

Grade Eight Overview

Classroom Structure:

Core academic classes (math, science, English and U.S. History) meet on a block schedule of 75 minute periods, allowing completion of a full year of study in one eighteen-week term. Students have two core classes during each eighteen-week term; P.E, Bible and Health rotate on a nine-week schedule. Elective classes are either nine weeks or one term. Elective classes are co-ed. All core classes are single gender.

School Day:

8:10 am – 3:00 pm

Spiritual Life:

- **Chapel:** Emphases are Christian commitment, lifestyle issues and practical applications of biblical truths to daily living.
- **Missions:** The in-school program provides an opportunity for each student to express the integration of faith and learning through involvement in mission-focus group activities.

Academic Life:

- **Bible:** Emphasis are Old Testament and New Testament survey.
- **English:** Emphasis is on reading comprehension and the integrated skills of literature, grammar and writing.
- **Mathematics:** Emphasis is the introduction of algebraic concepts, or, for the accelerated class, Algebra I.
- **History:** Emphasis is North America and the United States from Pre-Columbian times through the Reconstruction period.
- **Washington State History:** Emphasis on the discovery and development of the state of Washington.
- **Physical Science:** Emphasis on the study of chemistry and physics.
- **Physical Education:** Focus on personal fitness and health.
- **Electives:** Options include art, drama, video production, intramurals, Lifestyles (cooking), guided study hall, Spanish 1, crafts and hobbies, mock trial, journalism, and creative writing.

Extra-curricular Life:

- **Sports:** Interscholastic volleyball, football, cross country, basketball, track and field, and girls soccer.
- **Armor Adventure:** A 3 day camping expedition and adventure in Plaine, WA.
- **Socials:** All-school parties including games, food, and music.

Traditions:

Armor Adventure, Washington D.C. Trip, GR8 Escape

Textbooks:

- **Bible:** Quest Study Bible
- **English:** Various novels
- **Math:**
 - Algebra 1, (holt, Rinehart, Winston, 2007)
 - Mathematics Grade 8, (Holt/McDougal, 2012)
- **History:** America: History of Our Nation (Prentice Hall, 2012)
- **Science:** Holt Science & Technology: Earth Science (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 2005)
- **Wash State History:** Washington: A State of Contrasts, (Directed Media, Inc., 2008)