

Grade 8 curriculum update
2nd Quarter

- Religion: Currently, we are taking a deeper look at the mission, death and resurrection of Christ. This will be followed by understanding the completeness of the trinity through an examination of the Holy Spirit. We are also reviewing all of the sacraments. Again, there are regular homework assignments and quizzes to accompany lessons.

8th graders will be expected to memorize and understand all of the mysteries of the Rosary.

- Social Studies: The primary focus of this quarter is the American Revolution, and the beginnings of our government. The students will more closely examine the Constitution and Bill of Rights, as well as understand the structure of the three branches of the government.
 - There are two major projects for this quarter. The first is an “Encyclopedia of the American Revolution” due December 16th.
 - The second will be a paper on an amendment to be assigned. The paper will be detailed after Christmas Break.
- Science: We will complete our unit on Force and Motion prior to the Christmas Break. In January, the students will learn Chemistry concepts in both Ms. McMahons classroom, and Miss Gelonese’s lab.
- Health: We are finishing a unit on propaganda used in advertising, as part of the consumer health curriculum. We finally began receiving *Current Health* and students have regular assignments to accompany that periodical. Again, I encourage you to look through the magazine should there be specific topics of interest or concern to you, in order to provide an opening for discussion with your son or daughter.
- As always, I welcome any resources you may wish to share or send in, that relate to any of the curriculum topics we are covering as a class. The most reliable method for contacting me is through e-mail (kmcmahon@cdeducation.org) but I will gladly return phone calls to the school at the earliest opportunity, or respond to any notes via kidmail.