



Zion Lutheran School

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Zion Lutheran School Eighth Grade Overview

Religion: The eighth grade religion class meets on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings with Rev. Mark Thompson, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. Students participate in the weekly school chapel services on Wednesday. On Fridays, the 7th-8th graders are combined for the Bible study class with Mr. Schumacher, principal. Students study God's Word, church doctrine, six chief parts of the Lutheran catechism and how their Christian faiths apply to their lives today.

Literature: Eighth graders are exposed to a wide variety of literature included in the Prentice Hall Literature Series. They will also read and study 3 full length novels. Several different styles of research projects are included in the Literature curriculum.

English: The Shurley English Series provides eighth graders with an extremely thorough experience in grammar, sentence structure, paragraph composition and report and essay writing. Essay writing is emphasized with a variety of assignments as well as formal research reports based on a Literature assignment.

Spelling: Eighth grade Spelling consists of weekly 20-25 word lists compiled from Literature and English assignments. The class is required to define the words, learn the definitions, use the list words correctly in sentence, and pass a weekly spelling test.

Math: Prentice Hall books, to go with the series taught at Lincoln Community High School, have been adopted for the 2007-2008 school year. Students are taught at their level with some eighth grade students taking Algebra I.

Social Studies: Eighth graders study American History. They complete an intensive unit of study of both the U. S. and Illinois constitutions. Students participate in a biennial History Fair, with the opportunity to qualify for the Regional History Fair sponsored by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Science: We use the Glencoe curriculum series in 7th-8th grade. Students learn the scientific method, study space, biology, genetics, ecology, weather, chemistry, and forces. Students participate in a biennial science fair.

Art: Students learn about master artists and various artistic methods and styles. They prepare a number of projects based on the skills and theories that they have learned.

Music: Eighth grade students may participate in band, choir, choir chimes, and music appreciation. Music appreciation classes include an introduction to Christian, classical, jazz, swing, opera, Gregorian chants, musicals, and history of rock.

Physical Education: Seventh and eighth graders have Physical Education three times a week. The emphasis is on exercise and good sportsmanship at all times. A wide range of activities include bowling, golf, tennis, soccer, basketball, softball, and football.

Computer: Students learn word processing and a variety of other skills that help them to learn and to prepare reports and projects. Students use the internet for research.

Other Experiences: Eighth graders have the opportunity to serve as pages in the Illinois House of Representatives at the State Capitol in Springfield. Eighth graders also go on a three-day educational class trip in May. An Eighth Grade Banquet for graduates and their parents, organized by the seventh grade families, is held a few nights before Graduation.