



Main Street Ministry

Chapel (1x week)	Each Wednesday, local pastors and community leaders share a Biblical message with our student body. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for our Wednesday chapels to share in worshiping God, learning about His Word and how to demonstrate biblical truth daily throughout life.
Bible Class (Daily)	Bible Lessons and Scripture Memory focus on a Biblical Worldview. In a world of so many opinions, students are taught how they can know and live according to God's truth. Lessons utilize the Word of God and BJU Press Materials. In each discipline, students are shown how the Word of God impacts all subjects and daily life.
Joy Time (Daily)	Each day at MSS begins with Joy Time with Ms. Jackie, where our student body comes together for praise, worship, and prayer, to start our school day off on a positive note. Throughout the year, each grade level showcases their musical gifts and talents. Students also receive updates about ongoing community service projects; prayer requests; school updates; and birthday celebrations! The community can enjoy this online each morning live via Facebook. 5th grade and up alternate as student leader to close Joy Time with a Bible verse and prayer.

Liberal Arts

Art (TBD by teacher)	Art is incorporated when applicable during core subjects and Spanish, and for fun as well. For example, in science students create models of the earth and in Spanish students create paper flowers and bracelets with Spanish words and phrases. Art for Kids Hub and other art activities are also utilized.
Music (2x week)	Students read, sing, and play melodies and harmonies on the staff. They also delve deeper into the art form, and focus on differing time signatures and orchestral instruments. As part of the worship choir, they sing scales with solfege and practice harmonies while incorporating dynamics to give artistic expression. Students have the opportunity to perform using voice, keyboard, string instruments, and percussion instruments for worship and Christmas/Easter concerts. Students also study music history and world music, and learn to understand the Biblical themes of music, praise, and worship for the glory of God and the enjoyment of mankind.
Physical Education/Health (Daily)	Students will learn and participate in a variety of American and international games, all of which emphasize different areas of physical coordination. Our gym time features games as widely known as soccer and basketball and as unknown as handball and speedball. We emphasize teamwork, effort, and critical thinking, all to the glory of God! Health classes teach basics about these amazing bodies and guide students in making wise choices in foods and activities all for the glory of God.
Spanish (2x week)	Hola! In Spanish, students learn the second most spoken language in the USA. Not only do they learn vocabulary and grammar but also they learn about Hispanic culture and traditions. Students learn to write, read, listen and speak in Spanish while they interact in real contexts.

Traditional Academics

Language Arts & Writing (Daily)	Students will learn to be effective with the power of their words and written communication. They will sharpen the tools of written language through grammar skills and various types of writing, which include narrative, expository, persuasive and argumentative writing.
Reading & Literature (Daily)	In BJU Press's Literature, students will be immersed in fiction and nonfiction, as well as classical and contemporary works. Longer reading selections, including novel and novella studies, will provide the students with the opportunity for in depth study. In all of the reading selections, students will discover basic Christian principles of living that should govern life. Students are expected to understand, interpret, analyze and appreciate what they read in light of specific objectives and standards.
Math (Daily)	In Abeka's Pre-Algebra, students will review basic foundations of Arithmetic, Measures - Customary and Metric, Operations with Signed Numbers, Equalities, Inequalities, Geometry, Area, Volume, the Cartesian Plane, Probability and Statistics, Polynomials. Foundations in Finance from Ramsey Solutions will focus on banking, budgeting, simple interest, insurance, and Markets. IXL is also used to reinforce concepts.
Science (Daily)	From mountain tops to deepest oceans, students will learn about God's Creation. Bob Jones Press Earth Science is exciting and teaches students science's impact on the Earth through lesson objectives and lab activities. BJU Press curriculum
American History (Daily)	Eighth grade American history provides a biblical look at the many events that formed our nation into the entity it is today. Students will be taught to think critically and biblically about American culture, ethics, and spirituality, as well as develop a deeper appreciation for their own cultural and spiritual heritages. BJU Press curriculum.

Special Considerations

Lunch & Snack Time	Daily; students are asked to bring their own lunch, snack, and drink. Students may purchase ice cream each day for \$1.00.
Local Missions	MSS students have the opportunity to volunteer their time, resources, and/or creativity, through community connections. In prior years, students have collected pet supplies for the Tazewell County Animal Shelter; visited nursing homes and senior groups to lead praise and worship; and assisted with food and clothing drives for the local food pantry.
Global Missions	MSS participates in multiple, on-going international mission projects, including: writing letters to send to children in Kenya; and participating in Operation Christmas Child.
Field Trips	Educational field trips occur regularly throughout the school year, and align with the MSS curriculum. Learning does not always have to happen in a classroom setting, and we strive to create hands-on experiences that will last a lifetime. Past and potential field trips include: Historic Crab Orchard Museum; Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze; Clinch River Farms; movie theater, Barter Theater and end of the year events.
Special Events	We love to make learning fun at MSS! A few special events in which the middle school participates, are: --Celebrating Veterans Day, the 100th Day of School, Latin America Week, and School Choice Week. --Events such as Christmas caroling in the community, and participating in end of semester, school-wide performances, Multicultural Fair
Standardized Testing	The Iowa Assessments are evidence-based standardized testing, which measure student achievement and growth against the next generation. They monitor growth of academic progress, indicate college and career readiness, and evaluate students' mastery of rigorous learning standards. Subjects tested include: language arts, reading, math, science, and social studies. The Iowa Assessment does not measure a student's IQ or cognitive ability, rather what a student has learned throughout the school year, to ensure they are on par with State and National standards. Students in 7th grade participate in the Cognitive Abilities Assessment.
Communication	Parents may expect continual, open communication with MSS teachers and administration. Important updates are shared with parents via the Bloomz App, text messaging, and newsletters.