



## 9th Grade Course Descriptions

### **Humanities (English, History & Bible)**

*Omnibus* (Veritas Press) is a humanities course that teaches students the lessons from the past in order to live in the present. By tapping some of the greatest thinkers alive, Veritas produced the *Omnibus*, a Great Books curriculum that grounds students in their faith. *Omnibus* is a Latin term meaning "all-encompassing." Each year of the *Omnibus* curriculum combines history, theology, and literature to help students grow in their appreciation of the unity of all knowledge.

Two kinds of books are read concurrently in the *Omnibus*, Primary and Secondary. Primary books are ones that might be termed the traditional "Great Books," such as *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Secondary books cover material that gives balance to the students' reading in the areas of Theology, History, and Literature, such as *Pride and Prejudice*.

9th grade students will engage in readings and discussions focused on the Modern time period (1593-present) using *Omnibus III*.

[What is Omnibus?](#)

[Preparing for Tomorrow, Today with the Trivium](#)

### **Biology**

*Exploring Creation with Biology* (Apologia) is designed to be the student's first high school science course. It is a college-prep biology course that provides a detailed introduction to the methods and concepts of general biology.

In this course, students will:

- See the evidence of God's creation as they learn scientific principles
- Conduct experiments in a methodical way that prepares them not just for future classes, but for life
- Take personal notes, conduct and record experiments, and be able to interpret results
- Develop skills to think through and beyond the textbook materials, and be able to create their own experiments from concept to interpretation of results
- Further develop skills in their own learning style and how they best process, record, study, and retain information learned
- Be able to hold a logical discussion on God and science based on facts and beliefs

## **Math**

*Algebra I or Geometry* (Glencoe/Holt)

Algebra I and Geometry classes will use Glencoe/Holt textbooks. This publisher was chosen because of the extensive amount of extra practice available to the students and provides traditional, non-common core instruction.

Incoming freshmen will take a math readiness assessment to determine best placement for Algebra I or Geometry. In order for 8th grade Algebra I to fulfill the high school requirements, students must have achieved an average of 85% or higher and demonstrate mastery of Algebra I concepts on the Geometry readiness test.

## **Spanish I**

*Spanish with a Mission* teaches Spanish grammar and gives practical thematic vocabulary and exercises. The material is written from a Christian perspective, including religious words and phrases, mission vocabulary, cultural insights, and key Bible verses necessary for Christian outreach and leading someone to Christ.

A traditional high school Spanish curriculum, *¡Avancemos!* (Holt McDougal) will be implemented along with *Spanish with a Mission* in order to provide complete Spanish instruction.

## **Art I**

Art I provides an introduction to art through a multimedia experience. Students will learn and apply the elements and principles of design to produce creative art projects that reflect their understanding of these concepts.

## **Physical Education (PE)**

The physical education class provides students with opportunities to practice different aspects of team-oriented and individual physical activities that foster life-long fitness and good health. The students will learn and expand upon team building skills, game strategies, fundamentals, equipment manipulation, and the rules of several physical activities.