

# MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FORM

### GRADE EIGHT

- BIBLE:** A Light To The Gentiles (CSI). Units 1-10.
- LITERATURE:** Short Stories - Choices - An Anthology  
Novel Study - The Bronze Bow  
Poetry - Birches and Bear Claws  
Poetry Presentation- Individual  
Group Novel - Swords into Plough Shares  
Accelerated Reader Goal = 30 points
- SPELLING:** Text: Spelling in Language Arts 8 - Nelson  
Units 1 - 31.
- GRAMMAR:** Steps to Good Grammar (Walch) Units 1-25.  
The sentence, parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, direct objects), pronouns, simple and compound sentences. Capitalization, punctuation (period, end punctuation, commas, quotation marks, hyphens, apostrophes).  
Prepositional phrases, run-on sentences, sentence fragments.
- CREATIVE WRITING:** Different types of sentences, punctuation, proper paragraphs, quotation marks, editing, proofreading, final copy.  
Narration: Myth, Legend, Biography, Historical Narrative.  
Description: Travelogue, Character Sketch, Place Description.  
Exposition: Instructions, Comparison, Definition, Hard News Story.  
Persuasion: Review, Letter to the Editor, Editorial, Resume and Covering Letter.  
Contests: Remembrance Day Poetry, Windsor Family Credit Union, CKWW Best Christmas Ever, Polar Expressions Publishing Contests.
- KEYBOARDING:** Mavis Beacon (Goal = 35 wpm), Typing Book, Drills, New Software Review, Cross Country Canada, Microsoft Word.
- MATHEMATICS:** Houghton Mifflin Mathematics 8  
Units 1-4, 5-12, 14, 15  
Units include estimations and statistics, decimals, integers, problem solving, number theory, operations, rational numbers, equations and problem solving, ratio, proportion and percent, triangles (classifying, congruence, similar), quadrilaterals, square roots, constructions (quadrilaterals, triangles, using compass and ruler, parallel and perpendicular lines), skills with polynomials (simplifying and multiplying polynomials), exponent laws, probability and statistics.
- SCIENCE:**
1. The Atmosphere
  2. Chemistry
  3. Force, Work, Energy and Machines
  4. The Cell
- HEALTH:**
- Unit 1: Drugs and Alcohol  
Unit 2: Healthy Eating – Healthy Living  
Unit 3: Sexual Education

**GEOGRAPHY:** 1. Coniferous Forest Biome: Forestry, Mining, Industry.

**HISTORY:** Canada  
1. A People's History  
2. The Story Begins (Canada up to 1763)  
3. The Story Unfolds (Canada 1763-1815)  
4. The Story Intensifies (1815-1837)  
5. The Story of Confederation (1837-1867)

**MUSIC:** Instrumental Music: care of instruments, playing posture, tone quality, dynamics, intonation, and breathing. Note values: whole, quarter, half, dotted half, dotted quarter, eighth, sixteenth. Rests: whole, half, quarter, eighth. Musical terms: measure, bar line, flat, accent, breath mark, repeat sign, fermata, tie, solo, soli, tutti, round, sharp, crescendo, decrescendo, ritardando, tempo, markings, dynamic markings etc. Notes: B Concert scale plus others learned in repertoire. E flat concert scale. Also listening and responding: WSO Concert.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Instructions, rules, strategy and play in the following: Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Floor Hockey, Track & Field, Football, Baseball, Harrier, and organized mini games.  
Goals: Creative, Intellectual and Decisional. Emphasis will be on flexibility, lifetime health and fitness, muscular fitness and motor proficiency.  
Christian Perspective: Approaching physical education from a Christian perspective, realizing we are created in God's image and that as Christians we are temples of the Holy Spirit so we must treat our bodies carefully.

**ART:** A study of seven elements of design with various lessons focusing on these elements. Also a study of principles of design (rhythm, balance, harmony etc.) Students are encouraged to study and experiment with the various art media such as sketching, painting and 3-Dimensional art. Various cultural influences are analyzed as well as prominent pieces of art history

**FRENCH:** Text: Horizons III (Units 1-8),  
1. Verbs followed by an infinitive  
2. Express future tense  
3. Past tense of regular & irregular verbs with avoir and être  
4. Inversion and question words  
5. Expressions of quantity  
6. Adverbs  
7. y & en pronouns  
8. 1- a million  
9. Write and perform an interview  
10. Give a 20-sentence presentation  
11. Reading and analyzing various written materials  
12. Create various written works  
13. Irregular Verbs  
14. Comparative Forms