

St. Jerome Regional School
Eighth grade
Mrs. Leslie Confer
2020-2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Grade 8! My name is Mrs. Leslie Confer and I am the eighth-grade homeroom teacher. I hope that you and your family have had a fun-filled relaxing summer! I am looking forward to a productive year and I also trust that we will be able to work together to achieve this goal. This is an exciting year for your child as he/she begins to ready for the transition to high school. I will help your child to build a strong work ethic and your child will also grow in faith by learning about the sacrament of Confirmation and participating in various liturgical services.

Responsibility should be evident in completing classwork and homework assignments. It is important that students follow the classroom rules to keep the day running smoothly. We will be going over classroom expectations, and classroom rules on the first day.

COVID:

There are many changes at school this year due to COVID. I feel that we will be able to follow the new guidelines with little difficulty. We will cover procedures for hand washing, restroom use, lunch, washing desks, mask wearing, and social distancing. Students are to bring their own personal tissues hand sanitizer, pencil sharpener, and water bottle to school each day. Each student will also need one milk crate. There is a micro barrier on each student desk. It is clear in the front and you can easily see through it.

STORING BELONGINGS:

Lockers will not be used during the pandemic. Items will be stored in the desk and milk crate.

RELIGIOUS

The students have various opportunities for faith experiences. These include: classroom prayers, classroom petitions, weekly Mass, prayer services, penance, visits to the chapel for prayer and Mass, religion class, and visits with Father Hoffa.

LESSONS:

School work will be presented and practiced through a combination of textbook material, smartboard lessons and google classroom. Chrome books have been ordered, but until they arrive students may bring their devices to school. Phones will not be permitted to be used as a learning tool.

TEXTBOOKS:

All textbooks, workbooks, and other materials are numbered. Each student will receive a number and that is your number for all materials. Textbooks need to be covered; you do not need to cover the workbooks. Please take care of your materials.

HOMWORK:

There will be written homework most nights and study homework every night. Homework will be posted daily on Google Classroom. It is important to get in a good habit of studying every day. Please contact school if your child will be absent due to illness. I will send home homework when your child is sick and you may contact school about picking up work. There will be no written homework on weekends. Study homework will be assigned on weekends. Incomplete and late homework assignments will be recorded in the homework folder and will result in points being deducted from the final average. (There is no homework book this year.)

GRADES:

Grades are posted on the Option C Grading System. Please check the site to keep up to date on your child's progress. The progress report is issued halfway through the trimester and this is a good time to review your child's strengths and weaknesses. Report cards are issued 3 times.

PROJECTS:

Projects will be assigned in various subject areas. This year projects will be completed individually. Thorough directions will be given for completion of the assignments.

CONFIRMATION:

You will receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year. I do cover Confirmation in religion class, however preparation for the sacrament is done by individual parishes. Please contact your parish priest for information on Confirmation.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT:

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR RULES:

1. Be respectful to classmates and authority.
2. Always use appropriate behavior.
3. Pay attention during class.
4. Keep your cell phones in your bookbag.
5. Keep candy and gum at home.
6. Use appropriate language.
7. Do your own work on quizzes and tests.
8. Take care of school property.
9. Follow COVID good practices.
10. Remember to smile!!

BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES

1. Warning
2. Email sent home to parent. Please reply that you received the email. Thank you!
3. Writing assignment

4. An accumulation of behavior marks would result in a drop in the conduct grade and /or Christian values.

BEHAVIOR REWARDS

There will be a class treat at the end of the trimester for good behavior.

MORNING ARRIVAL

The morning sets the tone for the day! Students should use this time to get ready for the day.

1. Unpack and greet classmates.
2. Organize your supplies.
3. Look over your homework.
4. Have books and supplies on the top of your desk for the first class.
5. Study for any quizzes or tests.
6. Read a book or work on an activity.

HOUSEKEEPING

Students need to keep their desks and crates clean and orderly. All textbooks need to be covered by September 8. Copybooks and workbooks should be written in neatly.

DRESS CODE

Please review the updated student handbook.

CONTACT

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have this year.
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MANY THANKS!!

Thank you so much for purchasing your child's supplies for the school year!! Together we can make this last year of school for your child at SJRS a memorable one! I am looking forward to the first day of school and I hope you are also! It will be exciting to back in the building! Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Confer

Eighth Grade Curriculum

- RELIGION** Instructor: Mrs. Leslie Confer
Textbook: Christ Our Life
Content: The Church Then and Now
The Mystery of the Church
Church History
Sacraments, Commandments, Virtues, Precepts,
Holy Days of Obligation, Rosary, Prayers,
Bible Readings
Grading: Tests after each chapter and unit
Daily Religion maintenance quizzes
Projects
- LITERATURE** Instructor: Mrs. Leslie Confer
Textbook: Prentice Hall Literature, Vocabulary Book
Content: short stories, poetry, drama, fiction and nonfiction, literary skills,
comprehension, vocabulary, written response
Grading: worksheets are graded as quiz grades
Test after each story
Vocabulary Book Quizzes
- ENGLISH** Instructor: Mrs. Leslie Confer
Textbook and Workbook: Voyages in English
Content: Grammar: nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions,
interjections, punctuation, clauses and phrases, participles,
gerunds, infinitives
Sentences: simple, compound, complex
Creative writing and the writing process
Grading: quizzes and chapter tests

SPELLING Instructor: Mrs. Leslie Confer
Textbook: Prentice Hall Everyday Spelling
Content: 20 words every week
Grading: Test on Friday

*ENGLISH AND SPELLING ARE INCLUDED UNDER LANGUAGE ARTS

SOCIAL STUDIES: Instructor: Mrs. Leslie Confer
Textbook: Prentice Hall: The American Nation
Content: American History: Early Exploration through the Civil War
Map and skill activities, current events, projects
Grading- quizzes on notes, worksheets graded, chapter tests

MATHEMATICS: Instructor: Mrs. Alice Miller
Textbook: Prentice Hall Algebra I
Content: Algebra I
Grading: maintenance sheets graded for 1 test grade each trimester,
Checkpoint quizzes and chapter tests

SCIENCE: Instructor: Mrs. Alice Miller
Textbook: Life Science
Content: Life Science
Grading: chapter reviews, quizzes, chapter tests, projects

Specials: computer, gym, music, art (schedule to be announced)

8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES: I will be meeting with Mrs. Miskar to discuss grade 8 activities.

- Activities:
1. Student Council
 2. Mission Representatives
 3. Altar servers
 4. 8th grade yearbook fundraising
 5. Yearbook Committee
 6. Morning and Afternoon announcements
 7. School flag
 8. Choir
 9. Academic Bowl
 10. STEM

