

Curriculum Highlights

Augustinian Academy's curriculum is based on the common core standards recently adopted by the New York State Board of Regents along with Diocesan supplements. (for more information on the common core standards see www.corestandards.org) Students participate in New York State Standardized testing in applicable grade levels. We could not list all that our students learn in each grade, but below are some of the highlights of our current teacher's programs.

All Grades (K-8)

- *Educational Field Trips throughout the year.
- *Technology Instruction
- *Gym classes twice a week
- *Music and Art class

Kindergarten:

- *Comprehensive Letter program, Writer's workshop, Shared reading and writing, Saxon Math Program
- * Religion units: Students have mentors in 4th and 5th grade who sit with them during 1st Friday Mass to help them learn about attending mass. We also focus on Knowing and Loving God, Prayer, Holidays and their meanings and Helping others.
- *We do a yearly service project and also a special Toys for Tots service project at Christmas Time.
- *Social Studies and Sciences: Learn about who we are and our surroundings through units that include butterflies, Community Helpers, Dinosaurs, Plants, All about Me, etc.
- *Music both in classroom and during weekly Music classes. Art, Basic computer skills, PE twice a week and Recess daily.
- *A100s day project for the 100th day of school.

Grade 1:

- *Comprehensive science and social studies program, including units on Japan and Parts of the Human Body.
- *Seasonal stories and related activities
- *Cookies baked as class project and sold every month for Holy Childhood Association

Grade 2:

- *In Class preparation for 1st Penance and 1st Communion.
- *Begin instruction in Cursive
- *Begin use of our High School quality science lab for science experiments, including a special lab in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday

Grades 3-5

- *Hands-on Science Labs
- *Local and Global Community Service Projects: HCA, Nursing Home Friends, Working Boys Center (Quito, Ecuador), Kindergarten Buddies, SPCA
- *Various Seasonal Enrichment Activities including Saint Studies, Iditarod, etc.

Grade 3:

Introduction to Cursive, Multiplication Tables and Division

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Grade 4:

- *Report and Map project on the State of NY
- *Geography of both New York and Canada
- *Battle of the Books

Grade 5:

- *"State Fair" Report and Map project on our 50 states. Each student picks one State on which to focus.
- *Geography of both New York and Canada
- *Battle of the Books

Grade 6:

- *Science Lab instruction
- *C.O.W -- Country of the week
- *Science Olympiad
- *Introduction to the French Language
- *Field trip to Herkimer Diamond Mines

Grades 7:

- *French Classes, Research Projects, Science Labs in our fully operational Lab.
- *Budget Project on being Single
- *Confirmation Prep every other year
- *Science Olympiad

Grade 8:

- *French Classes, Research Projects, Science Labs in our fully operational Lab.
- *Budget Project on Family Life.
- *Accelerated Classes for High School Credit available in Integrated Algebra, Earth Science, and French
- *Career Day, Class Trip (for which the students plan and implement various fundraising projects throughout the year.), May Crowning, Graduation

Music:

Music Classes are offered to all grades, Preschool thru 8th grade.

*Focus is on the whole music approach with emphasis on singing, movement, theory, music history, culture and composition. Students are exposed to a variety of music forms including Folk music, selections from other countries, and great composers such as Bach and Mozart.

*In third Grade students begin instruction on Recorders.

*BAND: 4th graders and up who choose to join the concert band and marching band receive instrumental instruction

*5th graders and up may join the select choir.

*The students perform in both a Christmas and Spring Concert.