

JUNIOR HIGH

PROGRAM GUIDE



Welcome back, students!

We're excited for an amazing year. There is lots to do and learn, and we're looking forward to sharing this year with you.

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Parents, be sure to sign up for text messages via Remind!

Important Dates:

Vespers September 8,
7-9 pm at the Altman
Farm

Bible Camp September
14-17 at Washington
Family Ranch

MEET THE FACULTY



Mrs. DePeña
7th grade homeroom, Science, Math, and Bible, and Service Elective



Mrs. Rojas
8th grade homeroom, Language Arts, and Social Studies, and TVA News Elective



Mrs. Beck
Advanced Math



Mrs. Irvine
PE and Athletics



Mrs. Humbert
Choir and Classroom Music



Mr. Blackburn
Handbells, Band, and Worship Workshop

CORE CURRICULUM

Bible

The Junior High Bible program is about helping students understand who God is and how much God loves them.

Language Arts

The Junior High Language Arts program encompasses reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary development, and listening and writing skills.

Social Studies

7th Grade Social Studies examines history from the fall of Rome through the Crusades. It examines the customs, institutions, and values that dominated Europe and shaped Western thought.

8th Grade Social Studies traces the events of the United States backwards from the present situation. It focuses on showing how current events grow from the roots of past policy decisions, and it examines what the United States is, both in Constitution and aspiration.

Math

7th Grade Math is a culmination of all math studied up to this point. Major topics include scale drawings, proportional relationships, measuring circles, percentages, positive and negative numbers, expression, equations, inequalities, angles, triangles, and prisms.

8th Grade Math covers rigid transformations, congruence, dilations, similarity, slope, proportional and linear relationships, linear equations, linear systems, functions and volume, associations in data, exponents and scientific notation.

PreAlgebra: Interested and motivated 7th grade students have the opportunity to master the standards for both 7th grade and 8th grade in one year. All 7th graders take 7th grade math together. Students who choose to also take PreAlgebra have daily dedicated time with their PreAlgebra teacher to work on the 8th grade standards. Students who master both sets of standards during 7th grade take Algebra during their 8th grade year.

Algebra 1: Students write, solve, and graph linear equations, inequalities, functions, and systems of linear equations; factor, solve, and graph quadratic equations and functions; simplify, write, and graph exponential expressions and functions; and explore data analysis through probability and statistics topics.



Science

Subjects are rotated over the course of two years:

Odd Years: Earth's history, Earth changes, natural resources, synthetic materials, human impact, natural hazards, natural selection, evolutionary relationships in Biblical context, circuits

Even Years: Celestial motion, celestial objects, weather and climate, gravity, motion, energy and energy transfer, experiment and engineering design, electromagnetism, waves, chemical reactions, health

Music

Students are required to take Choir, Band, or both. They may also choose to audition for handbell choir or participate in Worship Workshop, both of which are extracurriculars.

In choir, students build on past choir knowledge and learn to sing the various parts of choral music. They will learn music theory, drama, music history, and a variety of musical styles.

In band, students learn to play an instrument as part of a group. There is heavy emphasis on music theory.

In handbells, students learn to play at the beginner, intermediate, or advanced level as part of an ensemble. Music theory and teamwork are heavily emphasized and memorizing music is expected.

In Worship Workshop, students participate in the school's praise and worship band, learn to run audio-visual equipment, and/or assist in programming for our weekly school-wide Chapel.

PE/Athletics

Whole person wellness is the emphasis of our PE and Athletics program. Students learn teamwork and grit, build sports-specific skills, and practice physical activity that supports wellness across their lifetime.



ELECTIVES

Junior high students participate in elective courses. The purpose of these courses is to offer instruction in non-traditional subjects that expand traditional education. This year we are offering:

TVA News - Mrs. Rojas

This journalism class produces the weekly TVA News segment. Focus is writing, reporting, and producing a weekly video segment for Chapel.

Service - Mrs. DePeña

Students participating in this course focus on service to others in our school and neighborhood.



EXTRACURRICULARS

TVA offers a variety of extracurriculars to our 7th and 8th grade students:

Athletics - Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Track

Music - Handbells (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)

Worship Workshop - Includes both those performing and the AV team behind the scenes

TRIPS

September 14-17:

Oregon Conference 7th/8th Bible Camp

Date TBD:

8th Grade Trip

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

To help students understand how they impact the world, 7th and 8th grade students are required to complete two service hours each quarter. Service hours are completed outside of school and may include activities such as weeding/raking leaves at TVA, your home, or your neighbor's house, doing extra chores at home, babysitting siblings without pay, or volunteering at the library. Students submit their hours via a form signed by the immediate supervisor that is handed in to Mrs. De Peña at the end of every quarter.

Additionally, we may take field trips to serve as a group at places like The Oregon Food Bank, Adventist Community Services, or we may take on a service project.

