

JR/SR HIGH ACADEMICS



BIBLE:

Our 7th-12th grade students start their day with Bible class lead by Pastor Derek Bevan. We have monthly character themes which help our students grow. We are also blessed with guest speakers from our area pastors who speak these character qualities. Our students grow in areas of thinking, problem solving and spiritual commitment. They learn how to stand out as Christians in the world as well as stand up for what is right in God's eyes. Our students work to help others in our community as well as underprivileged countries.

PRENTICE HALL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY:

Prentice Hall U.S. History, America Pathways to the Present, teaches the rich tapestry of our American History through scholarly narratives and eyewitness historical accounts. The text is constructed around reading skills and focus supports for students. The comprehension skills are embedded in the layout and text to help turn information into MEANING for students with different learning styles. With critical thinking skills paramount throughout the text, every illustration is captioned with an analysis or critical thinking questions. The assessment and guided reading materials are helpful tools. An important factor in our choice of Prentice Hall curriculum is its support of Christian scholarship without anti-religious undertones.

MCDUGAL-LITTELL LITERATURE SERIES 9-12

These books were chosen for similar reasons. They contain selections that represent fine traditional and contemporary literature. References to Biblical and religious elements are not overlooked or ignored by McDougal-Littell. Instead they are often explained and footnoted. Several of the books contain selections directly from the Bible- Psalms, Corinthians, and the Book of Job. Again there are no anti-religious undertones that sometimes exist in other materials for high school students. There is good integration of reading and writing instruction, critical thinking, and the important study of literary elements and how writers use them in their craft. Literature is a great way to teach human relationships and Biblical applications .

SADLIER/OXFORD VOCABULARY 7-12

These material are designed to introduce students to Regents and SAT I type testing materials. The directions are modeled on instructions a student will encounter in a Regents Exam or SAT. There is a word list of 300 for each level, hundreds of synonyms and antonyms, and other related words. The curriculum teaches the history and origin of words and builds a knowledge of classical roots. Good "word skills."

PRENTICE HALL & CSI SCIENCE:

As Christians, we know that the study of science gives us a deeper understanding of the complexity and awesomeness of our Creator. Our goal as teachers is to challenge students to think critically, rather than accept everything they are told is true. This is a skill that becomes especially important at a university level where their beliefs may be challenged and may be openly ridiculed in science classes. Our aim is to provide a science curriculum that is hands on, allowing students the opportunity to demonstrate the material they are studying.

MATH:

We use Saxon math for the 7th-8th graders and Pearson Hall for 9th-12th grade. These programs were chosen because of their ability to "scaffold" math skills from one concept to the next. They also serve as excellent preparatory tools for high school Regents exams.

