



Welcomes You to 9th Grade

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to Young Americans Christian School. We are excited that you have chosen YACS for your child's Christian education. Welcome to the YACS family!

9th grade is a year where more oral information is given. Auditory skills are taxed. Less prompting is given by the teacher. Tests get harder. The students have to manage assignments on their own, and homework increases. Note-taking increases, and more long-range assignments are given. Students have more details to manage, and less organization is imposed. Study skills are a must in high school. The first year in high school counts the most over four years. Final exams also begin in 9th grade.

Community service hours are introduced in high school. Students are required to complete 8 hours of service during the school year. These hours must be served in the community or church, NOT in school, family, or foreign missions. Summer is a great time to get started. Service hour (BEAT) forms can be found on the yacs.us website under Parents tab. Both sides of the form will need to be completed and turned in to Homeroom teachers in early May.

9th grade classes include Geometry/Alg I, Spanish I, Language Arts, Bible, PE (one semester), Health (one semester), Biology, and an elective.

Spanish 1 introduces students to the world's second most commonly spoken language and to the culture of the 405 million people who speak it daily. Through a variety of classroom experiences (including guided lessons, games, projects, group discussions, music, food, technology, and videos), students will learn how to read, write, and engage in basic conversational Spanish as well as develop an understanding of and appreciation for cultures different than their own. Upon completion of the course, students will possess the fundamental skills to share the love of Christ with Spanish-speakers both in their own communities and abroad.

Students will cover the following topics in Geometry: geometry basics, reasoning and proof, perpendicular and parallel lines, congruency and properties of triangles, quadrilaterals, similarity, right triangles and trigonometry, circles, area, surface area and volume of polygons and circles, transformations, and constructions.

Algebra I is designed to introduce students to basic algebraic concepts, problem-solving strategies, and real world applications. Students will explore these concepts through a

multistep approach, including guided instruction, modeling of appropriate problem-solving strategies, and opportunities to apply newly acquired skills. The course demonstrates the order of God's creation.

Language Arts addresses five important literary elements: conflict, character, theme, setting, style and point of view. Students will read, discuss, and analyze various reading selections and will identify important literary terms within each. Students will also write creatively and critically, incorporating new vocabulary and grammatical mechanics into their various compositions. In addition, students will enhance their learning by participating in various individual and group projects, including a literary analysis second semester. Students will study units from the literature textbook and read several novels, including *The Outsiders*, *Animal Farm*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and for Honors, *The Pearl*.

In Bible, students will take an active approach to learning about the Old Testament. Students will discuss in class, complete handouts, journal, and conduct presentations based on the materials taught in class. Most weeks students will be memorizing a Bible verse.

Biology is an overview of Botany, Human Anatomy, Evolution, Zoology, and Cellular Biology. Students will study the complexity of life forms and the strong arguments for a Creator seen in biological complexity and diversity. Students will analyze simple genetic characteristics and probabilities of inheritance.

9th grade students will have one semester of Health. Health is designed to give the student more of an in-depth look at life and to acknowledge habits for a better life – physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Students will learn from a Christian perspective an overview of the body systems, some first aid procedures, and ways to avoid potential dangers. This class includes the ADAP program (Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program) required by the state of Georgia to be completed before a student can get a driver's license.

9th grade students will also have one semester of PE. Students will be required to dress appropriately for PE each day and may not wear the same clothing worn to their other classes. Students will be given adequate time to dress before and after class. Dress requirements are: Solid color or YACS t-shirt, pull-up athletic shorts (no zipper, button or snap, and should be finger-tip length), socks, and athletic shoes. (Leggings, sliders, and yoga pants may be worn **only under** athletic shorts.)

Electives vary each semester, but include many of the following: 3-D Design, Academic Aide, Art, Band, Chapel Band, Child Development, Computer Programming, Criminal Justice, Entrepreneurship, Intro to Engineering, Ladies Fitness/Nutrition, Full-length Drama, Production, Robotics, Spring Musical Theater, Weight Training, and Yearbook.

9th grade participates in a **beach retreat to Panama City, Florida. The beach retreat will take place September 18-20 and the cost is \$300 per person.** Young

Americans looks forward to working hand in hand with you to cultivate your student to be academically successful and grow to be a light in the world for Christ.

Sincerely,

Terry Shelnett

Middle and High School Principal

Supply List for 9th Grade

You may choose to get a three-ring binder for each class or one large three-ring trapper keeper with folders for all classes. Organization is key! All students will need access to a computer, the Internet, and a printer outside of school. Sixth through twelfth grade students are required to bring their own personal laptop or chromebook. The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged electronic devices. Students are required to have access to a printer outside of school. Students are not permitted to print assignments at school. One warning will be provided. Further violations will result in a 10-point deduction on any assignment printed at school.

- Chromebook or laptop (access to a printer outside of school)
- Composition notebooks (not spiral) - **Bible, Language Arts (2), Health, Biology (2)**
- 3 Ring Binder (2 in) w/ dividers, ruler - **Algebra I**
- TI 83 or 84 calculator - **Algebra I, Geometry**
- Jumbo book cover - **Math textbook**
- Protractor and Compass - **Geometry**
- Choice of colored pen for grading and editing
- 1 inch 3 ring notebook - **Spanish**
- 1 pack classic Crayola colored pencils - **Science**
- Pencils
- NIV Bible
- Highlighters (different colors)
- One bag individually wrapped candy (No chocolate, suckers, or gum please) - **Science**
- Blue and Black Pens
- Notebook paper (college ruled) AND graphing paper (20-25 sheets)
- PE attire - tennis shoes, athletic shorts (No zipper, button or snap, and should be finger-tip length,) leggings, sliders, and yoga pants may be worn **only under** athletic shorts. YACS or solid colored T-shirt (no design on it, YACS emblem allowed). - **P.E.**
- One bottle of hand sanitizer and a box of tissues - **Homeroom**
- *SpanishDict* app (free to download on any mobile device) or a Spanish-English dictionary - **Spanish 1**