

Middle School

Back to School Night

Fall 2025



ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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What makes this grade special?

- Students are moving from class to class and see multiple teachers
- Lockers!
- Lots of independence
- Increased workload
- Student Chromebooks

Retreats and Special Activities

- 8th Grade retreat at Camp Gallagher (Fall and Spring)
- 7th Grade Mt. Rainier Institute
 - Nov 3-6
- 6th Grade Camp Seymour
 - May 6-8
- Living Stations of the Cross
- Science Fair
- Geography Bee
- Service Projects
- Graduation Portfolio
- Student Olympics

Middle School Day

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| 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 |

Classroom Etiquette and 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
- Attendance can be sent via online form or to attendance@stcharlesb.org

Classroom Tech

- Chromebooks
 - Need to come charged.
Considered part of being prepared for class.
- Online Tools
 - Google Classroom
 - Prodigy
 - Securly
 - Spanish text
 - Nearpod

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.

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Class Information

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, Grammar deep dive

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 - Poetry Anthology

Vocabulary 33.3%

Twenty words every two weeks
Tests every other Friday

Eighth Grade fall retreat
Eighth Grade spring retreat

Mrs. Hynes/Mr. Miller

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

Textbook:

Connections! We study a 3 year curriculum from St. Mary's Press.

The program is organized within the 4 Pillars of the Faith:

Creed, Sacraments & Liturgy, Morality, and Prayer

8th- + Church History

7th- + Missionary

Discipleship Institute

service-based program

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:

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Work

45% / 50*

Assessments

45% / 40

Service

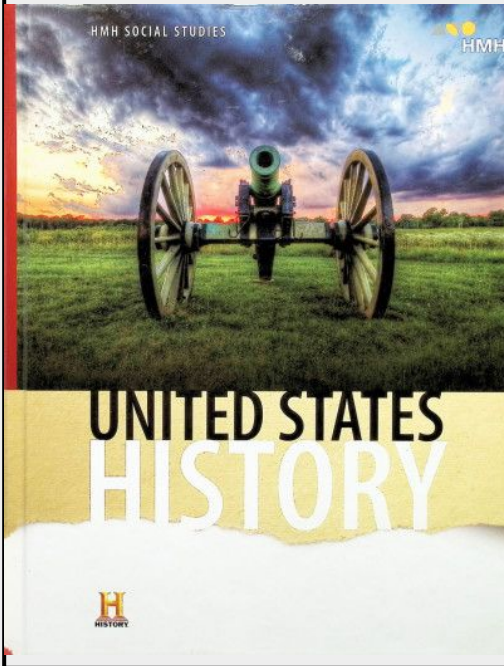
10% / 10

***Graduation Portfolio:**

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

Mr. Miller (8th Grade History)

Textbook:



- Provides an in-depth look at the history of the United States from the beginning of European exploration of the Western Hemisphere up through contemporary times.
- Students will be challenged to think critically about the people and events that have shaped the American story.

- Testing:
 - Multiple Choice
 - Essay
- Writing/Projects:
 - In class essays
 - DBQ
 - Various Projects

Grading:

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

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

Mrs. Sharkey

¡Bienvenidos! 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 take a placement exam in order to 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.

Mr. Gardner

- Skill Builders
- NearPod
- Prodigy

Homework

- 7th Grade Pre-Algebra and 8th Grade Algebra

- Daily Questions (DQ's)
- Savvas
- Study Guide
 - Test Corrections

How to Study

- 7th Grade Integrated Math I and 8th Grade IM2

- Homework (35%)
- Notebook Checks (10%)
- Test (40%)
- 3rd Trimester Final (15%)

Grade BreakDown

Mrs. Faulkner

Reading—short stories and novels across genres; poetry; nonfiction

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

Grammar—Daily proofreading practice

Vocabulary—weekly homework and biweekly tests

Speaking/Listening

6th Grade ELA

Homework/Classwork: 30%

Assessments/Projects: 35%

Writing: 35%

Reading—mostly lower high-school level texts

Writing—big focus literary analysis and thesis-driven writing

Vocabulary—biweekly homework and tests

Speaking/Listening

7th Grade Honors ELA

Homework/Classwork: 30%

Assessments/Projects: 35%

Writing: 35%

Earth Science including:

- Earth's systems
- Minerals and Rocks
- Earth's Movement
- Resources
- Human Impact
- Solar System

6th Grade Science

Assessments/Projects: 40%

Homework/Notebook
Checks: 35%

Labs: 25%

Mrs. Ishida

Savvas

Numbers
Operations
Ratios
Expressions
Equations
Geometry
Data Collection

6th Grade Math

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| Homework | 40% |
| Tests/Projects/Papers | 30% |
| Notebooks | 15% |
| Quizzes | 15% |

Savvas

Numbers Rational #Ops
Operations Real #'s
Ratios Proportions
Equations Percents
Geometry
Data Collection
Expressions

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Savvas

Earth Systems
Minerals & Rocks
Earth's Movement
Resources
Human Impact
Solar System

6th Grade Science

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| Labs/Quizzes | 25% |

Mr. Smith

- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Social Studies
 - McGraw Hill *Discovering Our Past: A History of the World*
 - 6th Grade and 7th Grade World History
 - Gibbs Smith *The Washington Journey - 2nd Edition*
 - 7th Grade Washington State History (Spring)
 - HMH Social Studies *United States History*

Supplies

- Book covers
- Black/Blue Pens
- Red Pens
- Colored pencils
- Chromebooks

Grading Breakdown

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

Testing

- MAP Testing
 - Done 3 times per school year
 - Results sent home to families
- ACRE test (8th grade)

Conferences

- Conferences take place with homeroom teachers with input from student's other teachers

Oct. 23-24, 2025

Sign up geniuses will be sent out for appointments.



Thank you!