

Our 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.

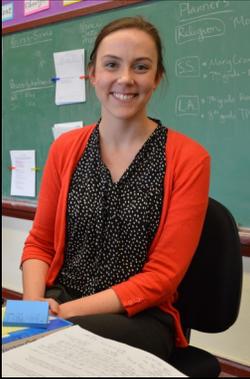
Meet your Teacher(s)



Mrs. Damkroger

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Education:
Bachelor of Arts
—Portland State University
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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.

Mrs. Funk

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Education: Associate of
Science in Business Admin.
—PCC
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Bachelor of Science
—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.

Visitation Catholic School

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VCS Welcomes You

Come explore our campus; a place where students from Preschool through 8th grade have an opportunity to fulfill their potential within a safe and supportive academic environment.



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8th Grade Curriculum



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LANGUAGE ARTS

Writing

- * Form a strong thesis statements supported by relevant evidence and elaborated with clear explanations
- * Write in narrative, persuasive and expository genres based on audience and purpose. Genres covered include: personal narratives, argumentative pieces, definition and literary analysis essays, cause/effect essays and research reports
- * Adhere to MLA Formatting guidelines

Spelling

- * Practice grade level words, vocabulary and decoding skills
- * Use Latin and Greek root words to improve spelling

Grammar

- * Form verbs into the appropriate tense and mood, including active and passive voice & the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood
- * Recognize and correct incorrect shifts in verb tense and mood

Reading

- * Read from various grade-level appropriate text genres, including novels, plays, opinion pieces and non-fiction articles
- * Integrate information from fiction and non-fiction texts to enhance understand of a topic
- * Analyze the plot events and characters of a piece of literature based on structural patterns repeated in other literary works
- * Annotate texts to track understanding during the reading process



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



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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

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, volume, temperature, and distance
- * Use the Pythagorean Theorem



- * Christ Centered Individual
- * Life Long Learner
- * Responsible Citizen

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

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 Eight 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.