

Faith Lutheran School

Middle School Highlights

Mission Statement

Raising up families and followers of Jesus Christ

Religion

7/8	The middle school religion curriculum at Faith Lutheran School is on an alternating sequence utilizing the <i>One in Christ</i> curriculum from Concordia Publishing House. It is a Biblical survey of the Old and New Testaments, as well as Biblical themes and key concepts of the Christian Faith.
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Language Arts

7/8	<p>Language arts instruction focuses on reading, writing, and communication skills. The first trimester focuses on grammar and language usage, while the remaining two trimesters center on novel studies and writing skills. The novels that are covered in middle school give students the chance to read classics, historical fiction, and books that have been made into movies. The goal is to get students reading books they might not read on their own.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas; Tom Sawyer; The City of Ember</i> (7th grade rotation) • <i>To Kill a Mockingbird; The Outsiders; TBA</i> (8th grade rotation) <p><i>*Some titles might be substituted based on student interest and ability to handle some of the material.</i></p>
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Mathematics

Math 7	<p><i>Glencoe Math Course 2</i> curriculum. Pre-algebra concepts, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratios and Proportional Reasoning • Percents • Integers • Rational Numbers • Expressions and Equations • Equations and Inequalities • Geometric Figures • Measure Figures • Probability • Statistics
Math 8	<p><i>Glencoe Math Course 3</i> curriculum builds on understanding of algebraic concepts, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling equations • Solving Systems of Equations • Volume and Surface Area • Functions and Quantitative relationships • Pythagorean Theorem • Scatter Plots and Data Analysis
Algebra I	<p><i>Prentice Hall Algebra I Foundations Series</i>. Algebra I is offered to advanced math students who are ready to apply basic algebraic concepts to advance their understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solving Equations and Inequalities • Linear Functions and Systems of Equations • Polynomials and Factoring

Science

7-8	<p><i>FOSS</i> curriculum by Delta Education is a hands-on, inquiry-based approach to science education that cultivates STEM skills. Rotating different topics each year, an integrated focus exposes students to content in physical science, earth and space science, and life science each year in our middle school program. Kit themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Science: Electronics, Chemical Interactions, Forces and Motion• Earth and Space Science: Earth History, Planetary Science, Weather and Water• Life Science: Human Brain and Senses, Diversity of Life, Populations and Ecosystems
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Social Studies

7	<p><i>Pearson My World Geography</i> presents five themes of geography as they pertain to different regions of the world. The third trimester shifts in focus to Washington state history and constitution, which satisfies a high school graduation requirement. Daily activities include a survey of current events through CNN Student News.</p>
8	<p><i>Glencoe Discovering our Past: A History of the United States</i> presents the people, places, and events that shaped our young nation. Daily activities include a survey of current events through CNN Student News.</p>

Health & PE

7-8	<p>Health instruction includes five themes of holistic well-being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, and social health	<p>Physical education instruction includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal fitness goals and the importance of regular physical activity• Individual and team sport rules and participation
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Fine Arts

7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art• Hand Bells• Theater	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choir• Yearbook Photography• Piano Lessons (optional)
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Service Learning

7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Garden• Canned Food Drives• Lutheran World Relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See You at the Pole• Nursing Home Visits• Other Service Projects as They Come Up
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Technology Integration

7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chromebooks for each student• Yearbook Design• Electronic Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culminating Projects Created as Movies• Web-based Tutorials and Webcasts• Use of Educational Apps in the Classroom
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Educational Travel

7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Capitol• Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument• Lutheran Elementary School Tournament• EMP, Seattle
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