

Bethlehem Christian Academy

Middle School Conspectus

Grades 6-8

Bethlehem Christian Academy is committed to providing a quality education that is thoroughly Christian. All subjects are taught from a Christian perspective, and Biblical truth is integrated throughout by teachers who are committed to Jesus Christ and dedicated to preparing young people to serve our Savior (Luke 6:40).

The BCA middle school program is designed to motivate, encourage, and prepare middle school age students for their high school academic subjects as well as the added responsibilities and challenges of a college prep work load. Students will be challenged to do their best and work to their potential through a balance of Biblical teaching, spiritual guidance, solid academics, discipline, and loving leadership as we endeavor to make a permanent investment in the life of each student.

Since **Reading** is an important part of one's success in school and in life, the continued development of the various reading skills and test taking skills is emphasized. By pinpointing each student's skill ability and by personalizing their reading level, students can master Ohio tested skills and the SAT regardless of one's reading level.

The **Language** curriculum focuses on the mastery of three fundamental objectives: word usage, grammar, and composition. Language is a gift from God and is man's most important tool of thought and communication. Therefore, language is taught with the purpose of making clear to the student the orderly structure of our language. The parts of speech, sentence structure, and the mastery of the mechanics of the English language will lead students to understand and to practice correct usage in their daily conversation as they learn how to communicate effectively through the written and spoken word.

The focus of **Spelling** is to help students become better spellers and to develop their understanding of the meanings of words with which God intends for us to communicate. Students demonstrate knowledge through the use of proper vocabulary, pronunciation, word meanings, word inferences, contrast/comparison, analogies, word analysis, and proofreading. Students also demonstrate their knowledge of the words through examinations, sentence writing, paragraph writing, word clues, classifying, and spelling challenges.

The middle school **Science** curriculum is designed to motivate students to observe and understand the world around them. Developing each student's scientific literacy, knowledge, and skill is vital to his understanding of how God's creation glorifies Him as Creator, Sustainer and Upholder. Each student also participates in a science research project.

The study of **History/Geography** helps each student appreciate the sovereignty of God as seen throughout history. In 8th grade a comprehensive study of American history and geography is used to show the students the values, beliefs, and hard work that made our country great. In 6th and 7th grade, early Civilization and World History come alive not only in learning the location of many countries, but through the study of people, customs, governments, empires, and major events of ancient and modern civilizations.

Mathematics is taught with the understanding that the universe has structure and order because a rational, orderly God created it. Students will find precision and completeness in the subject matter of mathematics, Just as it is seen in God's world. Building upon the foundation begun in elementary school, the middle school student will expand his knowledge of mathematical procedures and concepts including multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, graphs, variables, algebra, geometry.

Bible emphasizes strong personal applications for the student's own lives. Students are encouraged to become more like Christ and to think and meditate on His Word. The goal of weekly chapel is to teach students that worship is important in their daily lives.

Computer, Spanish, art, physical education, health, and music classes are offered to enhance the course of study of the Middle school student.

The **Spanish** curriculum is designed for students to master vocabulary words, basic grammar and verb conjugation. Spanish is needed to better communicate with the growing population of those speak Spanish.

The **Music** curriculum focuses on mastering musical terms and the development of the student's musical skills.

Band is designed to introduce basic music skills in music theory, music ability and performance. It covers scales, phrasing and harmony.

Students also participate in the following Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) events: Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Math Olympics, Science Fair, and the Art, and Creative Writing Festivals. Through these ACSI sponsored activities, students are encouraged to use their special gifts and talents for the Lord.