



My Name is Mr. Arvizo. I am the seventh grade homeroom teacher, as well as the middle school Religion and History teacher. I attended Emory University where I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and a Bachelor of Arts in History. I am excited that I am a part of such a wonderful school family. I am overjoyed to be able to share my passion for our Faith and our History with the students at St. Peter's Catholic School. Middle school is a great time to discover where we have come from as a people and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. I am privileged and

honored to support parents in the education and formation of their children, so that our students may persevere in faith and academics.

Spring

We have been having a great year in Religion and Social Studies. Students have been rising to the challenge of thinking critically about theological and historical questions. Our students are becoming true scholars!

8th Grade:



In religion, we have had a great time learning that all people are called to holiness and how God has a plan for every person. We learned that God calls each of us to a particular vocation which includes religious life, Holy Orders (for men), and marriage. We have also learned that we live out our Christian faith by receiving grace through the Sacraments, prayer, pursuing a life of virtue, and performing works of mercy.

As we continue we will be growing in the understanding that the Great Commission tells us to spread the gospel and form Christians from all nations. We will learn all mankind has the duty to protect all human life and how the Church works for justice. We will also grow in our understanding of prayer and adoration.

In Social Studies, we have enjoyed studying colonialism, the American Revolution, the Founding Fathers, the Declaration of Independence, the U. S. Constitution, and the structure and underlying philosophies of our Government. Next, we will be looking at how the United States expanded westward, the concept of Manifest Destiny, and daily life in the west. This will lead the class into the historical questions of the Civil War and the Reconstruction Era.

7th Grade:



In religion class, we have risen to the challenge of understanding and growing in the theological, cardinal, moral, natural, and supernatural virtues. We have also learned that the sacraments are the ordinary means by which we receive sanctifying grace in order that we may grow in holiness. We will continue by looking at each of the Sacraments in greater detail beginning with the Sacrament of Baptism.

In Social Studies, students learned about the origins and spread of Islam, Arab innovation and adaptations, and early societies in West Africa. The students learned that Islam began in the Arabian Peninsula and spread through Northern Africa and the Middle East. We will continue our survey of Medieval History by looking at Japan and Imperial China. We will be studying the political development of Imperial China, the development of the Chinese economy, and China's relationship with the outside world. In Japan, we will be studying the rise of the warrior class and the influence of Japan on neighboring cultures. At which point we will begin looking at the renaissance and the age of European exploration. We will be studying the beginning of the Renaissance, its leading figures, and its legacy. We will also be looking at how the age of exploration affected Europe and the rest of the world.

6th Grade:



In religion, we have been studying the authority of the Church, mankind's duty to respect and protect human life, the Christian virtue of charity, the beatitudes and the Eucharist. The students have learned that Jesus Christ offers himself as a loving sacrifice to God Our Father. We learned that Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper and, through the ministry of the Catholic Priesthood, is made truly and substantially

present during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We will continue our studies by looking more deeply at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

In Social Studies we have been studying Egypt by investigating Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs and the daily life in Ancient Egypt. We have also studied the location, influence, and history of the Kingdom of Kush, Judaism and its origins, and different world religions. We are currently studying the geography and early settlement of China, the Shang Dynasty, and three major Chinese philosophies. Next we will be learning about Ancient Greece, the rise of democracy, the Persian Wars and the relationship between Athens and Sparta. Next, we will be studying the rise of the Roman Empire, Rome's influence, and the Roman Empire's relationship with Christianity.