



Back to School Night

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ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Meet the Teachers

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Nuts and Bolts

Middle School Day

8:30	1st Period
9:20	2nd Period
10:10	3rd Period
11:00	4th Period
11:50	5th Period
12:40	Lunch
1:20	6th Period
2:10	7th Period Elective

Middle School Student Expectations

- Students will be:
 - Responsible for timely and complete work production
 - Independent while advocating for additional support when needed
 - Accountable for behavioral choices
 - Cooperative in building a kind, caring, and respectful Christian environment

Parent Involvement

- You can offer support for your student by:
 - Providing them a quiet place to complete homework
 - Looking with them in their Google Classrooms, binders & homework books
 - Reading the weekly bulletin
 - Checking Renweb
 - Encouraging them to be the first line of communication and self-advocacy

Communication

- Weekly newsletter with weekly class info
- Please email your child's homeroom teacher for general inquiries (attendance, policies, etc.)
 - Please note: only the homeroom teacher will respond to general inquiries and issues
- Please email subject-specific questions to the teacher of that subject

Classroom Technology

- Chromebooks
 - Need to come charged. Considered part of being prepared for class.
- Online Tools
 - Google Classroom
 - Amplify program
 - Securly

Homework


- Homework policy
 - Late work 50% off earned grade
 - Late work not submitted within a week of its due date will not be accepted and will be entered as a 0
- Homework load will vary from night to night. Long nights of homework will happen, and students are encouraged to utilize class time when given to reduce at-home load, especially if doing extra curricular activities

Absent Work Policy

- Absent Work
 - Students have the number of days they were absent to make up work missed.
 - If work is not submitted within that time, it will be considered late and graded accordingly
 - It is the student's responsibility to ask for work missed and to submit absent work in a timely manner

Planned Absences

Because the classroom is a fluid place where pace is affected by student understanding, changes in schedules, etc., we do not give work ahead of time for planned absences. Students should take books with them and check Google Classroom or check with their friends to keep up while gone. They may also collect their assignments upon their return.



Class Information

Mrs. Hynes

Our mission is to teach right knowledge of the faith while fostering grateful discipleship.

Textbook:

*Connections! -3 year curriculum from St. Mary's Press

*organized within the 4 Pillars of the Faith:

Creed, Sacraments & Liturgy, Morality, and Prayer

*8th- Church History as well

Lectionary Bible Study:

*weekly assignment

*scripture readings of the upcoming Sunday's Mass

*read, discussed and completed in class

Service Project:

10 (7&8)/5(6) hours per trimester. We encourage holy acts of kindness on campus, for the Church and within our greater community as deemed appropriate by parents.

Grading:

6&7 / 8

Work 40% / 30

Assessments 40% / 30

Service 20% / 20

Grad Port* (8 only) / 10

***Graduation Portfolio:**

8th graders create a portfolio project throughout the year based on the Student Learner Expectations

Mr. Miller

- 6 / 7/8 Grades Religion
- 8 Grade Social Studies

Religion (6/7/8)

Textbook:

- 3-year curriculum from St. Mary's Press, **Connections!**
- Based on the 4 Pillars of the Faith
 - Creed, Sacraments & Liturgy, Morality, and Prayer
- Community Service

7th Grade History

- World History beginning with the start of the Common Era up through the 2nd Industrial Revolution
- Washington State History

8th Grade History

- United States History beginning with the Americas, West Africa and Europe before the Age of Exploration

Grade Breakdown

• Religion:

- Grading: 6&7 / 8
- Work 40% / 30
- Assessments 40% / 30
- Service 20% / 20
- Grad Port* (8 only) / 10

• 7th and 8th Social Studies

- Tests/Quizzes/ Essays 40 %
- Homework 35%
- Projects and Presentations 15%
- Map Quizzes 10%

Mr. Smith

- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Social Studies
 - 6th Grade - Ancient Civilizations
 - 7th Grade - World History and Washington State History
 - 8th Grade - United States History
- Google Classroom
- Chromebooks
- Kahoot

Grading Breakdown

- Assignments 30%
- Quizzes 10%
- Tests 25%
- Projects and Essays 25%
- Notebook Checks 10%

Mrs. Faulkner

6th Grade ELA, 7th Grade Honors ELA, 6th Grade Science (1 section)

ELA

Digital program (6th)--Amplify
Reading--short stories and novels
across genres

Writing--both fiction and
nonfiction, with a majority focus
on essays

Grammar--Daily proofreading
practice

Vocabulary--weekly homework
and biweekly tests

Speaking/Listening

Grade Breakdown

Classwork/Homework/Reading
Checks--30%

Writing Assignments--35%

Assessments/Projects--35%

*For Science, see Mrs. Ishida's slide

Mr. Mohrbacher

Language Arts 33.3%

Weekly writing assignments
- Essay, narrative, descriptive,
argumentative,
poetry, literary analysis
Mechanics, Usage, Grammar
(MUG shots) every Tuesday
- open book open notes
Honors : MLA research
format

Literature 33.3%

Short stories & quizzes
weekly-Wednesday
and Thursday
Literature terms - 26
for seventh 31 for
eighth
Novels: 7th - The
Outsiders, The Call of
the Wild, The Hobbit
8th- October Sky,
Fahrenheit 451
Honors - Watership
Down, The Crucible

Vocabulary 33.3%

Twenty words every
two weeks
Tests every other
Friday

Eighth Grade fall retreat
Eighth Grade spring retreat

Mrs. Ishida

- 6th Grade Math & Science

Savvas

Numbers

Operations

Ratios

Expressions

Equations

Geometry

Savvas Elevate

Earth Systems

Minerals & Rocks

Earth's Movement

Resources

Human Impact

History of Earth

Solar System

- Grade Breakdown

- Homework 40%
- Tests/Projects/Papers 30%
- Labs Write-ups 15%
- Notebooks/Quizzes 15%

Mr. Gardner

- 7th Grade Pre-Algebra and 8th Grade Algebra
- 7th Grade Integrated Math I and 8th Grade IM2
 - Homework
 - NearPod
 - Prodigy
 - Notebook Checks
 - How To Study
 - Daily Questions (DQ's)
 - Savaas
 - Study Guide
 - Test Corrections
- Grade Breakdown
 - Homework (35%)
 - Notebook Check/Quizzes (10%)
 - Test (40%)
 - 3rd Trimester Final (15%)

Mr. George

- 7th/8th grade Science: Savvas

7th grade Physical Science

Brain
Metric system
Matter
Motion and Force
Energy
Thermal Energy
Atoms/Periodic table
Chemical bonding
Chemical reactions
Electricity/Magnetism
Puget Sound unit

8th Grade Life Science

Brain
Characteristics of life
Ecology
Cell
Cell division
Genetics
Evolution
Viruses/bacteria
Protist/Fungi
Plants

- Please look for the study guide/syllabus given at the beginning of each topic. This shows the due dates of assignments and what to know for each topic. This can be found in your child's binder or Google Classroom

Grade Breakdown

Homework/Binder	25%
Classwork	25%
Tests/Quizzes	50%

Señora Sharkey

iBienvenidos! Our 3 year Spanish sequence is designed to teach language and communication using all 4 language skills: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. In addition, we will explore the geography, history and cultures of the Spanish speaking world. Students who successfully complete these courses will be placed into Spanish 2 at Bellarmine or other high schools.

Grade Categories

- Homework/classwork 30%
- Vocab quizzes 30%
- Speaking evaluations 10%
- Exams 30%

Resources:

- ¡Qué Chévere! online textbook and digital resources
- Quizlets
- Duolingo.com
- Google classroom

Mastery learning- Students are encouraged to retake vocab quizzes and speaking assignments when needed. Sometimes more than one attempt is necessary! Students should contact me to make arrangements for redos. These must be completed in 2 weeks.

School Counseling Services

Hello SCB Families! I am blessed to have the chance to work with you and your students this year. Counseling services include anything that is keeping your child from being their best learner. This could include:

- Emotional issues such as depression, anger management, or anxiety
- Family problem (divorce, death, relocation, deployment etc.)
- Friendship issues (conflict resolution, trouble making/keeping friends)
- Grief support
- Trouble with organization, time management, homework or studying

School Counseling is brief, solution focused counseling and is not therapy. If your student needs clinical therapy, we have a wonderful resource to help connect your family to a provider.

School Counseling works best if students are granted confidentiality, meaning they give permission for the information talked about in counseling to be shared with a parent or guardian. If there is something you need to know as their parent, I will do my absolute best to get that information to you while maintaining confidentiality.

To request services, go to the link provided in the weekly newsletter, or Email me at nnelson@stcharlesb.org

Announcements and Reminders

6th Grade YMCA Camp Seymour

- Overnight Outdoor Education Camp in Key Peninsula
- Scheduled for Wednesday May 7, 2025 through Friday May 9, 2025
- Chaperoning information will be sent out after the new year. Big demand for chaperoning, so will be done via a lottery system

7th Grade Mount Rainier Institute

- Overnight Outdoor Education Camp in Mount Rainier National Park
- Scheduled for Oct. 28-31, 2024
- Chaperoning information will be sent out shortly.

Conferences Fall 2024

October 24 and 25

Student should be present with parents

Sign-ups will go out early October via email

Final Reminders!

- Keep an eye out for conference emails!
- Please encourage your child to reach out themselves first. All emails from students will take precedence.
- Do not hesitate to email with any questions you may have. Parent emails will be answered in a timely manner.
- If you wish to have a meeting with teachers, please schedule in advance via email. Faculty & staff have morning and after school meetings that prevent us from having impromptu meetings.