



OMPH School Scene

Spanish at OMPH School

Students in Kindergarten through eighth grade have the opportunity to learn Spanish. Each Spanish class begins with the sign of the cross followed by either the Glory Be, Hail Mary or Our Father Prayer in Spanish. Kindergarten through second grade also sing a hello song in Spanish at the beginning of each class and a goodbye song at the end.

Each year we build upon the previous one. Students begin learning simple nouns, which then build into learning how to write sentences. I will also read various sentences in Spanish related to the days lesson and have the students translate the meaning



into English.

As holidays approach, students will learn terminology for that particular holiday in Spanish. We also take the time to learn how different Spanish speaking countries celebrate particular holidays and compare them to how we celebrate here in the United States. Most recently, we learned how Spain celebrates the Holy Week and Easter.

Middle school students learn how to conjugate present tense verbs to make them correctly fit into sentences. They also begin to learn how to tell time, learn articles and grammar rules in Spanish and how they can be different from English. Once

students reach seventh and eighth grade, they receive a Spanish textbook. Each chapter they are responsible for learning vocabulary and completing homework, quizzes and tests.

Every April, the eighth-grade students are given a special opportunity to take a placement test for Lancaster Catholic High School. This 175-question test is an optional test which students can take. This test gives them the opportunity to place into a higher Spanish class their freshman year. This year, three of our eighth graders decided to take this test. Matthew Mercer placed into Spanish 2 for his freshman year and Tyler Miller and Keelyn Covey placed into Advanced Spanish. Kudos to these three individuals for their accomplishments.

Mrs. Sheri Kiefer, Spanish Teacher

OMPH Student Wins Pennsylvania InvestWrite Contest



Eighth grade student Matthew Mercer recently earned 1st Place in the Pennsylvania competition of the Fall 2018 Middle School Level of the InvestWrite national writing competition. In his essay Matt addressed sustainable investing looking at environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in relation to the investment process.

Matt, along with his family and teacher, Mrs. Ann DiNovis, have been invited to attend the Eastern Region Awards Luncheon to be held May 23rd at Cabrini University, where Matt will be recognized for his outstanding achievement.

Matt was also part of the team winning 1st Place in both the region and the state of the Fall Middle School Level Stock Market Game. He, along with his team members Eddie Dresch and Daniel Titi, will also be recognized for this achievement at the awards luncheon.



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