

John Paul the Great Academy
Lower School Curriculum Overview

	Religion	Math	Literature	Science	History	Spelling/Handwriting	Grammar	Latin
Pre-K	*Prayers *Old and New Testament Stories *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Number Sense Activities	Phonological Awareness Activities	Activities with the Letter of the Week	Bible History	Handwriting Without Tears Program	Poetry	The Sign of the Cross
Kindergarten	*Prayers *Old and New Testament Stories *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore Math-K	*Phonological Awareness Activities *Really Great Reading - Blast Program for Phonics *Little Angel Readers - Book A	*Exploring Living/Non-living Beings *Plant Life *Animal Life *The Human Body *Dinosaurs *Seasons and Weather	*Bible History *Continents - Locate and explore some of the cultures of each	*CVC Spelling *Rhyming Words *Play with initial and final sounds	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	*The Sign of the Cross *Blessing before Meals
1st Grade	*Faith and Life Series *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore Math - Books 1A and 1B	*Really Great Reading - Blast Program for Phonics *Little Angel Readers - Books B and C	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Story of the World - Ancient World (First Half of the Book)	*Seton Spellers *Handwriting	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	*The Sign of the Cross *Blessing before Meals *Hail Mary *Glory Be
2nd Grade	*Faith and Life Series *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore Math Books - 2A and 2B	*Really Great Reading - HD Word Program for Phonics *Little Angel Readers - Book D *Classic Starts novels	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Story of the World - Ancient World (Second Half of the Book)	*Seton Spellers *Handwriting	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	*The Sign of the Cross *Blessing before Meals *Hail Mary *Glory Be *Our Father

3rd Grade	*Faith and Life Series *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore Math Books - 3A and 3B	*Really Great Reading - HD Word Program for Phonics *Classic Starts novels	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Story of the World - Medieval World (First Half of the Book)	*Seton Spellers *Handwriting	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	Latin and Greek Roots
4th Grade	*Faith and Life Series *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Singapore Math - Books 4A and 4B	*Really Great Reading - HD Word Program for Phonics *Classic Starts novel *Classic novels	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Story of the World - Medieval World (Second Half of the Book)	*Seton Spellers *Handwriting	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	Latin and Greek Roots
5th Grade	Faith and Life Series	Singapore Math Books - 5A and 5B	*Really Great Reading - HD Word Program for Phonics *Classic novels	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Story of the World - Early Modern World	*Spelling words will be pulled from novels and dealing with the phonics skill being taught. *Students will copy excerpts from classic novels, speeches, and quotes.	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	Latin and Greek Roots
6th Grade	Faith and Life Series	Singapore Math Books - 6A and 6B	Classic novels (5-6 novels)	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Story of the World - Modern World	*Spelling words will be pulled from novels and dealing with the phonics skill being taught. *Students will copy excerpts from classic novels, speeches, and quotes.	*Poetry *Institute for Excellence in Writing	Latin and Greek Roots
Weekly	Art, Choir (Ward method), Library, Physical Education, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd							

Singapore Math - This math teaching program emphasizes the development of strong number sense, excellent mental-math skills, deep understanding of place value, and strategic problem solving-skills. The curriculum progresses from concrete experience - using manipulatives - to a pictorial stage, and finally to the abstract level or algorithm. This progression gives students a solid understanding of basic mathematical concepts and relationships before they start working at the abstract level. Singapore math includes a strong emphasis on model drawing, a visual approach to solving word problems that helps students organize information and solve problems in a step-by-step manner. Taking a classical approach, Singapore math is taught to mastery, then later expanded upon. The focus is on developing students to be problem solvers.

Institute for Excellence in Writing - A program that teaches grammar through writing. The IEW's approach uses the four language arts - listening, speaking, reading, and writing - to teach students to write well, think clearly, and express themselves eloquently and persuasively, all of which are hallmarks of a classical education.