



# City Tree Christian School

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## *Sixth Grade*

Sixth graders are on the brink of adolescence. They are maturing both physically and emotionally, preparing to accept greater responsibility in all areas of their lives. Our goal is to meet the developmental, academic, social, and spiritual needs of our students. They have already acquired many skills in the areas of reading and writing. They are now ready to apply these skills in the content areas of social studies and science. City Tree Christian School has adopted grade level standards in each subject area. Below you will find a summary of the main sixth grade curriculum materials we use as well as special classroom and school-wide activities which enhance our students' learning experiences.

### **Language Arts:**

- Individualized reading instruction through self-selected literature
- Literature Circles
- Learning Headquarters writing program - journals, various genres, responses to literature, creative pieces, reports
- Standards-based vocabulary and spelling
- Oral Presentations (current events, poetry, reports tied to social studies and science)
- Visits to the school library

### **Math:**

- CPM – “Courses 1 and 2” (regular and accelerated tracks)

### **Science:**

- Holt, Rinehart, Winston Science Program – “Life Science”
- Week-long outdoor education camp at Indian Hills Camp in Jamul
- School-wide Science Fair – using the scientific method, younger students participate through class projects and older students submit their own individual projects, focusing on Life Science

### **Social Studies:**

- McMillan/McGraw-Hill Social Studies Program- “Ancient Civilizations”
- Subject-related field trips
- School-wide Multicultural Fair - students participate in an in-depth study of a particular culture and then share their research and knowledge in project form with others

### **Christian Education:**

- Thematic Focus: Biblical literacy and traditions
- Children Desiring God Program- *My Purpose Will Stand*
- Chapel each Friday
- Chapel Team participation
- Memory Verse Program –Students memorize verses related to chapel lessons
- Bible reading, prayer, and devotions

**Physical Education:**

- Physical Education units at the Kroc Center: (i.e. swimming, basketball, fitness, volleyball, etc.)
- Physical Education in the park – City Tree instructors (i.e. soccer, track & field, etc.)
- Fitness Skills
- Presidential Fitness Program and testing
- Fitness Fairs
- Mile Fun Runs in the park

**Health:**

- Glencoe, McGraw/Hill Health Education Program: “*Teen Health*”. Integrated into science and physical education curriculum as well as presented as special unit presentations throughout the year.
- Human development

**Spanish:**

- McDougall/Littell Spanish “*En Espanol 1A*”. Academic Spanish program. Prepares students for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Spanish in high school.
- Bridging year- Basic Spanish to Spanish 1 – conversation, dialog memorization, grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, writing
- Hispanic culture - Estados Unidos, Ciudad de Mexico, San Juan Puerto Rico

**Band:**

- “*Essential Elements for Band*” Comprehensive band method
- Music theory and instrument technique sight-reading
- San Diego Symphony field trips
- Performances: Coronado Christmas Parade, School-wide Christmas and Spring Programs, various community performances
- Extracurricular Jazz Band - “*Jazz Ensemble Method*” - Standard of Excellence, *Smart Music* online band tutorial program

**Supplementary Curriculum:**

- Technology: Students use in classroom laptop lab and visit the computer lab during open lab time and with subject matter teachers. During designated technology units, the focus is on learning to use Microsoft Office applications, as well as internet sites and applications, as effective resources and tools for learning. Using a combination of theme-based and grade-specific curriculum projects, students will learn advanced skills in creating documents, reports, brochures, multimedia presentations, spreadsheets and graphs. Students will also focus on improving keyboarding skills with speed and accuracy and model safe internet and social media behavior.
- Art: Special units are taught in art history, theory, and appreciation. Students are exposed to a variety of art mediums and given the opportunity to practice their skills in ceramics, painting, drawing, and photography.
- Theater Arts: Eight week unit sponsored by Christian Youth Theater (CYT) culminating in a school assembly and performance. Participation in the K-8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas and Spring music programs.
- Life Skills: Instruction includes academic study skills and habits.

**School Sponsored Extra Curricular Activities**

- Chapel Team (band, vocals, technology)
- Jazz Band (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Student Council
- Athletics: volleyball (girls), basketball
- Academic Tutoring
- Cinematography Club
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## *Seventh Grade*

Seventh graders have entered their adolescent years. They continue to mature both physically and emotionally, preparing to accept greater responsibility in all areas of their lives. Our goal is to meet the developmental, academic, social, and spiritual needs of our students. They are refining many skills in the areas of reading and composition and using those skills in other core disciplines: social studies, science, foreign language, and Christian Education. Students also begin to apply abstract thinking skills to mathematics. City Tree Christian School has adopted grade level standards in each subject area. Below you will find a summary of the main seventh grade curriculum materials we use as well as special classroom and school-wide activities which enhance our students' learning experiences.

### **Language Arts:**

- Individualized reading instruction through self-selected literature
- Literature Circles
- Learning Headquarters writing program - journals, various genres, responses to literature, creative pieces, reports
- Standards-based spelling and vocabulary development
- Oral Presentations (current events, poetry, reports tied to social studies and science)
- Visits to the school library

### **Math:**

- CPM – “*Courses 2 and 3*” (regular and accelerated tracks)

### **Science:**

- Holt, Rinehart, Winston Science Program – “*Life Science*”
- 3-day Catalina Science Adventure Camp
- School-wide Science Fair – using the scientific method, younger students participate through class projects and older students submit their own individual projects focusing on Life Science
- Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair

### **Social Studies:**

- Glencoe, McGraw/Hill Social Studies Program- “*Medieval and Early Modern Times*”
- Subject-related field trips
- School-wide Multicultural Fair – students participate in an in-depth study of a particular culture and then share their research and knowledge in project form with others

### **Christian Education:**

- Thematic Focus: Biblical literacy and traditions
- Children Desiring God Program- *My Purpose Will Stand*
- Chapel each Friday
- Chapel Team participation
- Memory Verse Program – Students memorize verses related to chapel lessons
- Bible reading, prayer, and devotions

**Physical Education:**

- Physical Education units at the Kroc Center: (i.e. swimming, basketball, fitness, volleyball, etc.)
- Physical Education in the park – City Tree instructors (i.e. soccer, track & field, etc.)
- Fitness Skills
- Presidential Fitness Program and testing
- Fitness Fairs
- Mile Fun Runs in the park

**Health:**

- Glencoe, McGraw/Hill Health Education Program: “*Teen Health*”. Integrated into science and physical education curriculum as well as presented as part of Life Skills unit.
- Human development

**Spanish:**

- McDougall/Littell Spanish: “*En Espanol 1B*”. Academic Spanish program. Prepares students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Spanish in high school.
- Spanish 1 - conversation, dialog memorization, grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, writing
- Hispanic culture - Oaxaca, Barcelona-España, and Ecuador-Quito

**Band:**

- “*Essential Elements for Band*” Comprehensive band method
- Music theory and instrument technique sight-reading
- San Diego Symphony field trips
- Performances: Coronado Christmas Parade, School-wide Christmas and Spring Programs, various community performances
- Extracurricular Jazz Band - “*Jazz Ensemble Method*” - Standard of Excellence, *Smart Music* online band tutorial program

**Supplementary Curriculum:**

- Technology: Students use in classroom laptop lab and visit the computer lab during open lab time and with subject matter teachers. During designated technology units, the focus is on learning to use Microsoft Office applications, as well as internet sites and applications, as effective resources and tools for learning. Using a combination of theme-based and grade-specific curriculum projects, students will learn advanced skills in creating documents, reports, brochures, multimedia presentations, spreadsheets and graphs. Students will also focus on improving keyboarding skills with speed and accuracy and model safe internet and social media behavior.
- Art: Special units are taught in art history, theory, and appreciation. Students are exposed to a variety of art mediums and given the opportunity to practice their skills in ceramics, painting, drawing, and photography.
- Theater Arts: Eight week unit sponsored by Christian Youth Theater (CYT) culminating in a showcase for family and friends. Participation in K-8 Christmas and Spring music programs.
- Life Skills: Instruction includes preparation for high school and college, career planning, and health.

**School Sponsored Extra Curricular Activities**

- Chapel Team (band, vocals, technology)
- Jazz Band (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Student Council
- Athletics: volleyball, basketball
- Academic Tutoring
- Cinematography Club



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## *Eighth Grade*

Eighth graders have entered their adolescent years. They continue to mature both physically and emotionally, preparing for high school and developing the skills required to succeed therein. Our goal is to meet the developmental, academic, social, and spiritual needs of our students. They are becoming excellent critical readers and thinkers, as well as refining composition skills that are used in other core disciplines: social studies, science, foreign language, and Christian Education. Students also continue to develop and apply abstract thinking skills to mathematics. City Tree Christian School has adopted grade level standards in each subject area. Below you will find a summary of the main eighth grade curriculum materials we use as well as special classroom and school-wide activities which enhance our students' learning experiences.

### **Language Arts:**

- Individualized reading instruction through whole class reading and self-selected literature
- Literature Circles
- Learning Headquarters writing program (journals, various genres, responses to literature, creative pieces, reports)
- Word Work – standards-based vocabulary and writing mechanics
- Oral Presentations (current events, poetry, reports tied to social studies and science)
- Visits to the school library

### **Math:**

- CPM Mathematics – Course 3 & Algebra I (regular and accelerated pacing)

### **Science:**

- Holt, Rinehart, Winston Science Program – *“Physical Science”*
- School-wide Science Fair – using the scientific method, younger students participate through class projects and older students submit their own individual projects, focusing on Physical Science
- Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair

### **Social Studies:**

- Glencoe, McGraw/Hill Social Studies Program- *“The American Journey”*
- Week-long Washington D.C. trip
- School-wide Multicultural Fair - each classroom does an in-depth study of a particular U.S. region and culture and then opens their doors to share their knowledge with others

### **Christian Education:**

- Thematic Focus: Christian Service & Leadership
- Children Desiring God Program- *Your Word is Truth*
- Chapel each Friday
- Chapel Team participation
- 1-day Leadership Retreat/Conference
- Memory Verse Program – students memorize verses related to chapel lessons
- Bible reading, prayer, and devotions

**Physical Education:**

- Physical Education units at the Kroc Center: (i.e. swimming, basketball, fitness, volleyball, etc.)
- Physical Education in the park – City Tree instructors (i.e. soccer, track & field, etc.)
- Presidential Fitness Program and testing
- Fitness Fairs
- Mile Fun Runs in the park

**Health:**

- Glencoe, McGraw/Hill Health Education Program: “*Teen Health*”. Integrated into science and physical education curriculum as well as presented as part of Life Skills unit.
- Human development

**Spanish:**

- McDougall/Littell Spanish: “*En Espanol 2*”. Academic Spanish program. Prepares students for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Spanish in high school.
- Spanish 1 - conversation, dialog memorization, grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, writing
- Hispanic culture - Estados Unidos, Ciudad de México, Puerto Rico, Madrid España, San José Costa Rica, Ecuador Quito

**Band:**

- “*Essential Elements for Band*” Level II
- Music theory and instrument technique sight-reading
- San Diego Symphony field trips
- Performances: Coronado Christmas Parade, School-wide Christmas and Spring Programs, various community performances
- Extracurricular Jazz Band - “*Jazz Ensemble Method*” - Standard of Excellence, *Smart Music* online band tutorial program

**Supplementary Curriculum:**

- Technology: Students use in classroom laptop lab and visit the computer lab during open lab time and with subject matter teachers.
- Art: Special units are taught art history, theory, and appreciation. Students are exposed to a variety of art mediums and given the opportunity to practice their skills in ceramics, painting, drawing, and photography.
- Theater Arts: Eight week unit sponsored by Christian Youth Theater (CYT) culminating in a showcase. Participation in K-8 Christmas and Spring music programs.
- Home Economics: Instruction includes cooking, nutrition analysis, food budgeting, and etiquette. Students will plan and prepare meals and utilize their skills for school community service.
- Life Skills: Instruction includes preparation for high school and college, career planning, and health.

**School Sponsored Extra Curricular Activities**

- Chapel Team (band, vocals, technology)
- Jazz Band (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Student Council
- Athletics: volleyball, basketball
- Academic Tutoring
- Cinematography Club