

7th-8th Grade Curriculum

Immanuel Lutheran School
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Religion

Bible History: Using a bible history series called “*ChristLight*,” the students work through Old Testament and New Testament stories in a 2-year cycle.

Year A

The students do a comprehensive study of the Old Testament that begins with the account of God creating the world, mankind falling into sin, and then God providing His plan of salvation through a promised Savior. Their study then follows the line of the promised Savior through the book of Genesis, ending with the time of Israel’s exile in Babylon and Assyria in the prophetic books such as Daniel.

Year B

The students do a comprehensive study of the New Testament that begins with John the Baptism proclaiming the birth of the Savior, through the birth of Jesus the Savior, and continuing through the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul. This takes them through the Gospels, the book of Acts, and sections of the New Testament epistles.

Catechism: The students work through Luther’s small catechism with Pastor. The following are the topics covered in Catechism class in a two-year cycle.

- The Bible
- The Ten Commandments
- The Apostle’s Creed
- Baptism
- Holy Communion
- Ministry of the Keys and Confession
- The Lord’s Prayer

Memory Work: At Immanuel we require the students to do some memorization of Bible passages and scripturally-based hymns. There are two reasons for this. The first and most important reason is that our students have God’s Word in their hearts and their minds so that they are comforted themselves, and may also share with others what God’s Word says. A second reason is that memorization is an important life-skill that will benefit the students in every area of their lives.

Hymnology: Every Wednesday the students study and sing together a different hymn from *Christian Worship* that we will then use to sing throughout the next week. This is also a part of their weekly memory work requirement.

Mathematics (Saxon Math Series)

Saxon Algebra ½ (For 7th or 8th graders based on testing/teacher recommendation):

In Algebra ½ the students cover the following:

Arithmetic (Whole numbers, Fractions, Decimal numbers, Roman numerals)

Graphs (Graphs of Data, Graphs on the coordinate plane)

Number Sets (Sets, Real numbers)

Measurement (English and Metric measurement, Conversion by unit multipliers)

Ratio, Proportion, Percent and Rate (Ratio, Proportion, Percent, Rate, Exponents, Roots)

Statistics and Probability (Probability, Statistics)

Expressions (Simplifying expressions)

Equations (Simplifying and solving equations, Linear equations, Quadratic equations, other equations)

Algebraic Skills (Understanding Functions, Manipulating and evaluating functions)

Trigonometry (Trigonometry, Lines, Points, Segments, Planes, Angles, Polygons, Circles, Triangles, Geometric solids, Perimeter and Circumference, Area, Surface area and Volume, Constructions, Pythagorean Theorem)

Saxon Algebra I (For 7th or 8th graders based on testing and teacher's recommendation):

In Algebra I the students cover the following:

Arithmetic (Whole numbers, Fractions, Decimal numbers, Roman numerals)

Graphs (Graphs of Data, Graphs on the coordinate plane)

Number Sets (Sets, Real numbers)

Measurement (English measurement, Conversion by unit multipliers)

Ratio, Proportion, Percent and Rate (Ratio, Proportion, Percent, Rate, Exponents, Roots)

Statistics and Probability (Probability, Statistics)

Expressions (Simplifying expressions)

Equations (Simplifying and solving equations, Linear equations, Quadratic equations, other equations)

Algebraic Skills (Understanding Functions, Manipulating and evaluating functions)

Trigonometry (Lines, Points, Segments, Planes, Angles, Polygons, Circles, Triangles, Geometric solids, Perimeter

and Circumference, Area, Surface area and Volume,
Constructions, Pythagorean Theorem

Saxon Geometry (For 8th graders based on testing and teacher's recommendation):

In Geometry the students cover the following:

Geometry Foundations
Logic and Reasoning
Construction
Coordinate Geometry
Triangles: Congruence and Similarity
Polygons
Quadrilaterals
Right Triangles and Trigonometry
Circles
Solids
Transformations

Science

Using the Prentice Hall "*Science Explorer*" series (Life, Physical and Earth Sciences), the 7th-8th graders cover the following units in a two-year rotation.

Year A:

Environmental Science (Part 1)
Motion, Forces and Energy
Water and Earth's Atmosphere
Weather and Climate

Year B:

Environmental Science (Part 2)
Chemistry
Human Biology/Hereditiy

*As part of the science curriculum, the 5th-8th graders are required to participate in a science fair that is held every other year.

Social Studies

Using "*The American Nation*" by Prentice Hall (level 8), the 7th and 8th graders cover the following in a 2-year cycle.

Year A:

Geography, History, and the Social Sciences
Before the First Global Age
Exploration and Colonization
The Thirteen English Colonies
Crisis in the Colonies
The American Revolution

Creating a Republic
Government, Citizenship, and the Constitution
Launching the New Government
The Nation Grows and Prospers
The Jacksonian Era
Westward Expansion
North and South
Reform and a New American Culture

Year B:

Slavery Divides the Nation
The Civil War
Reconstruction and the Changing South
The New West
Becoming a World Power
World War I
The Roaring Twenties
The Great Depression
The World War II Era
The Cold War Era
Prosperity, Rebellion, and Reform
The Nation in a New World

As part of the Social Studies curriculum, the 7th-8th graders are required to participate in “*A Night of History*” every other year. They prepare a project on an important person from history of their choice and present it toward the end of that year.

English

The 7th and 8th graders use *The Shurley Method* Level 7 and Level 8, together with some creative writing, in a 2-year cycle. *The Shurley Method* focuses on the labeling of sentences according to the 8 parts of speech, and through repetition, the students really get to know how to identify and effectively use the different parts of speech in our English language. Throughout the year, the students work on prewriting, writing the first draft, revising, editing, and producing a final draft. The students practice the following types of writing:

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| Expository | Reports |
| Persuasive | Narrative |
| Writing with dialogue | Thank-you cards and Invitations |
| Letters (Friendly and Business) | Descriptive |

Literature

In the 7th-8th grade literature class, students use the text, “*The Language of Literature*” (levels 7 & 8) from McDougal Littell. These books contain many well-written short

stories, poetry, drama, science fiction, historical fiction, etc. As a part of this class, the students also read classical works of fiction. The following is a list of books that the students at this level read:

Redwall
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Johnny Tremain
The Time Machine
To Be a Slave
Across Five Aprils
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry
A Christmas Carol
Treasure Island
The Diary of Anne Frank
Animal Farm
Call of the Wild

The 7th and 8th grade students are also required to do book reports on different genres of literature. These genres include fiction, fantasy, nonfiction, biography/autobiography, and mysteries.

Physical Education

Twice a week the students participate in P.E. Depending on the time of the year, the students participate in practicing the skills and playing of different sports activities. These include soccer, flag football, basketball, kickball, battleball, hockey, softball, and track and field events. During the colder and wetter months the students also learn some basic dances (such as the waltz, salsa, polka, line dance, etc.) and do some “Tae-Bo” aerobic workouts.

Computer/Use of Technology

At the 7th-8th grade level, the students each have the use of a Google Chromebook which is integrated with their Immanuel Google Apps for Education account. In every subject area they learn and apply Internet search tools, putting together and presenting to an audience various types of presentations, producing simple videos, producing reports, making visual representations of concepts and topics, collaborating in pairs and small groups on writing projects, and using various apps for study tools and helps. The students also make use of “Powerspeak” language software to get a taste of a foreign language, as well as Khan Academy to practice mathematics skills.

Music

The students work on basic rhythm patterns, music note recognition, and an understanding of various musical terms. They practice good singing technique together,

and prepare pieces to sing for church services. The students also perform a musical/play at the end of the school year.

Art

The students learn about the basic elements of art and use them in various projects. They also look at different famous artists and work on projects that allow them to try to experiment with different artists' styles. Each year the students focus on 3 main areas, which include: Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture.

The students have an opportunity to display their God-given abilities in music and the arts during our annual Art Fair and Music Recital, held in the spring.