

St. Pius X School

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbook

2009-2010

Mrs. Montgomery

Dear Parents and Seventh Grade Students,

Welcome to Junior High!

This year the students will change classrooms and have more responsibility in having all their books, homework, and equipment ready for each class. Students are given ample time to prepare to change classes and should always take with them the proper text, homework, paper, pen, pencil, etc. They will not be permitted to return to the other classroom for items they have forgotten because it disrupts the class in session.

All students have different abilities. The expectation is that each will work to the best of his/her ability.

Respect for other students and property is essential. A caring, respectful environment will enhance the learning process.

Good classroom behavior is necessary for all students in the class to learn effectively. Students should be in their seats and refrain from talking to focus on their studies.

Home Education (Homework) is a daily part of the curriculum. All assignments should be handed in on time and complete. When a student is absent, he/she needs to make up the work that was missed. All tests will be given after school and it is the responsibility of the student to make prior arrangements to stay after school.

I am available after school to help any student that is having difficulty. Sometimes a five minute one on one is all the student needs to get back on track.

If you have any questions, please send a note or leave a message in the office. If you have a real problem, please feel free to call me at home. 858-565-7673

I am looking forward to a great 2009-2010 school year.

Mrs. Montgomery

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade Schedule

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Religion	Religion	Mass	Rel/Math	Religion
2	Math	Math	Math	Computer	Math
3	Science	Science	2 <sup>nd</sup> step	Sci/Library	Science

### Recess

4	Lang. Art, Literature, Vocabulary-----
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### Lunch

6	Cur. Evts	P.E.	Science	Soc. St.	Soc. St.
7	Soc. St.	Music	Soc. St.	P.E.	Art

### Teachers

Mrs. Montgomery- Homeroom, Religion, Math, Science, Soc. St.

Mrs. Russell- Language Arts, Literature, Vocabulary

Ms. Abrigo- Music

Mrs. Patacsil- Art

Mr. Gonzales- P.E.

# SEVENTH GRADE CURRICULUM

## RELIGION AND FAMILY LIFE

The New Testament and the seven sacraments will be the focus this year. We will compare the Gospels, read from Scripture, develop a Psalm folder, and prepare liturgies. Catholic values will be integrated using the Family Life program. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter in the text.

Ten service hours are also required as a part of the religion curriculum.

## MATH

Review of operations, fractions, and decimals will be integrated into pre-algebra and geometry. Application of formulas, percent, integers, consumer math, scientific notation and other topics will be examined. Math tests are every Friday. The Junior High students will participate in the Math competitions at the local Catholic High Schools and the California Math Contest.

## SCIENCE

Life Science, from unicellular plants and animals to multi-cellular mammals, will be the topic of study. Tests will be given as we conclude each chapter. Participation in the Science Fair in January will be mandatory for each student and will constitute a large part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Science grade. Each student will need to print a copy of the Science Fair Guide Book from the Internet and bring it to class.

## GEOGRAPHY

Our study of world regions will include the physical geography, climate, culture, economy, government, arts and recreation of each continent. Five fundamental geography themes and related understandings of location, place, human-environment interactions, movement, and regions will be developed. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter.

## LANGUAGE ARTS(LITERATURE, COMPOSITION, GRAMMAR, VOCABULARY, LISTENING, SPEAKING, SPELLING/PROOF-READING, HANDWRITING)

Book reports and creative projects will provide opportunities for responses to literature. Building of vocabulary, various kinds of writing, oral presentations, and dramatic readings will be experienced.

## COMPUTER

Formal instruction in computers is held once a week. In addition our classroom is provided with computers to assist us in utilizing technology in our learning process. Tests, projects and weekly performance will be evaluated each quarter and a grade given.

## MUSIC AND CHOIR

Under the direction of our music teacher, students will experience various types of instrumental and vocal music. They will learn music theory, history, composers and their musical styles. They will participate in the liturgy through music and prayer. Tests, class participation and homework will determine the music grade given at the end of each semester.

## PE

PE will be every Tuesday and Thursday. Please be prepared to participate on those days. Quarter grades will be given.

## ART

We will work to develop and enjoy our spatial and kinesthetic intelligences, using a variety of media, themes, and projects. We will incorporate seasonal themes and subject areas into art. As an added benefit, an art specialist will come in once a week in the third quarter to instruct the students.

## GENERAL GUIDLINES AND PROCEDURES

Work must be neatly written in black/blue ink, except for math, rough drafts, and puzzles, which are completed in pencil. Messy work will not be accepted or graded until it is recopied.

Answers must be written in complete sentences unless the student has been told otherwise.

Work must be handed in on time to receive full credit. If the work is not ready on time, the student will receive a homework slip. Students will have two days to return both the work and the signed homework slip. If the student fails to return either part, a detention will be given and you will still owe the homework. Work that is not made up in the allotted time will receive a zero.

All books must be covered and cared for properly. Your books will be inventoried in Sept. and in June; any losses/ damages will be handled on an individual basis:

Please have all supplies daily, have materials ready for the different sections of the day.

Directions are important and need to be followed. You may have to do something over if you insist on doing it your way or doing it sloppily.

Graded papers will be sent home on Mondays in a folder. The folder should be signed, all papers removed, saved at home for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade portfolios, and the folder returned the next day.

If you are ill, please send someone to get your work. Homework is posted on the school web site. Bring a note from your parents explaining your absence. All makeup work is to be done promptly.

Fridays are test days for Math, Vocabulary and Spelling. Make-up tests will be given after school. If a student is having problems in a certain area, he/she should contact the respective teacher for extra help. The teacher cannot always give you the attention you need during the day.

The diocesan grading policy is as follows:

93-100 A	73-76 C
92-90 A-	72-70 C-
89-87 B+	69-67 D+
86-83 B	63-66 D
82-80 B-	62-60 D
77-79 C+	59-0 F

Students are encouraged to participate in the sports programs offered at St. Pius X. You can do schoolwork and sports too. Just remember your priorities and responsibilities to maintain eligibility by keeping a C average and good conduct.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING GRADES

1. Complete all homework and hand in on time
2. Redo homework with low grades
3. Attend tutoring after school
4. Ask questions in class
5. Make sure you copy assignments correctly
6. Listen attentively when the teacher reviews for the test
7. Participate orally in class
8. Have all supplies for each class ( book, pen, pencil, paper, homework)
9. Do your own work! Do not ask peers what to do—ask the teacher!
10. Have good behavior in class and follow directions

## Classroom Behavior Rules

### STUDENTS WILL RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

1. Be respectful- no name calling or swearing
2. Follow directions
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
4. Raise your hand; listen and wait your turn
5. Have books and supplies ready

### **POSITIVE CONSEQUENCES**

PRAISE  
SUPER KID TICKETS  
VIDEO  
FREE TIME

### **IF YOU BREAK A RULE**

VERBAL WARNING  
NAME ON BOARD= 1 DEMERIT  
NAME ON BOARD+ 1 CHECK= 2 DEMERITS  
NAME ON BOARD + 2 CHECKS= 30 MINUTE DETENTION + 3 DEMERITS

### DEMERITS

0-5 = A  
6-10= B  
11-15= C  
16-20=D  
21+ = F

DETENTION = 3 DEMERITS

Continuous disruption = Time out in corner, office, or another room. Call home. Parent conference.

SERVERE DISRUPTION = OUT OF THE ROOM TO PRINCIPAL OR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL. CALL HOME, PRINCIPAL/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE.

## **ARE YOU A BULLY?**

**BULLY BEHAVIOR IS NOT ALLOWED AT ST. PIUS X SCHOOL. IF YOU DO ANY OF THE ACTIONS BELOW, YOU ARE ACTING LIKE A BULLY AND THIS IS NOT ALLOWED:**

1. Pushing other students around
2. Calling others names
3. Spreading rumors about others
4. Talking about others behind their backs
5. Excluding others from your group
6. Telling people not to like someone
7. Telling people you will not be their friend if they like a certain person, or are nice to a certain person
8. Bossing others around
9. Hitting, or kicking, or hurting others
10. Taking other people's things
11. Making fun of others, laughing at other's mistakes

# **REPORT CARD SCHEDULES**

## **2009-2010**

### **First Quarter:**

End of First Quarter: October 23

Report Card Conferences: November 4-6

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### **Second Quarter:**

End of Second Quarter: January 8

Report Cards: January 22

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### **Third Quarter:**

End of Third Quarter: March 12

Report Cards: March 24

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### **Fourth Quarter:**

End of Fourth Quarter: Graduation, June 4

\* Once Grades 3-8 complete the transition to the online grading program, parents/guardians and students may access their grades as they wish. Grades will be posted weekly. Therefore, the teachers will no longer send home progress reports. Weekly work will still be sent home in folders for parents/guardian signatures.