

**St. John Bosco Academy**  
**Grades 9-10 Curricular Syllabus**

All curricula for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades will be used to fulfill the requirements set forth below. Depending upon the year, Religion, Science, Literature and History will alternate grade levels, while the other subjects will be specifically dependent upon the grade level.

**\*Theology:**

**Odd Year (9<sup>th</sup>):** Introduction to Sacred Scripture and Part I of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

**Required Books:**

*The Revelation of Christ in Scripture* – Spirit of Truth Series  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
*The Holy Bible*

**Even Year (10<sup>th</sup>):** Introduction to Catholicism and Part II of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

**Course Objectives:**

Through this introductory course on Catholicism, students will learn what it truly means to be Catholic. From what it means to be holy and types of prayers to Aquinas' proofs for God's existence and the Sacraments, they will learn how much the Catholic faith has to offer. This course will be mostly lecture with class discussions occasionally. We will strive to cover five or six chapters a quarter with cumulative exams at the end of both semesters.

**Required Books:**

*Encountering Christ* – Spirit & Truth Series  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
*The Holy Bible*

**\*History:**

**Odd Year (9<sup>th</sup>) - Ancient World History**

Resource: World History: The Human Odyssey, Units I, II, III

**Even Year (10<sup>th</sup>) – Medieval and Early Church History**

Resource: Light to the Nations, Part I

**\*Literature:**

**Odd Year (9<sup>th</sup>)** *Ancient Greece & Rome*

This course examines the foundations of Western Civilization through engaging the works of the ancient Greek historians, poets, playwrights, and philosophers. The Romans carried and disseminated the Greek political and philosophical genius throughout their Republic and early Empire, and laid the foundations that made possible the spread of Christianity throughout the West and Near East.

First Semester: Ancient Greece (choose 3)

- 1) *The Book of Genesis*
- 2) Edith Hamilton, *Mythology*
- 3) Homer, *Odyssey; Iliad*

- 4) Sophocles, *Theban Plays*
- 5) Herodotus, *Histories*
- 6) Aeschylus, *Oresteian Trilogy*
- 7) Thucydides' *Peloponnesian Wars*
- 8) The Trial and Death of Socrates: *The Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Phaedo*, and *Crito*

Second Semester: Ancient Rome (choose 3)

- 1) Selected readings from Livy, Tacitus, and Plutarch
- 2) Selected readings from Cicero, Caesar, and Marcus Aurelius
- 3) Selected readings from early church fathers: Saint Clement of Alexandria, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Saint Athanasius
- 4) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* and Plato, *Republic* (excerpts)

**Even Year (10<sup>th</sup>): Medieval Literature**

Through the examination of the greatest medieval thinkers, students will develop an appreciation for the religious and cultural influences that have shaped modern Europe.

First Semester: Early Medieval Ages

First Quarter – Readings:\*

- 1) *Beowulf*
- 2) Einhard, *Life of Charlemagne*
- 3) *Song of Roland*
- 4) Boethius, *On the Consolation of Philosophy*
- 5) St. Thomas Aquinas, portions of the *Summa Theologica*
- 6) Chaucer, *Canterbury Tales*

Second Semester: Late Medieval Ages

Third Quarter – Readings:\*

- 1) Joinville & Villehardouin, *Chronicles of the Crusades*
- 2) Dante, *The Divine Comedy*
- 3) Mark Twain, *Joan of Arc*
- 4) Chesterton, *Lepanto*
- 5) Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*; *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 6) *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*
- 7) Milton, *Paradise Lost*

\* Readings are subject to change at the discretion of the Instructor in collaboration with the Principal.

**\*Science:**

**Odd Year (9<sup>th</sup>): Biology**

**Required Books:** *Life: The Science of Biology*. Prentice Hall. Sinauer Associations, Seventh Edition.

**Even Year (10<sup>th</sup>): Physical Science**

**Required Books:** *Exploring Creation with Physical Science*. Apologia Press, Second Edition.

**\*Math:**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Algebra II

**Required Book:** Saxon *Algebra II*

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Advanced Math I

**Required Book:** Saxon *Advanced Mathematics first half*

**\*Foreign Language:**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Spanish or another modern language is required and may be selected by the student.

**Required Book:** Houghton, Mifflin, and Hartcourt. *Spanish I*

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Spanish II or others with the IDLA online program

**Required Book:** Houghton, Mifflin, and Hartcourt. *Spanish II*

**\*Electives (meet 3 times per month):**

Health/Sports (required for 9/10)

Home Economics

Yearbook/Photography

Office/Teacher Assistant

Sewing

Computer Science

Idaho Digital Learning: **On-Line Learning** through Idaho Digital Learning: Please see the IDLA link on the Summit website for a listing of subject options available for high school students.

**\*Clubs (meet 1 time per month):**

Cooking Club

Music Club

Chess Club

Gun Club

Academic Bowl Club

**\*Competitive Sports:**

9-12 Girls' Cross Country Running (in conjunction with the local public high school)

9-12 Girls' Volleyball

9-12 Girls' Basketball

9-12 Girls' Track (in conjunction with the local public high school)

9-12 Girls' Soccer

9-12 Girls' Softball

9-12 Boys' Cross Country Running (in conjunction with the local public high school)

9-12 Boys' Basketball

9-12 Boys' Track (in conjunction with the local public high school)

9-12 Boys' Football (in conjunction with the local public high school)

9-12 Boys' Rugby (intramural)

9-12 Boys' Soccer

9-12 Boy's Baseball (in conjunction with the local public high school)