



Middle School Information (2017-2018)

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Middle School Course Outlines

Spanish 1, 2, 3 (elective, 0 period)

In this year-long course, students will gain mastery and retention of Spanish verb conjugations, vocabulary, conversation and writing in the Spanish language. Señora Massa's curriculum, as well as other books, will be used in meeting these objectives.

Math 6, Pre-Algebra & Algebra*

The PCS Middle School mathematics program utilizes the Bob Jones University Press and A Beka curricula, and is designed to ensure mastery in all mathematical areas needed to continue seamlessly into any high school math program. Among other subject areas that will be covered in the program are:

- Measurement
- Graphing
- Statistics
- Probability
- Business math
- Introduction to geometry and trigonometry
- Scientific notation
- The metric system

This course is intended to teach not only valuable mathematic concepts, but also that math is more than merely practical, it can even be enjoyable!

*Must have a 70% minimum in Pre-Algebra before moving into Algebra.

Discipleship

Our discipleship course is based on the books of John and Hebrews as well as the evangelism course *The Way of the Master*. We will use the inductive method of Bible study, where we will learn the process of observation, interpretation, and application. Students will be stretched spiritually and mentally as they explore the answers to the top ten objections to Christianity. Through these biblical studies, our young adults will be challenged to deeply study the Bible so that they might desire to be, and ultimately become, conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. Sixth Grade uses How to Study your Bible which is also an inductive study as well as a unit on prayer. We also memorize scripture including the entire Chapter 1 in James.

Physical Education

P.E. classes are designed to enhance motor skill development, expressive play, health fitness, physical movement concepts, teamwork, and the discipline of a Christian lifestyle. Most of the classes will be held at Millennium Sports Club. Units may include:

- * Basketball
- * Tennis
- * Volleyball
- * Racquetball
- * Lacrosse
- * Indoor soccer

Language Arts

The PCS Language Arts program is a comprehensive course of study encompassing all areas of language mastery. Students will study grammar and literature using Bob Jones University Press and Grammar Plus curriculum.

Grammar will include:

- All parts of speech
- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Sentence and paragraph structure
- Research
- Study skills

Literature curriculum will include:

- Reading for comprehension
- Critical thinking
- Plot and character analysis
- Discussion of works based on a Christian world view

Writing skills will also be developed through:

- Essays
- Research
- Creative writing
- Vocabulary expansion and spelling mastery
- Book reports
- Speech writing and presentation

Science

The Middle School science program at PCS uses curriculum from Bob Jones University Press to examine various aspects of science from a Christian world view. Science is taught from the core belief that the Bible is our source of absolute truth, with all scientific theories considered in light of the Word of God.

Sixth grade students study a combination of life and physical science. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Earthquakes and volcanoes
- Weathering and erosion
- Motion and machines
- Stars and solar system
- The human immune system
- Cells and classification

Seventh and eighth grade students will rotate between the following two classes:

Physical Sciences

- Geology is presented with an emphasis on the study of minerals, mountains, earthquakes, and volcanoes
- Earth Science also includes a brief study about the Earth's water supply
- Space Science delves deeper into the location, structure, and composition of the sun, moon, and planets
- Motion, force, and Newton's three laws are explored

Life Sciences

This begins with the study of:

- Cells
- Genetics
- Creation and the fallacies of evolution

From that base, students move on to the study of:

- Living kingdoms which encompasses microbiology through zoology

Finally, students learn about the most complex living organism:

- The Human Body

History

The following is a synopsis of the three history courses offered in Middle School at PCS.

Heritage Studies 6, and Maps, Globes, and Graphs

(Bob Jones University Press)

This is part of a developmental social studies program and is a continuation of Heritage Studies 5 (5th grade curriculum). The material covered in this class includes:

- History
- Geography
- Economics
- Culture
- Government

The material skillfully incorporates the knowledge of God and Christian character into every unit. The major goals of this curriculum are:

- developing a knowledge of God
- encouraging Christian growth
- promoting historic and geographic literacy

Topics include the study of Old World civilizations including Mesopotamia, Egypt, Israel, India, China, Mesoamerica, and Africa, as well as Classical Greece, the Roman World, the Byzantine Empire, and the Middle Ages. In this class students will build on their understanding of world history and continue to develop a true historic and geographic understanding of the past.

World Studies 7th grade

(Bob Jones University Press)

World Studies covers world history from 600s AD to 2000s AD. The text is divided into five parts. Each unit covers in depth the culture, geography, and history of that time period. The government, economics, religion, society, thought and learning, and arts and crafts of each people group will be studied. Topics range from the Renaissance to the Cold War. The major goals of this curriculum are:

- the providence of God as it relates to historical studies
- encouraging Christian growth
- promoting historic and geographic literacy

American Republic 8th grade
(Bob Jones University Press)

American Republic covers from pre-colonial days to present day America. It is a comprehensive survey of United States History, intended to give the Middle School student a solid foundation of the history of this country. Throughout this course many examples are set forth of people who either followed God's standard or failed to do so and the results that followed. From these examples students will see the truth of God in action. The goal of this course is to help students realize God's providence throughout U.S. history and the consequences of past decisions, good and bad, which testify that Biblical principles are true and that God oversees the course of U.S. History.