



Welcomes You to 7th Grade

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to Young Americans Christian School. We are excited that you have chosen YACS for your child's Christian education. Welcome to the YACS family!

Seventh grade is a year full of seven class changes where more oral information is given. Auditory skills are taxed with less prompting given by the teacher. Tests get harder and are more complex, requiring more critical thinking. Independent reading and management of assignments are expected of the student. Homework increases, and students have more long-range assignments. Study skills are a must in 7th grade. Students also become more socially focused.

Seventh grade classes include Fundamentals of Algebra or Honors Pre--algebra, world geography, life science, literature/vocabulary, grammar/writing, Bible, and electives.

7th grade Honors Pre-algebra and Fundamentals of Algebra are designed to introduce students to basic pre-algebra concepts, problem-solving strategies, and real world applications. Students will explore algebraic and geometric concepts through a multistep approach, including guided instruction, modeling of appropriate problem-solving strategies, and opportunities to apply newly acquired skills.

In science, students will explore God's creation, beginning with the cell and exploring the entire human body. Students will study all the world's biomes and plants. They will participate in many experiments and have opportunities for hands-on learning.

In World Geography, students will have an in-depth study of Africa and Southwest, Southern, and Eastern Asia, while studying the earth, its people, and its resources as God created them.

In literature, students will study concepts of critical reading and be introduced to a variety of literary devices. Students will explore different genres and literary styles within works such as the following: *Amos Fortune*; *Free Man*; *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*; *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*; *The Hobbit*; *I am Malala*; *Edgar Allan Poe Short Stories*; *Divergent*; *The Long Road to Gettysburg*; *Kidnapped*; *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*; and *C.S. Lewis: The Man Behind Narnia*. Students will respond to literature

through various writing and blogging. Students will improve vocabulary and critical thinking skills as they prepare for SAT's.

Seventh grade grammar is designed to provide students with a foundation for a clear understanding of basic English grammar and for increasing proficiency in the use of English. Grammatical terms and concepts will emphasize the order of language, helping students understand that language is a gift from God and that it reflects the order of His nature. Students will compose, revise, and edit an assortment of writing assignments, including various essays, poems, and research papers.

In 7th grade Bible, students will conduct an in-depth character study of the life of Joseph. Students will see that although Joseph lived long ago, the principles that guided his choices are relevant today. Students will understand that the ethical principles that guided Joseph's life are the same principles needed to guide their life today. Most weeks students will be memorizing a Bible verse. For the second half of the year, students will first study Biblical Worldview and One Story, the lessons from Genesis to Judges, leading up to their second half of the semester study of Daring Deliverers: Lessons from the Time of the Judges. They will learn about the twelve military leaders of Israel, as well as Ruth, Eli, and Samuel. "Leadership principles are woven into each lesson as students study both the positive and negative qualities of each individual." PE will be offered one day a week in conjunction with Bible.

7th graders will take an elective each semester, such as Art, Band, Drama, Life Skills, or Logic/Games. Elective choices could change for second semester. These electives will offer students a variety of experiences in various subject areas.

7th graders take a class trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee during the week of March 18 - 22, 2024 to visit such sites as Rock City, Ruby Falls, the Tennessee Valley Railroad, and Chickamauga Battlefield. Approximate cost: \$400-450 for chaperones and students. Please watch for more information to be sent out at a later date.

Young Americans looks forward to working hand in hand with you to cultivate your student to be academically successful and grow to be a light in the world for Christ.

Sincerely,

Terry Shelnull

Middle and High School Principal

Supply List for 7th Grade

You may choose to get a three-ring binder for each class or one large three-ring trapper keeper with folders for all classes. A homework folder will be provided for all middle school students. Organization is key! All students will need access to a computer, the Internet, and a printer outside of school. Sixth through twelfth grade students are required to bring their own personal laptop or chromebook. The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged electronic devices. Students are required to have access to a printer outside of school. Students are not permitted to print assignments at school. One warning will be provided. Further violations will result in a 10 point deduction from any assignment printed at school.

- Chromebook or laptop is required (access to a printer outside of school)
- 1 Large or 2 small spiral notebook with folder inserts (pockets) - **7th Pre-Algebra or Fundamentals of Algebra & 1 for Science (1 per subject)**
- 3 Composition notebooks - **Bible, Grammar, Literature**
- 1 inch 3 ring binder - **Bible**
- 2 inch 3 ring binder with 5 dividers - **History, Math (2 total)**
- 1 pocket folder - **Literature**
- Notebook Paper (college ruled)
- 2 Highlighter– different colors
- 2 packs of classic Crayola colored pencils- (one pack to be kept in **Literature** class)
- Pencils and Black and blue pens
- Choice of colored pen for grading and editing.
- 3 Jumbo book covers
- TI30XIIS calculator (please get this exact model calculator) - **Math**
- 2 packs Post-It Notes - **Literature**
- One bag individually wrapped candy (No chocolate or gum, please) - **Science and Literature**
- NIV Bible
- One bottle of hand sanitizer and one box of tissues - **Homeroom**