

**CURRICULUM SYNOPSIS**  
**ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**GRADES SEVEN AND EIGHT**  
**2009-2010**  
**(Departmentalized)**

**RELIGION**

**7<sup>th</sup> Texts:** New Creation On Our Way: Grade 7 Brown-Roa  
Faith First The Creed, RCL

Units:	Apostle's Creed
The Revelation of God	Chief truths of the Catholic Church
Jesus Christ, the Only Son of God	Respect for all Life
The Church	Human Sexuality: God's Gift
The Prayer of The People of God	Decision making
Church History	Right to Life: Issue of Abortion
Seven sacraments of the Catholic Church	Dating; Nature of Intimacy
Catholic teachings on the Ten Commandments	Virtues: Temperance, Modesty, Chastity

**8<sup>th</sup> Texts:** Faith First Morality RCL ISBN #0-7829-1071-8 @2006  
Faith First Church History, RCL ISBN #0-7829-1128-5 @2006  
Fr. McBride's Teen Catechism – classroom use  
New Creation People Gr. 8 – Brown-Roa ISBN #0-697-17752-1, pub. 1994

**New Creation People**

Units/Themes	Babies and marriage
Uniqueness	Birth control/self-control
Good though imperfect	Miracle of birth
Loved and loving	Challenges of the future
Sexual beings	Faithfulness & Procreation
Responsibility	Dating decisions
Commitment	

**Faith First Morality**

Life in Christ – Human Dignity  
The Ten Commandments  
Church as the Body of Christ  
The Liturgical Year of the Church

**Faith First Church History**

The Apostolic Age to A.D. 1500  
The Call to Renewal A.D. 1500 to Present

**SCIENCE (Grade 7)**

Text: Earth Science Prentice Hall

Units:

- Inside the Earth ISBN #0-13-434489-8, pub. 2000
- Earth's Changing Surface ISBN #0-13-434483-9, pub. 2000
- Earth's Waters ISBN 0-13-434484-7, pub. 2000
- Astronomy ISBN #0-13-434478-2

**SCIENCE (Grade 8)**

Text: Physical Science Prentice Hall

Units:

- Motion, Forces, and Energy
- Chemical Building Blocks
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Sound and Light

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

**7th Texts:** Literature, Prentice Hall, ISBN# 0-133619524, pub. 2008  
Vocabulary Workshop, Level B Sadlier ISBN#0-8215-7107-9, pub. 2005  
English, Houghton Mifflin ISBN #0-618310053, pub 2004

#### LITERATURE UNITS/THEMES

Conflicts  
Characters  
Discoveries  
Elements of a short story  
Elements of poetry  
Elements of drama  
Fantasy and science fiction  
Myths of Greece and Rome  
Elements of non-fiction  
World folktales and fables  
Elements of a novel

#### WRITING SKILLS:

Using pronouns correctly  
Organizing information  
Using adjectives to create character  
Analyzing character  
Varying sentences  
Making inferences and judgments  
Using subordinate clauses  
Summarizing a plot  
Recognizing sentence fragments and run-  
ons  
Using words to create tone  
Making a supporting generalizations  
Using the descriptive and narrative modes  
Distinguishing facts from opinions  
Using the persuasive aim  
Identifying the main idea  
Using verbs in storytelling  
Supporting an opinion

#### ENGLISH

Language and usage -- sentence  
Nouns  
Verbs  
Modifiers  
Capitalization and punctuation  
Pronouns  
Prepositional phrases  
Complex sentences

#### WRITING

Comparison and contrast  
Personal narrative  
Cause and effect  
Story  
Description  
Persuasive letter  
Research report

#### STUDENT STRATEGIES

Using a dictionary  
Using a library  
Parts of a book  
Diagrams and maps  
Tables and graphs  
Test-taking, note-taking  
Listening and speaking skills  
Thinking skills  
Vocabulary skills  
Sentence mapping/diagramming

#### **7th & 8th SPELLING/VOCABULARY SKILLS:**

Pronunciation given phonetic spelling  
Recognizing parts of speech  
Spelling  
Synonyms/antonyms  
Word analogies  
Word families  
Sentence completion  
Denotation/connotation  
Literal/figurative language  
Context clues  
Introduction to study of etymology

**8th Texts:** Prentice Hall 8th Literature ISBN# 0 133619532, pub 2008  
Vocabulary Workshop, Level C Sadlier ISBN #0-8215-7108-7, pub 2005  
 English, Houghton Mifflin ISBN# 0-618310053, pub. 2004

**LITERATURE UNITS/THEMES**

Elements of a short story  
 Elements of drama  
 Elements of poetry  
 Elements of non-fiction  
 The American tradition--myths, folktales and historical  
 Elements of a novel

Using the narrative and descriptive models  
 Writing fantasy, comparing and contrasting  
 Using pronouns and their antecedents  
 Evaluating a short story  
 Identifying sentence fragments in dialogue  
 Analyzing relationships  
 Using figures of speech and sound  
 Analyzing poetry, using figurative language  
 Using expository and persuasive aims

Varying sentences, stating main idea  
 Writing a cliff-hanger, cause and effect  
 Using words to create tone  
 Gathering data and writing a summary

**ENGLISH**

Sentences  
 Nouns  
 Verbs  
 Modifiers  
 Capitalization/Punctuation  
 Pronouns  
 Phrases  
 Clauses

Tables, graphs, diagrams  
 Summarizing  
 Skimming and scanning  
 Diagramming

**WRITING SKILLS:**

Persuasion  
 Personal narrative  
 Comparison/Contrast  
 Story  
 Description  
 Persuasive Letter  
 Research Report

**STUDENT STRATEGIES:**

Using the dictionary  
 Using the library  
 Parts of a book

**MATHEMATICS**

Texts: McDougal Littell Middle School Math: Course 3 ISBN# 0-618-61071-5 pub. 2003  
McDougal Littell Middle School Math: Pre-Algebra ISBN# 0-618-25003-4 @2005  
McDougal Littell Middle School Math: Algebra 1 ISBN# 0-618-25018-2, pub. 2003

Pre-Algebra outline:

Course 3 outline:

Variables, Expressions, and Integers  
 Solving Equations  
 Multi-step Equations and Inequalities  
 Factors, Fractions, and Exponents  
 Rational Numbers and Equations  
 Ratio, Proportion, and Probability  
 Percents  
 Linear Functions  
 Real Numbers and Right Triangles  
 Measurement, Area and Volume  
 Data analysis and Probability  
 Polynomials and Nonlinear Functions  
 Angle Relationships and Transformations

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Algebra 1 outline:

Connections to Algebra  
Writing Linear Equations  
Properties of Real Numbers  
Solving & Graphing Linear Equations  
Solving Linear Equations  
Systems of Linear Equations & Inequalities  
Graphing Linear Equations & Functions  
Exponents and Exponential Functions  
Quadratic Equations and Functions  
Polynomials and Factoring

### **GEOGRAPHY (Grade 7)**

Text: Geography - The World and Its People

Glencoe/McGraw Hill ISBN # 007874701

@2007

Nystrom Map Kits and Atlas Nystrom @2008s:

The 5 Themes of Geography  
The Global Environment  
The World Today  
Using an Atlas, Almanac, Maps, and Charts

Geography, Early History, World Today, and Heritage  
of:

Europe	Russia & Eastern Europe
Asia	Africa
Caribbean	Australia & Oceania
Middle East	South America
Canada	

### **AMERICAN HISTORY (Grade 8)**

Text: The American Journey Reconstruction to the Present, Glencoe, McGraw-Hill #0078653991 @2005

Units:

Reshaping the Nation 1858-1914  
Reform, Expansion, and War 1865-1920  
Turbulent Decades 1919-1945  
Turning Points 1945-1975  
Modern America 1968-present

Civics:

Branches of Government  
Process of a bill becoming law  
Justice procedures  
Constitution