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SPECIAL CLASSES FACT SHEET



Kindergarten Through Eighth Grade

Saint Rita School provides a well-rounded curricula of enrichment classes to allow students experiences in music, art, physical education, and foreign language. Weekly visits and classes in the library and computer lab are included in the “special” classes program.

Music Our goal is to allow our students to experience music through listening, discussing, writing and performing.

primary (K- 2)	elementary (3-5)	middle school (6-8)
singing simple songs	creation of simple melodies	read and perform music
creation of sound	traditional music symbols and notes	different styles and genres
echo patterns	beats and rhythms percussion	analysis and critique

Art Our goal is to give our students an awareness, understanding and appreciation of the order and beauty of God’s creation and man-made works of art.

primary (K- 2)	elementary (3-5)	middle school (6-8)
stewardship of materials	principles of design	complex visual design
self-expression creations	introduction to art history	art analyzed by culture
elements of color, line, shape	experimenting with new materials	critique of famous art

Physical Education Our goal is to promote life-long health, confidence, dignity and respect for self through physical activity.

primary (K- 2)	elementary (3-5)	middle school (6-8)
improve gross motor skills	refine specialized skills	higher skill appreciation
cooperative movement	team skills and cooperation	game strategies
health-related fitness	appropriate competitive behavior	good sportsmanship



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Computers Our goal is to present our students with the skills to access, interpret and synthesize information and technology that is ever changing.

primary (K- 2)	elementary (3-5)	middle school (6-8)
technology terminology	computer parts and functions	Powerpoint creations
keyboarding	refining typing skills	copyright, plagiarism
mouse skills	simple text and spreadsheets	information retrieval

Library Our goal is to provide Library experiences that form the building blocks which prepare students to learn that reading provides both enjoyment and information

primary (K- 2)	elementary (3-5)	middle school (6-8)
library terminology	Dewey library organization	mastery of card catalog
care of books	reference materials	plagiarism in research
fiction vs. non-fiction	ethical use of information	literary critical analysis

Foreign Language Our goal is to expose students to the beauty and richness of other cultures.

primary (K- 2)	elementary (3-5)	middle school (6-8)
basic oral vocabulary	oral/written vocabulary	Latin introduction
colors, numbers, animals and calendar	Hispanic culture / geography	Reading translations
“I like” or “I do not like” statements	regular and irregular verbs	grammatical structure

In addition to the special classes offered during the school day, Saint Rita School also offers afterschool activities and programs including: boxing (boys gr. 6-8), chess, school play, choir, track and field, basketball and dance.

The Leadership Training Program is offered for boys in grades K-8. Boy and Girl Scouting programs, as well as Heritage Girls are also sponsored by Saint Rita School after school.

