**FOND DU LAC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**COURSE OFFERINGS: MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Fond du Lac Christian School believes in Christ-centered education. Recognizing that God is the source of all truth, we seek to teach every subject in light of the truths of Scripture. By approaching all their subjects from a Biblical Worldview, students are empowered to understand God’s general revelation in the light of His special revelation, the Bible.

**LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION**

**Course Title**: introduction to Language Arts

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: With an emphasis upon Speaking, Listening and Writing, students will learn to communicate their faith. Throughout the yearlong course students will study basic grammar, the process of research and composing Research Reports, MLA documentation, the Informative Essay and select fiction and non-fiction books, dramas, articles and short stories. Students will deepen their understanding of a Biblical Worldview through the study and discussion of great literature.

**Course Title**: Essentials of Language Arts

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: With an emphasis upon Speaking, Listening and Writing, students will learn to communicate their faith. Throughout the yearlong course students will study basic grammar, the process of research and composing Research Reports, MLA documentation, the Informative Essay and select fiction and non-fiction books, dramas, articles and short stories. Students will deepen their understanding of a Biblical Worldview through the study and discussion of great literature.

**MATHEMATICS**

**Course Title**: Math 6

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: The class will focus on four critical areas: (1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; (2) completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers; (3) writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; and (4) developing understanding of statistical thinking.

**Course Title**: Pre-Algebra

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: Students will demonstrate mastery in Number Systems, Expressions and Equations, and Functions. They will be introduced and further their study of Geometry, Algebra, and Statistics and Probability.

**Course Title**: Pre-Algebra 2

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: Students will demonstrate mastery in Number Systems, Expressions and Equations, and Functions. They will be introduced and further their study of Geometry, Algebra, and Statistics and Probability.

**SCIENCE**

**Course Title**: Earth Science

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: This class gives a Biblical perspective on the study and care of God’s world. The following topics are covered: Geology, The Dynamic Earth, Water and Water Systems, Meteorology, The Environment, and Astronomy. Students are taught to become creative problem solvers and to develop a sense of stewardship for God’s creation.

**Course Title**: Life Science

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: This class is a hands-on program that encourages students to become actively involved in scientific discovery. The concrete, creative learning experiences are based in God’s Word and will enrich students’ knowledge of creation, affirm their faith in the creator, and enable them to use science to the glory of God. Students are taught to become creative problem solvers and to develop a sense of stewardship for God’s creation.

**Course Title**: General Science

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**:

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**Course Title**: Introduction to World History

* **Credit:** 1.0 – Year-Long Course
* **Grade Level:** 7 & 8
* **Course Description**: Students need to understand that God is in control of our lives and our world. They need to realize that kings and kingdoms are planned by God and His kingdom will prevail. In developing these insights, students must know what life was like in the past and how things change and develop over time. Interpreting historical events in the light of the truth of God’s word provides a needed perspective in addressing the past, the present, and the future.

Students will learn about the history of the western world, examining change and continuity over time in order to develop a Biblical Worldview, understand historical perspective, explain historical relationships, and analyze issues that affect the present and the future. Topics that will be studied are: Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Reformation, the Age of Exploration, the Scientific Revolution, the Age of Enlightenment, and the Age of Revolution.

**Course Title**: Introduction to United States History

* **Credit:** 1.0 – Year-Long Course
* **Grade Level:** 7 & 8
* **Course Description**: Students need to understand that God is in control of our lives and our world. They need to realize that kings and kingdoms are planned by God and His kingdom will prevail. In developing these insights, students must know what life was like in the past and how things change and develop over time. Interpreting historical events in the light of the truth of God’s word provides a needed perspective in addressing the past, the present, and the future. Students will learn about the history of the United States, examining change and continuity over time in order to develop historical perspective, explain historical relationships, and analyze issues that affect the present and the future.

Topics that will be studied are: the American Revolution, the Civil War, Westward Expansion, Industrialization, the Progressive Era, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War, events of the late 20th century, and early 21st century.

**BIBLICAL STUDIES**

**Course Title**: Introduction to Old Testament Survey

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: Because Christians need to be Biblically literate regarding all aspect of the Word of God, this course covers the story and history of the Old Testament and its application to our lives today. This course introduces students to historical, cultural, literary, and methodological issues. Emphasis is on each Old Testament books’s purpose and message through its biblical-theological development in order to reclaim its practical use and teaching in the church.

**Course Title**: Introduction to Church History

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: This course highlights the history of the Church from Pentecost to the present day. We will focus on the leaders and people of the Church, the Church’s doctrine which has developed throughout its history and the Church’s movements and major events. Students will learn how the past contributes to the present, and will learn lessons from the history of the Church that will impact and inspire their own lives.

**Course Title**: Life of Christ

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**:

**ELECTIVES**

**Course Title**: Computer Science

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: Students will master basic keyboarding and Microsoft office applications. They will create Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, powerpoints, and google documents.

**Course Title**: Composition and Forensics

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: Composition will emphasize grammar and essay construction. The students will learn to diagram sentences and understand the basics of grammar for all languages. In Forensics, they will study logic and the art of argumentation.

**Course Title**: Music

* **Grade Level:** 6 – 8
* **Course Description**: Introduction to a study of composers, hymns, and musical theory. Students will be given a musical foundation that will allow them to appreciate music for the rest of their lives. The class will strive to discover and develop the musical gifts and talents God has given them through their creation of their own worship song.