



Zion Lutheran School

Overview – 8th Grade

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with Exceptional Character and Servant Hearts"*

Teacher/Student Ratio 24:1

School Day 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Morning Recess: 10 minutes
Lunch Recess: 40 minutes

Classroom Structure Core subjects: Homeroom teacher or by department
Technology, Music, P.E., Foreign Language, Art: Enrichment teachers

Spiritual Life

- **Bible:** Emphasis is on the study of New Testament
- **Chapel:** Emphasis is on students' worship and relationship with God

Academic Life

- **Language Arts:** Emphasis is on experiencing a variety of literature and writing, responding to literature, writing effective essays, researching and writing reports, writing poetry, and fiction, all using correct grammar and appropriate editing skills. There is a crossover between Language Arts and Social Studies with both literature and the Multigenre Project exhibiting skills and understanding from both curricular areas.
- **Social Studies:** Emphasis is on United States History from the earliest settlements through World War I. There is a crossover between Language Arts and Social Studies with both literature and the Multigenre Project exhibiting skills and understanding from both curricular areas.
- **Mathematics:** Algebra I with an emphasis on knowing the fundamental properties of mathematics, solving complex equations and inequalities, applying proportions, graphs and functions, linear equations, systems of equations and inequalities, exponential functions, polynomials and factoring, quadratic equations, radical and rational expressions.
- **Science:** Physical science with an emphasis on the process of science. Major topics include: chemistry, theories of origins and evolution, and physics with an emphasis on Newton's Laws of Motion. During the final unit, teams of students design and launch hydro-rockets!
- **Physical Education:** Conditioning includes sprinting and distance running. Students are timed on the mile run. Aerobic movement, activities, stretching, Five-Mile Club for 35 minutes are included in conditioning. Movement activities: Students have the opportunity to progress in sports' skills and drills plus understanding



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the rules in volleyball, football, basketball, soccer, softball/baseball, track and field, cross country and physical fitness. Christian sportsmanship is a key component. *After school sport programs are also offered. Zion Lutheran School participates in the Temecula Valley Private Schools' League. Zion offers opportunities in boys' flag football, girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, co-ed soccer, co-ed golf, boys' and girls' track, and boys' and girls' cross country.*

- **Music Appreciation:** Music classes explore style, composers, theory, music history and instruments.
- **Technology:** Emphasis is on computer fundamentals, keyboarding proficiency, online safety & research, word processing, spreadsheets/charting, working with graphics/photos, desktop publishing, presentation software, multimedia/databases, web browsing, communicating online, basic computer programming, and cross curricular projects in writing, science labs, & social studies. Students will produce a multimedia project, "Claymation" based on stories written in Language Arts.

Grade Activities

- Chapel presentation
- Anza Borrego Desert Camping Trip
- House Boat Retreat: Sacramento Delta
- Hydro-rocketry competition

Textbooks

Reading	Prentice Hall Literature and various trade books
Language	Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar (as a reference)
Writing	Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar (as a reference)
Spelling	Scott Foresman Spelling
Math	Prentice Hall Mathematics: Algebra I
Bible	Chronological Study Bible
Social Studies	McDougal Littell: Creating America, Beginnings through World War I
Science	Prentice Hall: Physical Science
Physical Education	No textbooks are used
Technology	EasyTech through www.learning.com