

# **South Pointe Christian School**

## **Eighth Grade Course Descriptions**

## **Eighth Grade Texts, Publishers, and Course Descriptions**

### **MATH**

**Mathematics 8 Course III**

**Prentice Hall**

*This course will prepare students for success in algebra and other secondary courses. The course focuses on basic problem solving skills while building a foundation in algebraic operations and functions, rational numbers, integers, equations and inequalities.*

### **LANGUAGE**

**Grammar and Composition II**

**A Beka Book Publications**

**Of Places Literature**

**A Beka Book Publications**

**Vocabulary, Spelling, and Poetry II**

**A Beka Book Publications**

**Novels: Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson**

**The Horse and his Boy by C. S. Lewis**

**A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle**

*Building on the foundation begun in elementary school, Grammar 8 begins to prepare students for more advanced high school English studies. Grammar and Composition II helps students to master the skills and to apply them in writing and speaking. The Literature selections in Of Places are designed to encourage the student to develop and maintain an enthusiastic enjoyment of reading. Most of the literature selections will be given as homework assignments and will have discussion questions that will be covered in class. Occasional surprise quizzes will be given over homework assignments. These are given to help keep the student accountable for the reading assignments. Students must become effective communicators and equally as important as using a good vocabulary is using correct spelling. Each lesson in Vocabulary, Spelling, Poetry II contains twenty spelling words and ten vocabulary words, with pronunciations, definitions, and sample sentences. All spelling words are practical and many frequently misspelled words are included in each list. Several of the vocabulary words are taken from the stories in Of Places.*

### **SCIENCE**

**Matter and Motion in God's Universe**

**A Beka Book Publications**

**A Science Project**

**A Beka Book Publications**

*This science course presents a fascination study of God's physical creation from the perspective of the founders of modern science. It teaches that God is the Creator of the universe and the Originator of its order, reason, and reality, and that science is one way for man to control and master the physical world for the benefit of mankind. The course lays a firm foundation for high school physics in a practical study for the motion of God's creation. Through a look at the wonder and order of God's universe, from the motion of galaxies to eagles to molecules, students will develop an increased appreciation for the wisdom and creativity of God.*

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### **BIBLE**

**Wise Up – Wisdom in Proverbs**

**Positive Action for Christ**

*The course objective is to establish students soundly in the Word of God and provide a variety of concepts that they can apply to their lives. From this study of Proverbs, students will recognize the importance of family and the need to respect authority. They will learn to deal with interpersonal relationships. They will recognize that God has a plan for each of them and will be reminded of God's claim on their lives.*

### **HISTORY**

**America Land I Love**

**Geography Studies and Projects: Western Hemisphere**

**Civics Activity Book**

**A Beka Book Publications**

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*Eighth grade history is taught from a conservative, Christian perspective as part of a well-rounded program designed to give students a deeper understanding of our nation's history and a working knowledge of the geography of the Western Hemisphere. Land I Love is presented in a narrative style with many illustrations, maps, and photographs, which invite students to explore the past and learn about the people behind the events of American history. This course is designed to show God's hand in the history of the United States, to emphasize the role of individuals in history, and to teach the many lessons that can be learned from history. Students will learn our God's providence in America's beginning is what established America's greatness. A large focus of this course will be on the character, creativity, initiative, and hard work of heroes of the faith which students will be encouraged to emulate. Students receive an eyewitness perspective through journal excerpts, patriotic writings, and direct quotations from patriots and pioneer.*

### **CREATIVE WRITING**

**Wordsmith**

**Common Sense Press**

*This one semester elective course covers foundations of creative writing and builds practical writing skills to prepare young adults for a lifetime of excellence in writing.*

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### **COMPUTER**

**Introduction to Computers**

**Computer Basics**

**Computer Projects for Middle Schools**

**Shelly Cashman series**

**Teacher Created Resources**

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*This one semester elective course introduces students of all ability levels to the fundamental operation of a personal computer while providing them with the knowledge of how computer technology is applied in our society.*

### **ART**

**Drawing Basics with Thomas Kinkade**

**Alpha Omega Publications, Inc.**

*The course is designed for students who have little or no formal instruction in drawing. It focuses on an introduction to the art world and the basic drawing skill students need in order to have a strong understanding of the elements of art and principles of design. Text and video-based instruction culminates in activities intended to familiarize students with these elements and principles.*