

# O ur Mission Statement

Visitation is a Catholic Parish School that prepares students to be responsible citizens and life-long learners committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

# M eet your Teacher(s)

**Mrs. Funk**



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Education: Associate of Science in Business Admin-PCC, Masters of Ed-PSU

### How my faith influences teaching:

My Catholic faith is in all that I teach. From discussing early explorers in social studies, to the earth God created in science, I always look for ways to tie the subjects in to our Catholic faith.

**Mrs. Damkroger**

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Education: Bachelor of Arts-Portland State University. Master of Arts in Teaching-University of Portland.

### Why I am a teacher:

I teach because of my own Life-Long Love of Learning. The World is a wide and wondrous place filled with rich history, beautiful literature, and enchanting works of art. I love having the opportunity to explore our diverse human heritage with the young people in my classes.

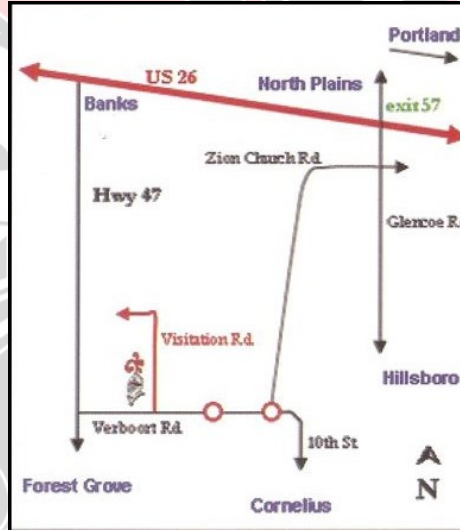
TO READ MORE ABOUT MRS. FUNK AND MRS. DAMKROGER, VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.VCSKNIGHTS.ORG](http://WWW.VCSKNIGHTS.ORG)

# VCS Welcomes You

Come explore our campus; a place where students from Preschool through 8th grade have an opportunity to fulfill their potential within a safe and supportive academic environment.

## Visitation Catholic School

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Exposing young minds to the powerful combination of education and spirituality since 1883.

## 7th Grade Curriculum

Serving the Tualatin Valley & the greater Portland metropolitan area.



*Our Faith, Our Families, Our Future*

## RELIGION

- \* Introduce the Mystery of the Incarnation including the New Testament and the birth and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- \* Discuss the meaning of the kingdom along with Jesus' preaching and the Gospels
- \* Introduce the Christian life and how we can be more Christ like
- \* Discuss the Paschal Mystery
- \* Discuss how to spread the good news as members of the Church just as Paul and the apostles did

## LANGUAGE ARTS

### Writing:

- \* Mastery of the 5 paragraph essay
- \* Introduction of writing to different types of audiences and purposes

### Spelling:

- \* Recognize high level words and meanings

### Grammar:

- \* Include correct English usage, subject-verb agreement, parts of speech, and verb tenses
- \* Write in complete sentences using clauses and compound and complex sentences

### Reading:

- \* Age appropriate novels of different genres
- \* Relating personal experiences and comprehension strategies to better understand reading materials
- \* Using age appropriate vocabulary strategies

## MATHEMATICS

- \* Focus on Pre-Algebra concepts
- \* Read, write, represent, order and compare decimals and convert between percent, fractions, and decimals
- \* Read, write, represent, order, and compare integers and give examples of their use
- \* Apply order of operations including exponents, to simplify calculations and evaluate expressions
- \* Represent and interpret data using frequency distribution tables, box-and-whisker plots, stem-and-leaf plots, and single and multiple line graphs
- \* Algebraically represent situations and solve problems
- \* Recognize and work with positive and negative numbers, rational and irrational numbers, real numbers, and absolute value
- \* Sort, identify, describe and compare all types of polygons, prisms, pyramids, and cylinders

## SOCIAL STUDIES

- \* Study of important people and places in world history
- \* In-depth look of ancient cultures such as the early Mesopotamia civilizations, the Romans, and Greeks
- \* A detailed look at the rise and fall of pivotal people, empires and nations in the Early Ages, Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, and Age of Exploration

## SCIENCE

- \* Focus on experimentation using the scientific method
- \* Describe interactions among plants, animals, viruses and other living organisms
- \* Investigate energy, work, and machines
- \* Discover the Earth's elements, minerals, rocks, ocean floor, and resources

## HEALTH

- \* Focus on the effect of nutrition, exercise, drugs, and alcohol on our body
- \* Study body support and movement
- \* Understand the digestive, circulatory, and respiratory systems
- \* Understand the organs that regulate our body and growth and development

## ART

- \* Taught in art class as well as integrated throughout all subject areas
- \* Art History
- \* Emphasis on value of colors and shapes

\*\*Seventh and Eighth grade is a blended classroom with a rotating curriculum in Religion, Social Studies, Science, and Health. The course work provided ensures that every student experiences age-appropriate and sequential instruction across the curriculum.

Please speak with your classroom teacher to identify the current year's curriculum topics.\*\*

➤ Physical Education, Music, Choir, Spanish, Library, and Technology are taught by specialists trained in these areas