




# St. John the Apostle School

*Inspiring Mind and Soul*

## Grade 8

In eighth grade, students become the leaders and role models for our school. Students work with teachers who prepare them for high school. A departmental approach is used for language arts (grammar, vocabulary and reading) math, social studies, religion, and science. World language, computer science, art, music, physical education and health are taught independently. The use of Chromebooks, interactive projectors and web based instruction enhance the learning process using interactive and technical tools. The integration of STEM, STEAM and Maker Space in the curriculum ensures our students are developing critical thinking skills. On a monthly basis, students participate in the *Choose to Be Nice* program which ensures that students are exposed to Socio-Emotional learning.

### CORE CURRICULUM

- Language Arts
- Reading
- Algebra
- Science
- Social Studies
- Religion
- Computer Science
- World Language
- Physical Education
- Health
- Music
- Art

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Full integration of technology in each classroom
- Integrated reading and language arts program designed to enrich the students reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- Intensive writer's workshop program
- Extended math periods to ensure a complete algebra curriculum
- Weekly basic math skills review
- Double science period for labs/STEM activities to meet the New Generation Science Standards
- Prayer partner mentors for 2nd graders
- Preparation for Confirmation
- Standardized Test preparation for high school acceptance tests

### ACTIVITIES

- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Forensics
- Scholastic Olympics
- Math Club
- STEM Club
- Kindness Club
- Game Club
- Altar Serving
- Class/Annex Trips
- Schola Choir
- Track & Field
- Basketball
- Girls Volleyball

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