

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL - SEVENTH GRADE**

**Class Size:** 30 - 32 (Academic Classes)  
32 (Enrichment Classes)

**Curriculum**

**English**

**Textbook:** *Glencoe Writer's Choice: Grade 7*

Sadlier: *Vocabulary Workshop, Level B*

**Curriculum:** Grammar (Sentence Structure, Capitalization and Punctuation, Parts of Speech),

Composition (Paragraph and Essay Writing in Persuasive, Narrative, and Informative Modes)

Vocabulary (Synonyms, Antonyms, Context, Pronunciation)

**Reading**

**Textbook:** Prentice Hall: *Literature – Grade 7*

Novels: *A Christmas Carol, Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl, My Brother Sam Is Dead, The Outsiders*, and other selections

**Curriculum:** Literature Appreciation, Critical Thinking Skills, Vocabulary Development, and Strategies for Reading and Analyzing Fiction and Nonfiction

**Math**

**Textbook:** Glencoe McGraw-Hill: *Pre-Algebra*; Scholastic Math

**Curriculum:** Algebra, Integers, Linear Equations, Inequalities, Geometry, Statistics, and Polynomials, ALEKS

**Science**

**Textbook:** Pearson (Modules)

**Curriculum:** Life, Earth, and Physical Science

**Social Studies**

**Textbook:** Glencoe/McGraw-Hill: *The American Journey* ; *The New York Times Upfront* magazine

**Curriculum:** American History, Current Events, Geography

**Religion**

**Textbook:** Sadlier: *We Live Our Faith*

Nelson: *Student Bible for Catholics*

**Curriculum:** The New Testament: The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ  
The Living Rosary

**Art**

Curriculum: Color wheel and color mixing; study of the styles and techniques of great artists and their works; projects include painting, drawing, sculpting, etc.

### **Computer**

Curriculum: Keyboarding, Word Processing, Spread Sheets, Multimedia Presentations, Acceptable and Ethical Use of Technology

### **Music**

Curriculum: Use of Classroom Instruments to Understand Rhythm; Various Musical Examples; Internet Lessons; Educational Movies about Composers; Music Appreciation Units; the Study of Jazz and Rock and Roll, Handbells

### **Spanish**

Curriculum: Introduction to High School Spanish; deeper understanding and appreciation of aspects of the Hispanic culture

### **P.E.**

Curriculum: Health-Related Fitness: Develops cardiovascular fitness, strength, muscular endurance and flexibility; Skill-Related Fitness: Develops agility, balance, coordination, power, reaction, and speed

**Library** Students are allowed to check out books whenever the school library is open; students may visit the Library during Study Hall; librarian assistance is available for research needs when requested. Students also meet in the Library for two quarters for an additional Study Hall.

## **Daily Schedule**

Six 45 minute Academic class periods

One 45 minute Enrichment class period

20 minute study hall

30 minute Lunch/Recess

## **Activities**

Middle School Field Trips, Classroom Laptops, Science Lab Activities, Graphing with Computers, Service Retreats, Weekly Mass, Reconciliation (Advent and Lent), Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart, Stations of the Cross (Lent), Tae-Bo and Pilates Workouts, Interdisciplinary Units, Co-Curricular Activities (Quiz Bowl, Beta Club, Student Council, Geography Bee)