



Holy Name of Jesus School
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Dear Parents and Guardians of Seventh and Eighth Grade Students:

After much thought and discussion with the teachers, we have come to a decision for the 2021-2022 school year! **All eighth grade students must complete the National History Project.** We will be allowing our eighth grade students to have the option of doing a Science Fair Project. Those students who choose to do Science Fair as an eighth grade student will be graded on their Science Fair Project. They will receive an extra grade for that trimester. In addition, students will receive extra credit according to a rubric that will be distributed the first week of school in Science class. Our goal is that each student will devote all their time and effort into developing quality projects. The students are encouraged to accept the challenge of completing both assignments. One of the purposes of these projects is to prepare the students for their high school experience.

Since Science Fair and National History require a great deal of instruction and guidance, **all seventh grade students will be required to do both the National History and the Science Fair project.**

Therefore, any eighth grade student who chooses to do Science Fair and **all seventh grade students** must come prepared on the first day of school with his or her topic. Students will complete an index card with their topic and problem as directed by the attached instructions. To assist students in finding Science topics refer to the following websites:

<http://www.sciencebuddies.org>

www.education.com/science-fair/middle-school/

<http://chemistry.about.com/od/sciencefairprojectideas/a/8thgradproject.htm>

<http://www.sciencefair-projects.org/>

<http://www.ll-fair-projects.com/>

In an effort to prepare our students for the rigorous curriculum of high school we also will be offering an accelerated and academic Language Arts/Social Studies class for seventh and eighth grade students. Placement in these classes will be made by the school based upon teacher recommendation, classwork, test grades, and final average. In this way we hope to better meet the needs of each individual student.

We hope you will find these exciting changes beneficial and conducive to your child's positive learning experience at Holy Name of Jesus School.

Blessings,

Sister Rita Smith, SSJ
Principal

Index Card

On a 3 x 5 index card, write your heading in the upper left hand corner (see example below)

- Name:
- Date:
- Homeroom:

On separate lines write:

- Topic:
- Problem: The problem needs to be in a question format.
- Align as shown below

Example of how to write the problem:

- Generally: How does (Independent Variable) affect (Dependent Variable)?
- Specific example: How does different colored lighting affect plant growth?

Index Card Sample:

John Doe
August 27, 2021
Homeroom 7A

Topic: Plants

Problem: How does different colored light
affect plant growth?