

Middle School Profile

Middle School Teachers

- Joanna Buleje- 7/8 Spanish
- Shanna Counsil- 6th Spanish
- Liz Olson – ELA, SST
- Kristee Glace- Science
- Stephanie Ramage – Social Studies
- Michael Stewart – Math

Middle School Model

- Each class has a homeroom teacher.
- Students keep their textbooks and supplies in a locker.
- Students rotate between various teachers who specialize in specific subjects.
- Students choose between elective options.
- Students may participate on our athletic teams: Fall – Co-Ed Cross Country, Girls’ Volleyball, Winter – Boys & Girls Basketball. Spring- Boy’s Baseball, Co-ed Golf
- Students may participate in other extracurricular activities, including student council, yearbook, and drama.
- Teachers engage students with middle school-friendly instructional techniques.
- The curriculum provides thorough instruction in the language arts and in mathematics.
- Students begin study of the Spanish language.
- Students can qualify to compete annually in the ACSI Math Olympics.
- Students participate in middle school retreats and trips.

Field Trips

- Class Trips
 - 1) Atlanta, GA- 6th Grade
 - 2) Charleston, SC- 7th Grade
 - 3) Washington D.C. – 8th Grade
 - 4) Rock Eagle
- Local music and drama performances

Teacher Profiles:

Stephanie Ramage

- Social Studies & 6th Grade Bible
- Joined the Saint Simons Christian School teaching staff in the fall of 2015
- 11 years teaching experience
- BS – Middle Grades, Georgia College and State University, 2011
- GA State Certified
- Church home – Community Church
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Michael Stewart

- Mathematics & 8th Grade Bible
- Joined the Saint Simons Christian School teaching staff in the fall of 2020
- 8 years teaching experience
- 9 years administrative experience
- BA in Christian Education, Baptist College of Florida
- M.Ed in Educational Leadership, Trinity Baptist College
- FACCS Professional Certification- Administrator
- Middle/High School Teacher of the year at previous school
- Church home – First Baptist of Brunswick
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Liz Olson

- Middle School ELA & SST
- SSCS Teacher since 2019
- 17 years teaching experience
- Masters in Special Education
- B.S. Elementary Education & Multi-age Special Education
- Home Church: Community Church
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Kristee Glace

- Middle School Science
- 7 years teaching experience
- B.S. Middle Grade Education, College of Coastal Georgia
- Certifications: Ga Professional Teaching, MS Science, Mathematics, Reading and ELA
- Church Home: Community Church
- Coca Cola Gold Scholar 2010, Phi Theta Kappa
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Joanna Buleje

- 7th & 8th Grade Spanish
- 10 years teaching experience
- A.S. in Theology from Calvary Chapel Bible College, Murrieta, CA.
- Completed 12 Spanish Language Credits, El Camino College, Torrance, CA
- 6 Years of service in mission in Peru, South America
- Church Home: First Baptist Church, Brunswick
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Shanna Council

- 6th Grade Spanish
- 6 years teaching experience
- BS Degree from The University of Mississippi
- Spent 3.5 years in the Dominican Republic on a diplomatic mission and completed several Spanish Language courses.
- Church Home: First Baptist Brunswick
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MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Bible

All middle school students take Bible class. Mrs. Ramage teaches Bible for the 6th grade students and Mrs. Glace teaches Bible for the 7th & Mr. Stewart for 8th grade students.

Language Arts

The middle school language arts curriculum is designed to develop, strong, independent thinkers, readers, and writers, using writing and grammar resources, fluency building exercises, SAT prep. vocabulary, usage and mechanics skills practice, and other reference materials. Students continue to develop strong writing skills through a range of writing activities including expository, persuasive, fictional and informational assignments. Middle school students take two separate language arts courses: 1) Grammar & Writing and 2) Literature. The literature reading list is attached.

Math

The math curriculum progresses from math concepts and computation to Pre-Algebra to Algebra 1. As a result, all students will complete a high school level course while in eighth grade. Throughout the math curriculum, emphasis is placed on basic computation skills, problem solving, and attention to details.

Science

The science curriculum focuses on general science in sixth and seventh grade and physical science in eighth. The curriculum is taught from a distinctively Christian perspective, uses Christian publishers, and highlights our glorious Creator. The sixth-grade students complete the ACSI curriculum, which we use in grades 1-6. Seventh and eighth grade students use Apologia textbooks. Students learn scientific reasoning and the scientific method, and they complete an in-depth science fair project each year.

Social Studies/History

The social studies curriculum focuses on world geography (6th), world history (7th), and Georgia and United States history (8th). The curriculum highlights the key regions of our world, important events throughout history, and key leaders God has used throughout history.

Spanish

The Spanish curriculum is designed to be an introduction to the Spanish language in 6th grade with an emphasis on vocabulary building. 7th & 8th Grade Spanish focuses on verb conjugation and grammar. 8th Grade students have the opportunity to test out of Spanish 1 at Glynn Academy prior to entry in to high school.

Electives

Students are given the chance to choose between elective courses in a variety of subject areas and interests. Courses are one semester and meet twice a week.

Physical Education

The physical education program helps students develop their athletic skills, learn game skills, and grow in their understanding of honoring God in sports competitions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LITERATURE LIST

The following is the list of adopted titles used in the Middle School reading program. (Although certain titles are assigned to specific grades, when necessary, teachers may use titles from the list above or below their grades.) Students will read at least 5 books each school year.

6th Grade

Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The	Twain
Black Beauty	Sewell
Black Stallion, The	Farley
Hiding Place	Ten Boom
Johnny Tremain	Forbes
Journey to America	Levitin
Prince Caspian	Lewis
Summer of Monkeys	Rawls
Wrinkle in Time, A	L'Engle
Witch of Blackbird Pond	Speare
Biographies – various	(various)

7th Grade

A Christmas Carol	Dickens
At the Back of the North Wind	MacDonald
Call of the Wild	London
Esperanza Rising	Ryan
Homecoming	Voigt
Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story	Carson
The Bronze Bow	Speare
The Princess & Curdie	MacDonald
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader	Lewis
The Watsons Go to Birmingham	Curtis
Wonder	Palacio
Biographies – various	
Poetry – various	
Short Stories – various	

8th Grade

Captain Courageous	Kipling
Romeo and Juliet	Shakespeare
Lord of the Flies	Golding
Merry Adventures of Robinhood	Pyle
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor
Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The	Twain
The Giver	Lowry
Treasure Island	Stevenson
Diary of Anne Frank	
Poetry – various	
Short Stories - various	