7th Grade

Seventh grade at CLA is a student's first taste of advanced, high school level course work. While still mastering time management, study habits, and interpersonal skills, students are delving deep into academic rigor and personal spiritual development. The following courses are offered to seventh grade students.

Bible Leadership: This course is designed to give students the ability and desire to become lifelong students of God's Word and apply it to every aspect of their lives. Students begin the school year with the book of James before moving into a study of the book of Acts. Specific days of the class are set out for leadership growth where students receive reinforcement on the seven habits of highly effective people while concurrently learning how to apply CLA's ten leadership traits. Finally, students conduct in-house service projects to put their leadership ideas into action. All the while, students are memorizing scripture to continue their growth and ownership of their faith.

Pre-lifebra: CLA's math course for seventh grade students is an advanced mathematics called Course Three, or Pre-Algebra. In this course, students learn algebraic skills such as linear equations, functions, systems, exponents, data analysis, and an introduction into geometry.

world History: Seventh grade students study a broad and rigorous history of the world, including origins through modern day. This course is designed to be hands-on to bring each civilization to life for students in order to activate higher order thinking and learning.

Language Orts: English/Language Arts in seventh grade has several subsections to engage each student's abilities in reading and writing. Students have regular discussions, assignments, and opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge in the following areas: spelling, vocabulary, literature analysis, grammar, writing (fiction and nonfiction), and reading comprehension (fiction and nonfiction).

<u>Physical Science</u>: Seventh grade students study aspects of Physical Science, including matter, the periodic table, atoms, chemical reactions, motion, energy waves, gravity, and scientific formulas.

Hences Spanish 1B in eighth grade earn a high school credit for Spanish 1 by the end of eighth grade. Students practice reading, writing, listening and speaking skills through a variety of activities, games, videos, songs and projects. Students also have opportunities to present special projects on various aspects of Hispanic culture. Even if this is a first experience with the Spanish language, students emerge from this class feeling confident in their budding foreign language skills!

<u>udvanced PE:</u> Seventh grade students have a choice to take PE twice per week . Five physical qualities make up the foundation of the program: Mobility/Flexibility, Speed, Strength, Agility, and Endurance. Students are pushed to the limits to reach health and wellness goals, all while having fun!

Study Hall: Seventh grade students have a choice to take an afternoon study hall twice per week. Middle school students who participate in extra/after school curricular activities as well as students needing extra reinforcement in their academics benefit greatly from having this time frame to ask questions and excel in independent assignments as they continue to learn time management.

Available to all middle school students is Florida Virtual School. Any class taken through Florida Virtual School is at no additional cost and is available to students who need reinforcement or who wish to accelerate their academic path. Prior approval by administration is required to pursue an FLVS class.