

## **Section 4**

### **CURRICULUM**

#### **ACADEMIC CORE CURRICULUM AREAS:**

Holy Name of Jesus School follows the Diocesan Curriculum for all school subjects.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Students in grades Kindergarten 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 structured to provide a solid foundation for their formal education. Subject matter ranges from reading readiness, phonetics, mathematics skills, and fine motor skills.

#### **GRADES 1 - 8:**

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

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

##### **Mathematics**

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

##### **Science**

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.

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#### **SPECIALTY CURRICULUM AREAS**

##### **Technology**

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

##### **Music**

Students in all grades successively 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, including design styles of artists, value of color, and movement, are introduced and reinforced at 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 are 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, visit the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org).