

Meet your instructors...



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Mrs. Funk

Education:
Associate of Science in Business Administration - Portland Community College
B.S. with a minor in Mathematics - Portland State University
Master of Education - Portland State University

How my faith influences teaching:

My faith, the Catholic faith, is in all that I teach. Whether we are talking about the early explorers and missionaries in social studies or the earth God created in science, I always look for ways to tie the subjects in to our Catholic faith. TO READ MORE ABOUT MRS. FUNK VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.VCSKNIGHTS.ORG



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Ms. Jenkins

Education:
Bachelor of Arts - Portland State University
Master of Education - Portland State University

Why I am a teacher:

I teach because of my own Life-Long Love of Learning. The World is a wide and wondrous place filled with rich history, beautiful literature, and enchanting works of art. I love having the opportunity to explore our diverse human heritage with the young people in my classes.

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EIGHTH GRADE CURRICULUM

Seventh and Eighth grade is a blended classroom. Information regarding rotating curriculums is found inside of your brochure. Please speak to your classroom teacher about the benefits of blended classrooms.

Your teachers are: Mrs. Funk and Ms. Jenkins

MISSION STATEMENT

Visitation is a Catholic Parish School that prepares students to be responsible citizens and life-long learners committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Visitation Catholic School

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KEY AREAS OF STUDY

RELIGION

- * Introduce the Marks of the Church surrounded by the Lord's Supper and Gospel message
- * A look into the growth of Christianity
- * How to use our faith through media and current events to proclaim our Catholic faith
- * Discuss the history of reason, rebellion, and reform in the Catholic Church



LANGUAGE ARTS

Writing:

- * Introduce research writing techniques that include citations and paraphrasing
- * Concentration on transitional sentences and paragraphs that allows the reader to move along a writing piece more easily

Spelling:

- * Correctly spell and associate word meanings on grade level words
- * Techniques to limit misspelling more difficult words

Grammar:

- * Intense accuracy of subject-verb agreement using nouns and pronouns
- * Appropriate and correct uses of the verb tenses

Reading:

- * Compare and contrast several types of novels to different pieces of writing
- * Analyze how and why authors organize their writings in certain ways

MATHEMATICS

- * Focus on Algebraic concepts
- * Consistently and accurately add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers using mental arithmetic, paper and pencil, and calculators
- * Estimate and find square roots of whole numbers less than 100 and cube roots of whole numbers less than 1000 between two whole numbers
- * Collect and display data as lists, tables, and plots using appropriate technology
- * Evaluate algebraic expressions and formulas, including expressions involving exponents and parentheses, by substituting rational numbers
- * Understand, graph, and recognize linear functions, including slope and y-intercept
- * Measure perimeter, length, weight, area, time, temperature, volume, and distance
- * Use the Pythagorean Theorem

SOCIAL STUDIES

- * Study of important people and places in U.S. History
- * In-depth look at early U.S. history including the Revolution and the Constitution
- * Concentration on the frontier, Civil War and Reconstruction, rise of an industrial nation, and 20th century wars and culture

SCIENCE

- * Focus on experimentation using the scientific method
- * Understand electricity, magnetism, and electromagnetic waves
- * Study atoms, molecules, and the periodic table
- * Investigate changes in our weather, ocean, and living things
- * Investigate changes in our Earth and solar system over time

HEALTH

- * Focus on the effect of nutrition, exercise, drugs, and alcohol on our body
- * Study of environmental hazards and how they effect our body
- * Study of health issues such as asthma and how they have changed with time



ART

- * Taught in art class as well as integrated throughout all subject areas
- * Concentration on creative art performance and expression.



****Seventh and Eighth grade is a blended classroom with a rotating curriculum in Religion, Social Studies, Science, and Health. The course work provided ensures that every student experiences age-appropriate and sequential instruction across the curriculum. Please speak with your classroom teacher to identify the current year's curriculum topics.****

➤ Physical Education, Music, Choir, Spanish, Library, and Technology are taught by specialists trained in these areas

➤ Further curriculum enrichment includes: field trips, guest speakers, service projects, reading incentive program and other extracurricular activities