



PROGRAM OF STUDIES

A. Catholic Religious Studies

Students of all faiths are welcome at Santa Barbara Catholic School. All students are expected to attend classroom periods of religious instruction and scheduled church services. Non-Catholic students are not required to actively participate in church services but are required to maintain a respectful attitude at such times. Students study Catholic doctrine and heritage and are provided time for prayer and worship. Religion is an essential subject and students will be assigned a grade.

1. *Religion Program*

The Religion program of Santa Barbara Catholic School follows the Archdiocese of Agaña Theology Standards of Learning revised in May 2009. The standards include: Sacred Scripture, Doctrine, Sacrament, Life in Christ, Community, Service, Prayer and Spirituality. Special topics may include current events, social justice issues, human sexuality, Mercy spirituality, Generation Global and vocation among others.

2. *Sacramental Program*

Catholic students in Grade Three who have been enrolled at SBCS for two consecutive years are prepared for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Parents of older students who have not received these sacraments may make special arrangements with their Religion teacher provided they have been enrolled at SBCS for two consecutive years.

Students from grades three to eight receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation twice a year during Advent and Lent.

3. *Spiritual Exercises and Religious Celebrations*

Santa Barbara Catholic School provides the atmosphere for learning and the living out of the Catholic faith in its total environment.

The school prays daily as a community in the morning and in the afternoon. Individual classes begin and end each lesson with prayers. Monthly liturgy is held for the school community at the Santa Barbara Parish Church, with students from 3rd to 8th grade serving in the different ministries: Altar Servers, Hospitality, Music Ministry and Ministry of the Word. The school also observes other special liturgical celebrations and devotions as a community throughout the year such as the Living Rosary, Advent and Lenten Prayer Services, Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, among others. The school also joins the parish for the Feastday of Santa Barbara and Ash Wednesday Mass and the Archdiocese of Agaña for the Feast of the



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Immaculate Conception/Our Lady of Kamalen and other activities prescribed by the Office of Catholic Education and the Archbishop.

Grades 4-8 classes are provided retreat experiences that deepen their understanding and practice of the school's Mercy Core Values. The Fourth Grade retreat is on God's Love as Mercy. The Fifth Grade retreat reflects on Human Dignity. The Sixth Grade retreat contemplates on Compassion. The Seventh Grade retreat explores Justice. The Eighth Grade consider Stewardship.

4. Outreach/Service Learning

The school as a community does Spiritual and Corporal Acts of Mercy via Thanksgiving Canned Good drives, daily prayer intentions for the living and the dead, and other special activities. The Religion classes in coordination with their homeroom classes and different school and community organizations support different projects and causes as part of their service learning.

B. Mathematics

The Mathematics Program of Santa Barbara Catholic School emphasizes mathematics as hands-on learning and teaches problem-solving skills. Basic computation and math in everyday life provide a realistic basis for mathematics in the elementary levels. Higher level mathematics up to pre-algebra are taught in the junior high levels. Pre-algebra and Algebra 1 are offered as honors courses in seventh and eighth grade, respectively.

C. Language Arts

The Language Arts Program includes composition, grammar, handwriting, phonics, reading, and spelling. Each is taught commensurate with the grade level, development, and maturity of the student. Basic skills become the foundation for future education and are emphasized each year.

D. Science

The Science Program from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade includes teacher demonstrations and age-appropriate hands-on student involvement in all areas of general science. Students are taught the basic elements of observation, classification, prediction, and experimentation. Emphasis is placed on a global perspective and respect for our planet.



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E. Social Studies

The Social Studies Program develops an understanding of history, geography, and social institutions. It also fosters an appreciation of the peoples of the world and Guam history and culture, while strengthening commitment to democratic values and processes. Students are also taught critical thinking, comprehension, and study and research.

F. Fine Arts

Santa Barbara Catholic School provides its students with many stimulating and exciting opportunities to express themselves creatively through the visual arts, dance, music, and theatre. The students will be using a variety of materials and media, which contribute toward the children's experience and growth. The school believes expression through art and music gives the children great satisfaction thus helping to promote self-worth.

G. Computer

All students are given the opportunity to become computer literate in the school's Computer Science Program and in the different subject areas. Computer literacy is the ability to function in a computer- and technology-oriented society. Students will understand computers and their applications and implications in the world around them. They will also develop the skills necessary to communicate using computers through the use of different applications, the Internet, the World Wide Web.

H. Physical Education

The Physical Education Program emphasizes psychomotor, developmental, and locomotor skills. Each student will have a better understanding of their body's functions through exercise. Students are also taught different sports, gymnastic skills and health education.