

## **Section 4** **CURRICULUM**

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### **ACADEMIC CORE CURRICULUM AREAS**

Holy Name of Jesus School follows the Diocesan Curriculum for all subjects taught to the students.

#### **Religious Education**

Students in grades k through 8 will understand that God graciously created all people to give Him glory and to have everlasting joy in heaven. Through His only Son, Jesus, God the Father invites us to become His adopted sons and daughters.

#### **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten students receive an educational program that is intended to provide a strong foundation to begin their formal education. Subject matter ranging from reading readiness, phonetics, mathematics skills, and fine motor skills are presented to enhance socialization.

#### **Grades One through Eight**

##### **Integrated Language Arts**

The students will learn to communicate effectively as they develop their skills in comprehension, grammar, writing, and oral speaking.

##### **Mathematics**

The subject of mathematics is a continuum of developing student ability to gain proficiency in conceptual understanding, computational and procedural skills and problem solving using numbers.

##### **Science**

Throughout the grades the curriculum includes Physical, Earth and Life Science. Students will experience hands-on experiments and learn to calculate the results. Additional programs are utilized at various grade levels to enhance the student's science experience.

##### **Social Studies**

Social Studies incorporates History, Geography, Economics and current events at grade level appropriateness.

#### **Specialty Curriculum Areas**

##### **Technology**

Students will develop keyboarding skills, and the use of Word, Powerpoint, Excel, and Photoshop to integrate and enhance their classroom assignments.

##### **Music**

Throughout the grades the students will build on their knowledge of the building blocks of music: rhythm, melody, harmony, form, tone color through singing, listening, movement, and playing instruments.

Students in Grades 5 - 8 develop music appreciation by focusing on jazz, music history, and musical theater.

**Art**

The basic concepts of Art include design styles of artists, value of color, and movement are introduced and reinforced in all grade levels. Art appreciation includes history, critical thinking and self-assessment. Students are exposed to multiple mediums including painting, sculpture, and performing arts.

**Physical Education**

Students will be involved in organized games and activities with an emphasis on sportsmanship, cooperation, and leadership.

**World Language - Spanish**

Students are introduced to basic Spanish including vocabulary, culture and customs.

For more information on the Diocesan Curriculum please feel free to visit the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg website [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org).