

# WEST COVINA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### CURRICULUM GOALS & INFORMATION SHEET

#### ENGLISH:

##### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE: PRENTICE HALL & EASY GRAMMAR PLUS

- Read: short stories, poetry, Greek mythology, a particular novel
- Grammar: prepositions, prepositional phrases, indirect objects, direct objects, verbs, etc.
- Diagram sentences
- Students will do two or three book reports
- Autobiography
- Public speaking
- Journal writing

##### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: PRENTICE HALL

- Write four or five essays for Washington D. C. Trip
- Grammar: in depth study of grammar includes nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives verses adverbs etc.
- Read: Daniel's Story, Patriotic poems, several short stories, etc.
- Students will do two or three book reports
- Public speaking
- Folk tales unit

#### MATH:

##### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: SAXON 87

- Place Value, Geometry, rounding, decimals, fractions, metric, ratios, integers, functions, inequalities, probability, word problems, & graphing.

##### 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE: SAXON Algebra 1/2

- Integers, LCM, geometry, graphing, variables, equations, fractions, percents, decimals, rations, inequalities, exponents, roots.

##### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: SAXON ALGEBRA I

- Variables, linear sentences, slopes and lines, exponents, powers, quadratic equations, polynomials, factoring, area, perimeter, equations, probability, graphing.

## **SCIENCE:**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: A-BEKA – Order & Reality**

- It is my goal to put learning into the hands of the students. We find ways to apply our knowledge to everyday life using the scientific method.
- Subjects:
  - Plants: Provision for Life
  - Your Wonderful Body
  - Introduction to Physical Science
  - The Amazing Atmosphere
  - Weather: Sun, Wind, and Clouds
  - Weather: Climate, Storms, and Forecasting
  - The Science of Classification
  - Through the Microscope
  - Science and Creation
  - Insects and Other Arthropods

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE: BOB JONES – Earth Science**

- We learn about earth and its forces through reading and practical application and personal experience as we interact with earth and its force.
- Subjects:
  - The Celestial Sphere: Earth's Motions; Glory of Stars; The Sun; Nine Planets; Asteroids, comets, and Meteors; The Moon; Space Exploration.
  - The Atmosphere: Meteorology; Water of the Atmosphere; Movement In the Atmosphere, Weather Prediction,.
  - The Lithosphere: Science, Faith, & Reason; Geology; Minerals & Ores; Rocks & Fossils; Mountains & High Hills; Earthquakes & Volcanoes; Weathering, Mass Wasting, & Erosion.
  - The Hydrosphere: Oceans & Seas; Glaciers; Ground Water System.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES:**

### **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: BOB JONES UNIVERSITY PRESS**

- **WORLD STUDIES - Three Major components:**
  - History: Record of past activities and events in the lives of the Early people
  - Geography: Continents, countries and capitals of the world.
  - Culture: Government, economics, religion, society, thought and learning, and arts & crafts.

- Examines lives in history in the light of scripture. Learn that scripture is the basis for judgements. Form judgements based on how individuals and groups have obeyed or disobeyed God: Joshua 24:15 “ Choose you this day whom you will serve.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: BOB JONES UNIVERSITY PRESS**

- **AMERICAN HISTORY & GOVERNMENT**
  - Will learn that American history is steeped in a godly heritage. Learn that God is found in a free and independent man.
  - That to be self-governed is the fulfillment of what God desires for us – that the right of freedom is a gift from God. John 1:7 – The Christian idea of man & government.

**BIBLE:**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: THE LIFE OF CHRIST by POSITIVE ACTION FOR CHRIST**

- **Goal:** To explore the life and ministry of Christ by stepping into the culture and society of Israel to further our understanding of who Christ was for us.
- Weekly Bible verse memorization

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE: BOB JONES**

- **Goal:** Produce students who are conformed to Christ’s image that are able to think, speak, and act to please Him and not themselves. Rely upon God in prayer and faith. Learn that all truth is God’s truth.
- Weekly Bible verse memorization

**SPECIAL SUBJECTS OR PROJECTS:**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

- **History:** Invention Poster, Pirate flag, French Silhouette, Faces of America, Aborigine Painting
- **Science:** Leaf collection notebook, Make weather instruments, Insect collection, Scientist research
- **Math:** Two math projects, stock market game, and focus on careers in math

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- **Historic** Study Tour Notebook ( extensive work compiled from Sept. – May.
- **Science:** Make constellation finders, Models of earth, science phenomena, Creation vs. Evolution presentation, scientist research.
- **Math:** Two math projects and focus on careers in math

- **Bible:** Extensive Bible verse memorization for graduation ceremony

**FIELD TRIPS AND/OR SPECIAL TRIPS:**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: SAN DIEGO – SEA WORLD** (3 day / 2 night)

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: EAST COAST HISTORIC STUDY TOUR** (10 days / 9 nights):

Williamsburg / Jamestown / Yorktown / Monticello

Washington D.C. /Mt. Vernon / Gettysburg

Amish Country / New York City / Philadelphia

**Reagan Library**

**Nixon Library**

**Holocaust Museum in Los Angeles**