

# **London Christian Elementary School Curriculum Overview**

## **BIBLE:**

Grades JK-8—"Walking with God and His People" - CSI

Grade 6-8—Junior High Bible Curriculum—PACS

## **MATH:**

Grades JK-SK— Math activities correspond with thematic units

Grades 1-8 – JUMP Math, University of Toronto Press

## **ART:**

Grades JK-8—Each grade uses different curriculum and resources to build their program. Art is often integrated with current areas of study.

## **MUSIC:**

Grade JK – Alphabet Action Soup (Denise Gagne)

Grade SK— integrated into thematic units

Grades 1-5— Music Play

Grades 6-8— Standard of Excellence, Standard of Excellence First Performance, Various Band Arrangements, Alfred's Essentials of Music Theory Book 1 & 2

## **FRENCH:**

Grade SK—beginning vocabulary integrated into thematic units

Grades 1-3— Images 1, Images 2, Images 3 – Addison-Wesley

Grades 4-6 – Visages 1, Visages 2 and Visages 3 - Pearson

Grades 7-8— On Y Va 1, On Y Va 2 - Pearson

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

Grades JK-8 – Health and Physical Education – OPHEA

## **HEALTH:**

Grades JK-8—Healthy Living—CSI, Health and Physical Education - OPHEA

## **SOCIAL SKILLS:**

Grades JK-8—Second Step: A Violence Prevention Curriculum—Committee for Children

## SOCIALS/SCIENCES:

Grades JK-SK— Thematic Units – OACS

Grades 1-3—Creation Studies—OACS

Grades 4-6—Creation Studies—OACS, CSI Science—CSI

Grade 7 – Rocks and Minerals, Pure Substances & Mixtures, Ecology - OACS

Grade 8— Active Atoms: Heat and Temperature, The Cell, The Science Fair Project, Forces at Work – OACS

## HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY:

Grade 7 History: Romans – Rise of Christendom, Middle Ages – Establishment of Christendom, Reformation – Redefining Christendom, Renaissance: Humanism and Christendom

Grade 8 History: Canadian History – OACS

Grade 7 Geography: This is my Father's World, Tundra, Coniferous, & Deciduous Biomes - OACS

Grade 8 Geography: Tropical Rainforest, Desert & Grassland Biomes – OACS

\* NOTE: Some Grade 7&8 units may be taught interchangeably.

## LANGUAGE ARTS:

### **Primary Grades**

#### Guided Reading:

Grade JK – No curriculum used

Grade SK – Building Blocks for Kindergarten – Dorothy Hall, Big books and picture books in the classroom

Grade 1— Balanced Literacy, Impressions Series, Basil Readers

Grade 2 – Impressions Reading Series, Balanced Literacy

Grade 3 – World of Literature, Novel Study: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Novel Study: Flat Stanley, theme related activities, Oral retellings

#### Grammar/Spelling/Working with Words:

Grades JK-SK – Jolly Phonics

Grade 1 - Month by Month - Working with Words – Patricia Cunningham

Grade 2 – Month by Month – Working with Words – Patricia Cunningham, Phonics Workbook – Modern Curriculum Press, Jolly Grammar Handbook

Grade 3 – Month by Month - Working with Words – Patricia Cunningham, Communicating Skills

#### Writing:

Grades JK-SK – Jolly Phonics, daily journals

Grade 1 – integrated into themes, 6 Traits, journals, Writing Mini-Lessons for Grade 1 (Cheryl M. Signon)

Grade 2 – 6 Traits of Writing program, journaling, poetry (integrated into science themes)

Grade 3 – 6 Traits of Writing program, Writing Mini-Lessons for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Cheryl M. Signon), Editor's Checklist, Writing Process, Communicating Skills, thematic projects

## **Junior Grades**

### Literature:

Grade 4 – World of Literature – CSI, Novel Study: Number the Stars, Literature Circles (selected novels), Poetry, Legends

Grade 5 – World of Literature – CSI, Novel Studies: Rats of Nimh, Castle in the Attic and Esperanza Rising, Friendship Road – OACS

Grade 6 – World of Literature – CSI, Novel Study: Call it Courage, Novel Study: The Hobbit, Novel Study: Underground to Canada, Novel Study: Tuck Everlasting,

### Grammar/Spelling:

Grade 4 – Communicating Skills, Spelling in Language Arts Level 4 – Nelson, Working with Words – Patricia Cunningham, Independent Word Lists, Daily Language Workouts

Grade 5 – Spelling in Language Arts – Nelson, Communicating Skills, Language Round Up

Grade 6 – WriteSource 2000, Daily Language Workouts, mini-lessons, Spelling in Language Arts – Nelson, Working with Words (4 Blocks)

### Writing:

Grade 4 – 6 Traits of Writing

Grade 5 – Communicating Skills, How to Write Non-fiction

Grade 6 – Writing Sense 6, 4-Blocks mini-lessons on writing

## **Intermediate Grades**

### Literature:

Grade 7 – Novel Study: The Bronze Bow, Newspapers & Media, Choices: short stories unit, Novel Study: Swords into Ploughshares, Media Literacy, Poetry

Grade 8— Novel Study: I am David, Decisions (short stories), Expressions (Drama), Relating Writely (Poetry), In Tune (Media Studies) – OACS units

### Grammar/Spelling:

Grade 7 – Grade 7 Spelling, Exercises in Grammar – S&S Learning Materials

Grade 8 – Spelling in Language Arts - Nelson, Grammar First

### Writing

Grade 7 – Writing folder, different types of writing (legends, fables, poetry, book reports...)

Grade 8 – writing assignments are tied into other units,

*OACS – Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools*

*CSI – Christian Schools International*

*PACS – Prairie Association of Christian Schools*

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