

Middle School Course Information 2011-2012

Pusch Ridge Christian Academy

The Core Block for all middle school students is an integrated program of Literature, History, Recitation, Geography, and Arts including both grammar and writing instruction.

6th Grade Curriculum

- Core Block draws from the historical time frame of 1200-1600 AD
- Bible
- Keyboarding
- Earth Science
- Math – based on results of math placement administered by PRCA Admissions Office
- Latin
- PE
- Music - Choir and band or orchestra (choir and band or orchestra on alternating days)

6th Grade Instrumental Class Elective Choice:

Band

Band instruments include: brass, woodwinds and percussion. Students range from beginner to advanced. Students are quickly taught proficiency on the instrument and perform at various venues throughout the year.

Orchestra

The focus of this course is strings. Students range from beginner to advanced. Students are quickly taught proficiency on the instrument and perform at various venues throughout the year.

7th Grade Curriculum

- Core Block draws from the historical time frame of 1600-1800 AD
- Bible
- Earth Science
- Math
- Latin
- PE

8th Grade Curriculum

- Core Block draws from the historical time frame of 1800 to present
- Bible
- Logic
- Math
- Life Science
- PE

7th and 8th Grade Elective Choices:

Art

One-semester. A studio environment including instruction in drawing, painting (watercolor), printmaking and collage, allowing students to explore and gain confidence with a variety of medium.

Band

Full-year. Ability levels range from beginners to advanced.

Choir

One-semester. Students will learn and execute the basic tenets of vocal performance.

Combined Choir and Band

Full-year. Includes both band and choir on alternating days.

Orchestra

Full-year. Ability levels range from beginner to advanced. Focus on strings and woodwinds.

Drama

One-semester. Focused on the works of William Shakespeare, students will conduct scene studies and monologues. Theatre games and improvisation will be used to enrich the meaning of text.

Technology

One-semester. Students will learn skills in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint in preparation for school projects for other classes. They will also gain an understanding of the benefit of using computers appropriately and the consequences of cutting corners.

Fun Science

One-semester. Students will learn to appreciate the fun of Science exploration through hands-on learning.

Spanish 1 (8th grade only)

Full-year. Get a jumpstart on your high school foreign language requirement of two years of the same language. *Course will appear on HS transcripts but not calculate into your cumulative GPA.*

Latin 1 (8th grade only)

Full-year. Same as Spanish 1.

Sound, Light and Stage (SLS)

Full-year. Hands-on technical experience with setting up and managing sound boards, lighting, mics and other equipment for Chapels, performances, drama, school events, etc. *Students will meet during zero-hour (7:00-7:50a.m. M-Th) for 2-4 weeks at the very beginning of the year and then will do work outside of class time for the rest of the year (i.e. Chapel set up, Drama productions). SLS students only earn .5 credit for the year, so are also required to take a regular elective.*