

Welcome to 8th Grade!

We are honored to be the team of teachers that partner with you on this final step to cement important spiritual, academic, and social skills as your child continues to grow with the maturity and wisdom that God intends for all. We believe that the most important part of our job is to help your child strengthen his/her relationship with Jesus Christ and become a better disciple. We recognize that parents, church, and school are all important in achieving this goal. We want to be in partnership with you every step of the way over the next school year. As parents, you will have many opportunities to be involved in the spiritual and academic growth of your child as we prepare him or her for high school.

The spiritual preparation for high school includes the 8th grade retreat, weekly student-led devotions, and participation in grade-level chapels. In addition to our academic program, the students will also learn various skills such as research, public speaking, time management and notetaking. Although the course work is more challenging than in the past, it is appropriate for their grade level.

We look forward to a year of growth in an intentional, academic, cross-curricular format aligned with AACS Educational Goals: *Growing Believers, Active Learners, Responsible Stewards, Effective Communicators, and Compassionate Neighbors.* Marvel with us as the Holy Spirit moves this year in new and wondrous ways to equip your child to impact the world through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

May our work together bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ our King, now, and forevermore.

In joyful covenant partnership,

The 8th Grade Team

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