



## Middle School Information 2012-2013

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# Middle School Course Outlines

## **Spanish 1, 2, 3** (elective, 0 period)

In this year-long course, students will gain mastery and retention of Spanish verb conjugations, vocabulary, conversation and writing in the Spanish language. Mrs. Massa's curriculum, as well as other books, will be used in meeting these objectives.

## **Math 6, Pre-Algebra & Algebra**

The PCS Middle School mathematics program utilizes the Bob Jones University Press and A Beka curricula, and is designed to ensure mastery in all mathematical areas needed to continue seamlessly into any high school math program. Among other subject areas that will be covered in the program are:

- Measurement
- Graphing
- Statistics
- Probability
- Business math
- Introduction to geometry and trigonometry
- Scientific notation
- The metric system

This course is intended to teach not only valuable mathematic concepts, but also that math is more than merely practical, it can even be enjoyable!

## **Discipleship**

Our discipleship course is based on the books of John and Hebrews as well as the evangelism course *The Way of the Master*. We will use the inductive method of Bible study, where we will learn the process of observation, interpretation, and application. Students will be stretched spiritually and mentally as they explore the answers to the top ten objections to Christianity. Through these biblical studies, our young adults will be challenged to deeply study the Bible so that they might desire to be, and ultimately become, conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

## **Physical Education**

P.E. classes are designed to enhance motor skill development, expressive play, health fitness, physical movement concepts, teamwork, and the discipline of a Christian lifestyle. Most of the classes will be held at Millennium Sports Club. Units may include:

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| * Baseball      | * Basketball |
| * Soccer        | * Tennis     |
| * Indoor soccer | * Lacrosse   |
| * Swimming      | * Volleyball |
| * Hockey        | * Wallyball  |
| * Racquetball   |              |

## Language Arts

The PCS Language Arts program is a comprehensive course of study encompassing all areas of language mastery. Students will study grammar and literature using Bob Jones University Press and Grammar Plus curriculum.

*Grammar will include:*

- All parts of speech
- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Sentence and paragraph structure
- Research
- Study skills

*Literature curriculum will include:*

- Reading for comprehension
- Critical thinking
- Plot and character analysis
- Discussion of works based on a Christian world view

*Writing skills will also be developed through:*

- Essays
- Research
- Creative writing
- Vocabulary expansion and spelling mastery
- Book reports
- Speech writing and presentation

## Science

The Middle School science program at PCS uses curriculum from Bob Jones University Press to examine various aspects of science from a Christian world view. Science is taught from the core belief that the Bible is our source of absolute truth, with all scientific theories considered in light of the Word of God.

**Sixth grade** students study a combination of life and physical science. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Earthquakes and volcanoes
- Weathering and erosion
- Motion and machines
- Stars and solar system
- The human immune system
- Cells and classification

**Seventh and eighth grade** students will rotate between the following two classes:

### Physical Sciences

- Geology is presented with an emphasis on the study of minerals, mountains, earthquakes, and volcanoes
- Earth Science also includes a brief study about the Earth's water supply
- Space Science delves deeper into the location, structure, and composition of the sun, moon, and planets
- Motion, force, and Newton's three laws are explored

## Life Sciences

*This begins with the study of:*

- Cells
- Genetics
- Creation and the fallacies of evolution

*From that base, students move on to the study of:*

- Living kingdoms which encompasses microbiology through zoology

*Finally, students learn about the most complex living organism:*

- The Human Body

## **History**

The following is a synopsis of the three history courses offered in Middle School at PCS.

### Heritage Studies 6 – To Know the Past; Ancient Landmarks

(Bob Jones University Press)

This is part of a developmental social studies program and is a continuation of Heritage Studies 5 (5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum). The material covered in this class includes:

- History
- Geography
- Economics
- Culture
- Government

The material skillfully incorporates the knowledge of God and Christian character into every unit. The major goals of this curriculum are:

- developing a knowledge of God
- encouraging Christian growth
- promoting historic and geographic literacy
- introducing basic debate skills

Topics include the study of Old World civilizations including Mesopotamia, Egypt, Israel, India, China, and Africa, as well as Classical Greece, the Roman World, the Byzantine Empire, and the Middle Ages. In this class students will build on their understanding of world history and continue to develop a true historic and geographic understanding of the past.

### World Studies 7<sup>th</sup> grade

(Bob Jones University Press)

World Studies covers world history from 1100 AD to 1900 AD. The text is divided into four parts. Each spans 400-600 years. Each section or “Act” covers in depth the culture, geography, and history of that time period. Government, economics, religion, society, thought and learning, and arts and crafts of each people group will be studied. Topics range from The Renaissance to The Changing face of Latin America. The major goals of this curriculum are:

- the providence of God as it relates to historical studies
- encouraging Christian growth
- promoting historic and geographic literacy
- introducing basic debate skills

American Republic 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
(Bob Jones University Press)

American Republic covers from pre-colonial days to present day America. It is a comprehensive survey of United States History, intended to give the Middle School student a solid foundation of the history of this country. Throughout this course many examples are set forth of people who either followed God's standard or failed to do so and the results that followed. From these examples students will see the truth of God in action. The goal of this course is to help students realize God's providence in the seven eras of U.S. history and the consequences of past decisions, good and bad, which testify that Bible principles are true and that God oversees the course of U.S. History.

### **Enrichment**

The purpose of enrichment class is to provide a time period during the day to complete projects and activities that would enrich the students' education but may not fit exclusively into one subject area. Enrichment class will focus on the effective use of the computer as it relates to school projects. Topics will include keyboarding and the following programs:

- MS Word
- MS Excel
- MS PowerPoint
- MS Publisher
- Mavis Beacon

By learning keyboarding and the use of the above programs, students will be able to more effectively create and present projects for core classes.



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## Jesus is the Reason

- The best way to teach a child about Jesus is to live for him
- Godliness is best caught, not taught
- PCS Mission and Vision Statements
- 1 Cor. 13:1-8 for Middle School this year
- It is what is in the heart that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is supremely concerned with
- Everything we say, do, and think should be pleasing to our Lord



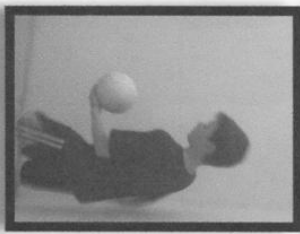
## Discipleship

- Fundamentals of Faith
- The Way of the Master Basic Training Course in Evangelism
- Service Projects
- Weekly Chapel Guest Pastors
- Apologetics 101 1Peter 3:15 "Always be ready..."
- Daily Sword Drills
- Answers Book I and II from Answers in Genesis and 101 Scientific Facts and Foreknowledge



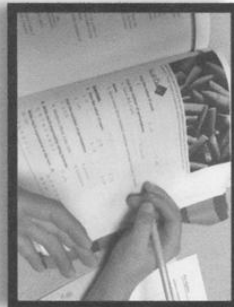
## Physical Education

- Diverse sports at the Sports Club across the street
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Wallyball
- Presidential Physical Fitness



# Mathematics

- Arithmetic
- Pre-Algebra
- Algebra 1



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# Language Arts

- MLA Format Essays
- Grammar
- Research Reports
- L/A Keynote Shows on iPads
- Lamplighter Classics
- Novels
- Silent Sustained Reading



# Science

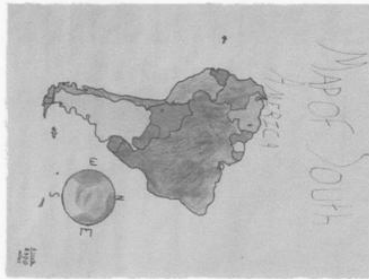
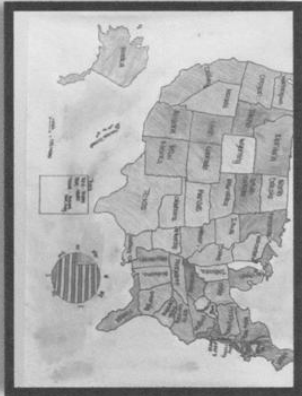
- Life Science: cells, plants, animals, microbiology, classification, dissections, creation vs. evolution

- Physical Science: elements, electricity, gravity, motion, rocks, planets, volcanoes, tsunamis, earthquakes



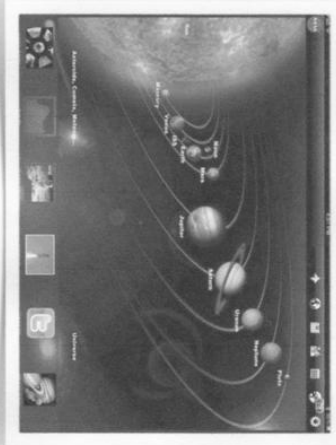
# Computers/Spelling Maps and Globes

- Computers: Keyboarding, PowerPoint
- Maps /Globes: Charts, Maps, Google Earth
- Spelling: Roots, Definitions, Use in Sentence
- County Map Contest



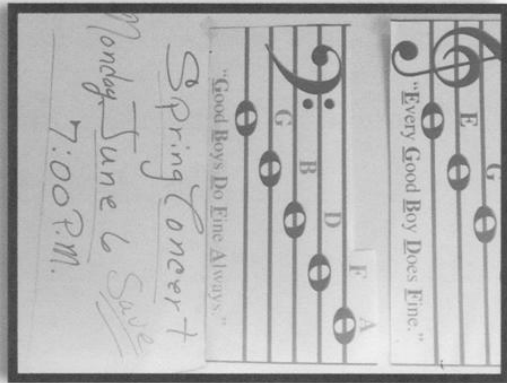
# Middle School iPads

- 21 iPad 2 tablets for student use each day
- Keynote presentations, Pages for word processing, wireless printing
- Wow, high-tech learning fun!
- Science apps, Math Graphing apps, Language, History, Google Earth, and more!
- Virtual Frog Dissections? Of course

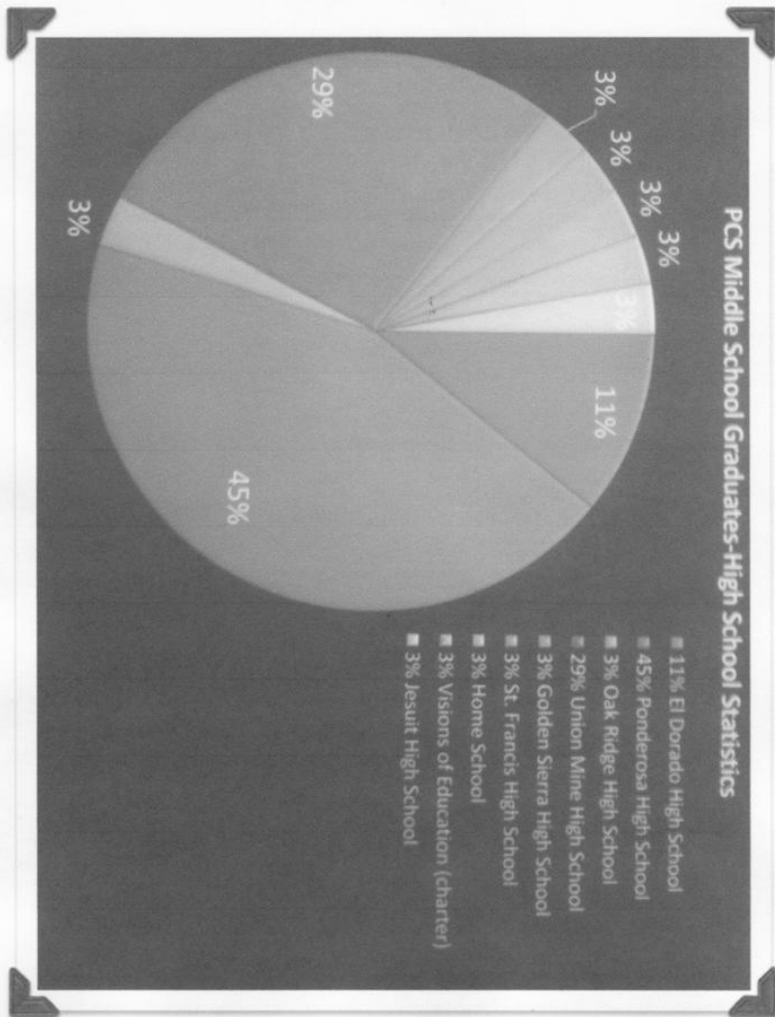


# Extracurricular

- Spanish 1,2,3
- Band



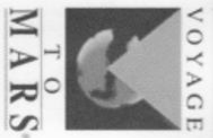
## Where our graduates attend High School:



# Challenger Mission

- Challenger Learning Center, Sac.
- Science, Technology, Math, Team Work
- Missions to: Mars, Comet Halley, and the Moon

• 5th/6th Grades



# Washington D.C.

- PCS travels with Christian Discoveries every even year
- Williamsburg, Jamestown, Capitol Hill, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Air/Space, National Archives, Lincoln/Vietnam/Korean/Jefferson/FDR/MWII Memorials, White House, Gettysburg Battlefield
- Discover our Nation's Christian Heritage!
- "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:1

