- Contrast the saved and the unsaved in their present and eternal conditions
- Learn solid reasons why we can trust the Bible
- Memorize Scripture that corresponds to weekly lessons

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS:

Resources: *Membean Vocabulary*, Irby Rules, various novels, *Institute for Excellence in Writing*

- Study grammar: Parts of speech, sentence structure and mechanics
- Practice study and reference skills
- Review the writing process learned in seventh grade plus learn about thesis statements, outlining, introductions and conclusions
- Read and discuss a variety of novels
- Receive systematic vocabulary instruction
- Write and present different types of speeches

SPANISH:

Resource: *Realidades 1*

- Talking about family, describing things, shopping and the community
- Continued vocabulary development
- Using conversational Spanish
- Conjugation of the present, preterit, and past-tense verbs

MATH:

Resource: Pearson: *Algebra 1* or Pearson: *Geometry*

HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES:

Resource: BJU Press: *The American Republic*

- Study *American History*: Development of the new nation
- Study *Geography*: Development of the United States through land acquisition; profiles of major geographic regions
- Study *History*: Introduction to the history of America
- Study *Government*: Republican form of government under the Constitution
- Study *Economics*: Development and effects of inventions and industries; successes and problems of the free market
- Study *Religion*: Influence of Christianity on American history and the influences of religious diversity
- Study *Culture*: Interaction of people, ideas and cultures in America

SCIENCE:

Resource: BJU Press: *Earth Science*

- Be introduced to Earth Science through a creationist view
- Learn about the restless Earth
- Study Earth's rocky materials
- Learn about the water world, the atmosphere and the heavens

TECHNOLOGY:

Resources: Microsoft Office SAMR Model

- Continue to learn about technology and ethics from a Christian worldview
- Grow in the following areas of technology: Creativity, innovation, communication, collaboration, research, information literacy, critical thinking, problem solving, digital citizenship and technology operations



SPORTS

- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Track
- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Football

ELECTIVES

VOCAL MUSIC: *(2x per week for 45 min.)*

- Correctly describe intervals, music notation, musical instruments, and musical performances
- Perform independently with accurate intonation and rhythm
- Perform expressively, from memory and notation, a varied repertoire of music

LIBRARY:

- Locate and use specific fiction and nonfiction books as well as biographies and autobiographies
- Identify a variety of genres and compare their differences
- Identify, locate and use reference materials for research
- Understand cyber-bullying prevention
- Discuss copyright and plagiarism
- Learn different note-taking and study skills
- Participation in Accelerated Reading (AR)

ART: *(1x per week for 45 min.)*

- Use a variety of media such as pencil, pastels, color sticks and markers to create simulated and implied textures
- Learn to appreciate the creative talents of artists in many places, cultures, and time periods, including Ancient History, Middle Ages, Renaissance, Impressionism and Modern Art

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: *(3x per week for 45 min.)*

- Learn to give your best effort, being respectful and responsible
- Learn throwing and catching techniques through volleyball, dodgeball, soccer, kickball games, goodminton, tag games, bowling and basketball
- Develop skills needed to work independently and with others in physical activity settings