

# Sacred Heart Academy Part-Time Curriculum

## 3rd-7th

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**IEW:** IEW's excellent and rigorous program for developing writing skills is based on examples of superior writing, moving from imitation into innovation. Students learn confidence in writing while learning the nine structural models (note-taking, writing paragraphs, stories, simple reports, writing from pictures, research reports, inventive writing, essay and critiques). They also learn the classic IEW stylistic techniques of strong verbs, quality adjectives, sentence openers, and more.

**Claritas Grammar:** Claritas Grammar is known for its use of songs to help make grammar come alive for students! Students learn how to classify the parts of sentences, and identify and use the major 8 parts of speech (noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, adjective, conjunctions, interjection, preposition), in a fun way. Claritas moves into diagramming, proofing and parsing in the older elementary age and up through 8th.

**Apologia Science** A Christian-based science program that delves into each subject (Astronomy, Botany, Physics/Chemistry, Anatomy/Physiology, and Zoology) in detail (one subject per year) using exciting experiments and narration (re-telling) of what is learned!

**Story of the World-Ancient History Vol.1** *The Story of the World* series covers the sweep of human history. Volume I, *Ancient Times* includes the First Nomads through Rome. **The Middle Ages Vol. 2** *The Middle Ages*, is the second of a four-volume series and covers the major historical events in the years 400 to 1600 CE.

**Literature:** We use "living books" in our literature classes to complement our history classes. It is a great way to bring a culture, time period or historical figures come alive. These books encourage students to LIVE the books they read, think, feel and live as if they were in that world.

**Immersion Spanish:** Students experience spanish through an immersion classroom setting. Our fluent spanish speaking teacher, teaches through games, conversation practice, scripture memorization and repetition.

**Spelling Power:** Spelling Power is a proven, researched-based program designed to make your student a better speller. It is a multi-sensory, multi-level spelling customized program that will help your students master spelling rules. The student works through and progresses at his or her own rate. We use Spelling Power's pretests, tests, recall reviews, ten-step study process, interactive hands-on spelling activities, and games for our class time on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students will have individual spelling lists and instructions for practicing spelling at home independently on At-Home days for about 5-10 minutes. Each student will move as fast or as slow as is best for their individual learning level. They will also benefit from the fun and interactive classroom activities to reinforce learning and spelling rules.