

# SPANISH AT SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

In keeping with the Diocesan guidelines, St Joseph School offers Spanish for all students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. The Spanish program is a comprehensive program that introduces students to the Spanish language, the countries where the language is spoken, and the unique and varied culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Students are also introduced to a brief history of Spain and the Americas, the influence of the Spanish on civilizations.

## Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

Students are provided an exposure to the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world through stories, songs and direct instruction. Students learn about the Spanish colonization of the New World, the Spanish alphabet, pronunciation, basic greetings and goodbyes, colors, numbers, shapes, days of the week, months of the year, seasons, weather, and prayers in Spanish.

Kindergarten meets once a week for **30** minutes on Wednesdays.

First, Second and Third grades meet twice a week for a total of **60** minutes of instructional time per week on Tuesday and Thursday.

Students receive an **effort grade** for this class through Third grade.

## 4th and 5th Grade

These students are introduced to a more academic approach to learning the language. Students learn basic grammar rules, sentence construction, prepositions, an introduction to verb conjugation, and reinforce previously-learned material. In addition, they build their vocabulary by learning expressions related to rooms of the house, places in the city, transportation, family members, numbers, telling time, and add to their repertoire of Spanish prayers.

Furthermore, students are introduced to language-learning strategies to include the use of flashcards, note-taking skills in class, graded homework assignments and tests. Students are also taught basic study skills that will provide them with a solid foundation for continued world language study in middle school and beyond.

Classes meet twice a week for **75** minutes of instructional time each week on Tuesday and Thursday.

Students receive both an **academic grade** and **effort grade** for this class.

The grading will be by points and will accumulate every quarter through different assignments; each as important as the other.

Exams: Students will have two exams every quarter; one at the middle and one at the end of the quarter. Exam dates will be posted on the web site. The exams will be on the lesson we are studying.

Homework: At the end of each week's class, students will receive the homework assignment that will need to be completed by the next class. It is very important to complete these assignments. The grade portion will not be based on the actual score or amount of mistakes, but the completeness of the work. Late homework will have one point deducted from that assignment.

Participation: We encourage participating in class; they need to try even if that means they may make some mistakes.

Exam One	30 points
Exam Two	30 points
Homework 1	5 points
Homework 2	5 points
Homework 3	5 points
Homework 4	5 points
Participation	<u>20 points</u>
	100 points

## 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Middle School Spanish is the equivalent of High School Spanish level 1, but spread over three years. Students begin with a review of previously learned material and add on to their foundation of grammar and vocabulary. Through class participation, homework assignments, quizzes, exams and projects, students gain confidence in their ability to use the language beyond a beginner/novice level.

Students who attend Diocesan high schools will receive high school credit for Level One upon successful completion of Level Two in high school. Most students attending both Catholic and local public high schools transition well into Spanish Level Two as freshmen.

6th Grade meets twice a week for a total of **90** minutes of instructional time per week on Wednesday and Friday.

7th and 8th Grade meets three times a week for a total of **135** minutes of instructional time per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Exams: They will have two exams every quarter, one at the middle and one at the end of the Quarter. The date will be posted on the web site. The exams will be on the lesson we are studying.

Quizzes: Students will have two quizzes every quarter, one at the middle and one at the end of the Quarter. The date will be posted on the web site.

Homework: At the end of each week's class, they will receive the homework assignment that will need to be completed by the next class. It is very important to complete these assignments. The grade portion will not be based on the actual score or amount of mistakes, but the completeness of the work. Late homework will have one point deducted from that assignment.

Participation: We encourage participating in class; they need to try even if that means they may make some mistakes.

<u>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	
Exam One	25 points
Exam Two	25 points
Quiz One	5 points
Quiz Two	5 points
Homework 1	4 points
Homework 2	4 points
Homework 3	4 points
Homework 4	4 points
Homework 5	4 points
Participation	<u>20 points</u>
	100 points

<u>7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	
Exam One	25 points
Exam Two	25 points
Quiz One	6 points
Quiz Two	6 points
Homework 1	3 points
Homework 2	3 points
Homework 3	3 points
Homework 4	3 points
Homework 5	3 points
Homework 6	3 points
Participation	<u>20 points</u>
	100 points

### Books

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Realidades A.	Lesson Prep, 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A.
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Realidades B.	Lesson 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A.
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Realidades B.	Lesson 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B