

## *Field Trips*

7<sup>th</sup> Grade field trips include:

- Our Lady of Guadalupe School Play.
- Additional field trips planned throughout the year to enhance and support curriculum units.



This brochure is intended to present an idea of the curriculum offered in this grade level at Our Lady of Guadalupe School. It is not representative of all subject matter covered over the course of the school year, but instead gives an idea of the major focus and themes.

## *Other Activities and Expectations*

In Seventh Grade, students are “officially” junior high students. Our focus at OLG is to ensure that graduating students are prepared for high school and college. Therefore, in seventh grade we begin expecting students to take responsibility for their own learning. We introduce long-term projects that require time management and organization and work with the students to develop these skills. We also encourage students to practice self-discipline and to be role models for the younger students in our school.

OLG 7<sup>th</sup> grade students contribute:

- as leaders of Faith Family activities.
- as community leaders on Student Council.
- to the school-wide/root-wide Science Fair.
- to the Lillian Black Arts Festival.
- to the Diocesan Young Author’s Fair.
- to the Annual Spring Musical Play.

## *Students Speak Out...*

*Seventh Graders had this to say about OLG!*

- The teachers at OLG go out of their way to help me – before school, after school, even weekends!
- I’m looking forward to 8<sup>th</sup> grade!
- My subjects have become more fun and easier for me.
- Thanks for teaching me about things that go on in our world.
- With your help, I think that I’ll do great!

## *Parents as Partners...*

*Parents had this to say about OLG teachers!*

- We appreciate your dedication, hard work, and all the love you share.
- Thank you for all your patience and encouragement.
- Thank you for the many hours, love and commitment to the school.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe School*

# *Seventh Grade Curriculum*

*Together We Walk This Holy  
Ground*



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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
SCHOOL

# Our Lady of Guadalupe School Seventh Grade Curriculum

## Religion

Students at OLG learn:

- the importance of being active participants at liturgical celebrations.
- the history of the Catholic Church including: the role of martyrs, prophets, and saints; the significance of the various Church Councils; the role of the Church in world history; the importance of historical encyclicals.
- to analyze and reflect on scripture, specifically the teachings of Jesus and the Good News.
- the significance of the Church's creedal statements, particularly the Nicene Creed.
- to participate in, and be knowledgeable of, the Catholic tradition of prayer.
- the Church's moral teaching and to act in a responsible, Christian manner.
- to recognize those in need and work with the school community to address those needs.
- that "bullying" does not reflect Christian behavior, and how to avoid the "bully", the "bullied", or the "bystander".



## Language Arts

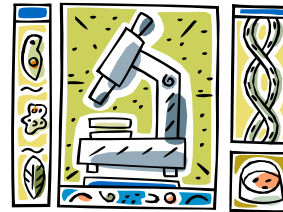
Students at OLG learn:

- to effectively write for a variety of purposes (including research reports, essays, short stories, and poetry) using an effective method of planning and composing.
- to summarize main ideas, paraphrase, and apply critical thinking across subject areas.
- grammar, punctuation, vocabulary skills, and spelling rules that are incorporated across the curriculum.
- to identify and incorporate literary devices such as irony, soliloquy, metaphor, characterization, dialect, symbolism.
- to properly cite sources using the Modern Language Association (MLA) documentation style.
- to conduct extensive, long-term research on a cross-curricular topic, resulting in a research report that meet pre-determined rubric standards.
- to make presentations using various methods and media.
- to comfortably function in basic electronic software including word processing, spreadsheets, research, production, and presentation media.

## Science

Student at OLG learn:

- about animal classification.
- about the Six Kingdoms of life and all organisms within them.
- about human biology and all body systems.
- about cell biology.
- about the diversity of life.
- the role of genetics.
- the physical principles in living systems.



## Math

Students at OLG learn:

- to understand and work with positive and negative integers.
- how to evaluate and set up multi-variable expressions.
- how to work with scientific notation and exponents, and understanding exponent rules.
- how to apply proportions, ratios, rates and percents.
- how to use certain mathematical properties to solve equations, such as the distributive property.
- how to solve simple and multi-step equations involving rational numbers, decimals, fractions, and percents.
- to solve for perimeter, area, volume, surface area, and circumference of different figures.
- how to use probability, odds and the counting principle to determine the feasibility of certain events.
- an introduction to linear functions and equations, especially through coordinate graphing.
- how to apply these skills to "real life" situations.

## Social Studies

Students at OLG learn:

- to chronicle the social, cultural, and technological changes that occurred in Europe, Africa, and Asia.
- to analyze the rise and decline of ancient empires.
- about the social, political, religious, and cultural development of civilizations.
- about current event topics using news magazines, newspapers, and the internet.



## Fine Arts

Students will:

- have art integrated throughout the curriculum.
- participate in the all-school Arts Attack program once a week.
- display art work at the annual Lillian Black Festival of the Arts.
- participate in a formal classroom music program twice each week, provided by the Dominican Schools Music Program.
- have the opportunity to join the school choir and sing at liturgical celebrations.
- perform at the Christmas Program for the school community.
- have the opportunity to perform in our school's annual drama production.
- benefit from concerts.

## Physical Education

Students will:

- participate in 2 classes per week.
- exercise to strengthen their bodies.
- learn and participate in various sports.
- learn good sportsmanship.
- develop life-long habits. QuickTime™ and a decompressor are needed to see this picture.