

# Curriculum Overview Grades 7/8

Our goal is to help each student to reach his or her full potential. Emerald Heights Academy believes that education involves the development of key intellectual abilities including analyzing, synthesizing, relating, and evaluating.

Our advanced curriculum is strong in content. We address each student's needs with personal attention and work with parents to provide individualized instruction. Teachers help to form effective study habits which encourage critical thinking and reflection. Students gain confidence and poise through the practice of public speaking.

#### Math:

Saxon

#### Religion:

Bible History (Tan books)
Faith and Life (Ignatius Press):

- The Life of Grace
- Our Life in the Church

Supplemental Materials from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Latin:

Latina Christiana (Memoria Press)
First Form Latin (Memoria Press)

#### Science:

Physical Science (Prentice Hall) Life Science (Pearson)

# Vocabulary:

Wordly Wise (Educators Publishing Services)

# Writing:

Structure and Style (Institute for Excellence in Writing)

# **History:**

The American Journey (Glencoe)

Washington in the Pacific Northwest (Gibbs Smith Publisher)

Light to the Nations – The History of Christian Civilization, Part 1 & 2 (Catholic Textbook Project)

## **Grammar:**

Easy Grammar (Isha Enterprises, Inc)

## Handwriting:

Writing Our Catholic Faith (Universal Publishing)

## Spanish:

javancemos!: Student Edition Level 1 - Spanish Edition (Holt McDougal)

# **Calligraphy:**

Italic Calligraphy for School and Home (Getty-Dubay Productions)

# Literature: At least four of the literary works listed below will be read each year.

Trumpeter of Krakow The Red Badge of Courage

The Bronze BowShaneJohnny TremainTrue GritThe Shadow of His WingsTroubleThe Children's HomerEagle of the Ninth

Do Hard Things Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Julius Caesar Phantom Tollbooth

The Giver To Kill a Mockingbird
My Brother Sam is Dead Amos Fortune, Free Man
Alice in Wonderland Midsummer Night's Dream

Treasure Island Scarlet Pimpernel
Across Five Aprils Great Expectations
The Witch of Blackbird Pond The Arabian Nights

Nothing but the Truth The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Brady