

## Field Trips

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

- a week-long educational Science Camp, focusing on environmental conservation and spiritual self-awareness.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe School play.
- educational graduation field trips.
- various curriculum-related field trips throughout the year (such as Chabot Space and Science Center).



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.



## Students Speak Out...

*Eighth Graders had this to say about OLG!*

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade helped me prepare for high school.
- Caritas Creek (the week-long camping trip) is the BEST part of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- OLG is helping me to be prepared for my future education and to have a successful career.
- This school shows me the way God wants me to be!

## Other Activities and Expectations

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in:

- completing 20 hours of community service.
- activities as leaders of Faith Families.
- Student Council as school community leaders.
- providing projects for the school-wide and Diocesan Root-wide Science Fair.
- writing original works for the Diocesan Young Author's Fair.
- acting in the Annual Spring Musical Play.
- designing, building, and hosting the annual Haunted House.
- Grad Week activities, including a retreat, breakfast, class trip and celebration/dance.

## Parents as Partners...

*Parents had this to say about OLG teachers!*

- Thank you for being our daughter's teacher and someone who exudes good character.
- We appreciate your excellent teaching and role modeling.
- Thank you for all you have done for our son!
- Thank you for making our son's 8<sup>th</sup> grade and last year at OLG a special one.
- You have helped our child grow as an individual.
- Thank you for being a teacher who cares!

*Our Lady of Guadalupe School*

# Eighth Grade Curriculum

*Together We Walk This Holy Ground*



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## Religion

Students will:

- learn that the Church, and the students as Christians, have responsibilities both nationally and globally.
- be active participants at liturgical celebrations, including planning and presenting.
- become comfortable with all forms of prayer.
- recognize those in need and work with the school community to address those needs.
- understand Church history and scripture.
- understand how Christian values can often be in conflict with world values and how to persevere.
- understand the seven Sacraments and their significance to the Church.



## Language Arts

Students will:

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

## Science

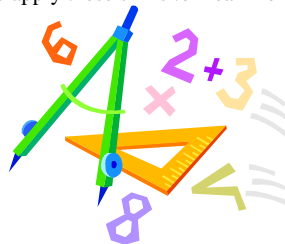
Students will:

- understand the relationships between force, mass, and acceleration.
- learn how to accurately measure motion.
- understand cause and effect between friction, inertia, and gravity.
- apply simple concepts of inertia and gravity to planetary and celestial bodies.
- recognize and identify planets and other objects within our solar system.
- identify physical and chemical changes, as well as chemical reactions; this includes concepts of acidity and bases, using the pH scale.
- learn about the elements on the periodic table, as well as how atoms bond.
- learn how to correctly balance chemical equations.

## Math

Students will:

- learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide real numbers, and negative and positive numbers – including matrices.
- evaluate, set up, and simplify multi-variable expressions, rational expressions, and formulas.
- solve simple and multi-step equations and inequalities involving decimals, fractions and percents.
- write and graph linear equations and inequalities, including finding the slopes of lines and different equation of line formats.
- learn how to solve for perimeter, area, volume, and surface area of different figures.
- understand advanced methods of statistics: including rates, ratios, and percents along with probability, odds, and distribution curves.
- be introduced to exponential and quadratic equations and functions, including the finding of square roots.
- learn how to apply these skills to “real life” situations.



## Social Studies

Students will:

- learn about the history of the United States from 1700 to 1950, including key social justice areas such as slavery, the women’s movement, and immigration.
- become familiar with the Christian historical development of the U.S.
- understand the structure of the United States Constitution.
- become familiar with current events using news magazines, newspapers, and the internet.
- participate in political discussions regarding local, state, and national elections.



## 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 Lillian Black Festival of the Arts once a year.
- 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.