

FMCA Curriculum Overview

We have the following common programming in all Pre-K through 8th grade classes

Common Programming for all FMCA Students

Faith Expression	We use a monthly virtue program to highlight and teach to sound Christian morals and values. We attend Mass at St. Peter's once a week as a school. All students begin their day with an all school "morning meeting" including prayer, The Pledge of Allegiance, individual intentions, birthday recognition, and announcements. Younger students are paired with older students, called "prayer partners," for attending Mass and for special events and occasions like holiday celebrations.
Religion/Theology	All grades use Faith and Life Series by Ignatius Press. https://www.ignatius.com/promotions/faithandlife/scope.htm We learn the Commandments, Prayers, Sacraments, and Covenants of the Catholic Faith. We also use Ruah Woods Press, Rooted: Theology of the Body K-12 curriculum: an age appropriate teaching inspired by the masterwork of St. John Paul II.
Art	All grades receive once weekly instruction in modern and classical art as relevant to their growth and expression as artists. Artwork is proudly displayed around the building and at shows for the community to attend.
Physical Education	All grades attend physical education classes twice weekly. They learn the value of physical wellness while engaged in sport, play, and strategy game.
Latin	Beginning in third grade, all students participate in Latin instruction to understand the foundation of our language. Students quickly acquire other foreign languages in higher education after having Latin instruction.

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Elementary: Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-kindergarten uses the Highscope Preschool Program found at:
<https://highscope.org/our-practice/preschool-curriculum/>

Pre-Kindergarten students also participate in music and art classes weekly.

Subject	
Language Arts	The Highscope Preschool Curriculum Heggerty Phonemic Awareness
Literature	Image of God
Math	Numbers Plus Preschool Mathematics by Highscope
Science	The Highscope Preschool Curriculum
Social Studies	The Highscope Preschool Curriculum

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Elementary: Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

Subject	Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Language Arts	Superkids Phonics Program. Wordly Wise 3000- Direct Academic Vocabulary Instruction	Reading A-Z, Go Phonics, Voyages in English, Grammar and Writing and many leveled books	Voyages in English for grammar, sentence writing, story writing-fiction and non-fiction. Structured linguistics	Voyages in English Grammar and Writing Grade 3	Voyages in English Grammar and Writing Grade 4
Literature		Fairy Tales, fictional and non-fiction, classical stories,A variety of traditional stories	Tall tales, Just So Stories, Legends, Folktales, classical literature,biographies, trade books to teach reading skills, Accelerated Reader for comprehension and independent reading,	<i>A Bear Called Paddington, Little House on the Prairie, Trumpet of the Swan, Ruby Bridges Through My Eyes, The Legend of Michigan, The Reluctant Dragon, Mr. Popper's Penguins, Shakespeare, Fables and Folktales, Various biographies of past historical figures including Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, Various biographies of historical figures, and classic poetry from Christina Rossetti, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Robert Louis Stevenson, etc.</i>	<i>Sign of the Beaver, Paddle to the Sea, Homer Price, D'aulaires Book of Greek Myths, The Blue Fairy Book, Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh, Farmer Boy, A More Perfect Union the Story of our Constitution, Mr. Revere and I, Ben and Me, The Cricket in Times Square, Shakespeare, Fables and Folktales, Various biographies of historical figures, and classic poetry from Christina Rossetti, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Robert Louis Stevenson, etc.</i>
Math	Singapore Math- Earlybird Kindergarten Mathematics	Singapore Math	Singapore Math	Singapore Math	Singapore Math
Science	McGraw Hill- Inspire Science Kindergarten 1. Force and Motion 2. Energy and the Sun 3. Weather 4. Plants and Animals	Inspire Science; energy, plants and animals, Earth & Solar System and Offspring and thier parents	Inspire Science, earth's changing surface, properties of matter, Animal habitats, Living things	Inspire Science; Motion & Forces, Electric & Magnetic Forces, Plants & Animals (Life Cycles, Traits, Survival, Adaptations), Fossils, Ecosystems	Inspire Science; Energy & Motion, Transfer of Energy, Information Transfer, Structures & Functions of Plants and Animals, Natural Hazards, Earth's Landforms/Changing Features
Social Studies	Bible History:Creation and Old Testament World History: Where the world began, Learn planets. U.S. History: Sequence of Events, Special Days, Money (Who is on it? Why are they on it?) , Mapping and Geography: Where are we, Citizenship/Community, Jobs in our community	Bible History: Old Testament World History: North America (continent) into Michigan, Old Testament, Timelines, U.S. History: Special Days, Father Marquette, Bishop Baraga, Native Americans, Marquette, Introduction to Native Americans (Michigan), Father Marquette and Bishop Baraga (Missionaries), Marquette/U.P. History	Bible History: New Testament; World History: World Geography including hemispheres, New Testament, Ice Age, U.S. History: Special Days, Christopher Columbus, Jamestown, Plymouth Plantation, Native Americans: Who was here first? North America's first people: Inuit people, Vikings, Land Bridge, Family Heritage, Norse Mythology with Vikings	Bible History: Old and New Testament World History: Maps and Mountains U.S. History Native American Tribes in Michigan Explorers in Michigan American Revolution Thirteen Colonies	Bible History: Old and New Testament World History: Ancient Greece U.S. History Regions of the U.S.A. Civil War Mexican American War Government: Branches, Bills, Laws

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Middle School: Fifth Through Eighth Grades

Language Arts & Literature	<p>Language Arts: *Voyages in English Writing and Grammar Program https://www.voyagesinenglish.com/ *Classic and modern novels for interactive studies, <u>with an emphasis on the classics</u>; poetry, short stories, and current media blended to themes. *Language Usage: figurative language; definition analytics; uses of parts of speech; descriptive and formal speech; parts of sentences. *Public speaking/presenting is spread throughout all subjects.</p>			<p>Students all receive additional school time dedicated to reading mostly classical literature and some modern, in multiple genres. Socratic conversation, exploration, and projects allow children to become completely immersed in the plots of the novels.</p>	
Math	<p>Singapore Math (year) Measurement/Data (quarter)</p>	<p>Big Ideas-Green (year) Geometry 6 (quarter)</p>	<p>Big Ideas-Red (year) Statistics/Probability (quarter)</p>	<p>Envision Algebra 1 (year) We offer a full high school algebra class and an introductory algebra class. Geometry 8 (quarter)</p>	<p>Each year in middle school math, students have an additional period of math daily for one quarter. These extra classes are hands-on and project/application based.</p>
Science	<p>Grades 5-8 participate in "next generation science" learning activities and labs. https://www.nextgenscience.org/</p>				
Social Studies	<p>United States History - Beginnings to 1620 using We the People and Light to the Nations</p>	<p>World Geography using The World and Its People and Light to the Nations</p>	<p>World History and Geography - using The World and Its People and All Ye Lands</p>	<p>US History - Constitution through Reconstruction with geography, civics/government and economics content integrated using We the People and From Sea to Shining Sea</p>	
Computers	<p>All middle school students have regular technology usage through 1 to 1 chromebooks that focuses on today's growing world of interconnected communication, advanced methods of presentations, and science-based exploration including 3D printers.</p>				
Music	<p>Daily instrumental band and weekly choir for all middle school students . We host two yearly concerts. 7th and 8th grade band students have the opportunity to perform at Solo and Ensemble music festival competition.</p>				
Latin	<p>Latin instruction creates a base for quickly learning future European foreign languages and benefits the fields of grammar, vocabulary, math, science, and medicine. Prima Latina is used in 5th grade and Latina Christiana is used in 6th grade while 7th and 8th grade use "First Form Latin" with regular Latin prayer recitation practice.</p>				