

Dominican International School Kaohsiung



Course Syllabus

Subject: Religious Studies
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Course Description:

The students of Dominican International School embark on an exciting journey where students will understand and practice Universal and Christian values. They will appreciate love and trust as well as the importance of respecting each other and to be responsible for the environment. They will learn to be mindful of what is happening in the world and respond to the signs of the times critically, and live a moral life. As Christians and non-Christians alike, students will come to know who God is and learn about God the Creator. Students will understand that God gave us life and that He wants to be our friend as well as He wants us to be friends with others. Students will learn that Jesus' words and actions teach us how to love and serve God and others.

Course Requirements:

- The course will be conducted through lectures, discussions, practice material, projects, and student presentations. Students are strongly encouraged to raise questions and make comments in class. Participation is the key to success.
- Students are required to complete each assignment by the date that it is assigned. Staying on track with assignments will facilitate understanding of the class material.
- Assignment books are available to each student. If there is difficulty in completing the assignments, the teacher must be notified before class the next day.
- Students are encouraged to communicate concerns to teachers and ask for help as needed throughout the school year.
- Students are expected to organize their own class materials and to keep their work neat and tidy. Parents are encouraged to help students by labeling personal items with identification stickers with the student's name in English.
- Students will observe all school policies as outlined in the DISK Handbook. This includes arriving at school on time, abiding by the dress code and speaking only English on the school grounds.
- Students will observe all school policies on Academic Honesty, as outlined in the DISK Handbook. All cases of academic misconduct (such as cheating on tests or plagiarism) will automatically result in a "Fail" grade for the assignment, in addition to any sanctions that may be imposed by the School Discipline office.

Textbook:

Blest Are We: Faith in Action; The Story of Jesus, RCL Benziger, a Kentdall Hunt Company, updated 12/2018

Other References:

Bible
The Virtues Project
The Religion Teacher ([online](#)) by Jared Dees

Classroom Rules and Expectations:

Listen, learn, and practice kindness!

Class Materials Required:

Updated E-Portfolio

Assessment:

- **30%** Class Participation & Seatwork, Homework
- **30%** Minor Projects, Portfolio, Unit Tests & Major Projects
- **30%** Quarter Exam/Assessment
- **10%** Department

Quarter One - Pacing Guide	
Week	Content
Week 1	<p>Religious Studies Orientation/Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the Subject (<i>What is RS? Course Contents for the Whole quarter and Course Requirements</i>) - Grading System - Rules and Regulations - Review of the DISK Vision-Mission and Philosophy Goals - The Core Values of DISK - Saint Dominic De Guzman
Week 2	<p>Unit 1 - The Mystery of Incarnation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What do you know about Jesus? (trivia/quiz- pg 19) - The Meaning of Incarnation <p>Chapter 1: The Birth of Our Savior</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Birth of Jesus 2. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Word Made Flesh 2. Mary the Mother of God/ The Solemnity of the Assumption 3. A Prayer of Praise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)

	- Chapter Review
Week 4	Chapter 2: God With Us 1. God With Us 2. Celebration Baptism 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 5	1. The Baptism of Jesus 2. Saint Josephine Bakhita 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly), - Chapter Review
Week 6	Chapter 3: Jesus: Son of God, Son of Man 1. Jesus : Son of God, Son of Man 2. The Boy Jesus in the Temple 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 7	1. The Light of the World 2. Blessed Bernard Lichtenberg 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) - A prayer of Reflection - Chapter Review
Week 8	Chapter 4: The Prayer of Jesus 1. The Prayer of Jesus 2. The Temptation of Jesus 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 9	1. Saint Teresa of Calcutta : Prayer in Action , In God's Presence (Prayer Service), 2. Chapter Review /Unit Review 3. Unit Test - Review for Q1 Exam
Week 10	Q1 Exam Week

Quarter Two - Pacing Guide

Week	Content
Week 1	<p>Unit 2 - The Meaning of the Kingdom</p> <p>Chapter 5: The Kingdom of God</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Kingdom of God 2. The Parables of the Kingdom 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saint Damien / Saint Elizabeth of Hungary 2. Prayer for the Kingdom (Prayer Service) ; Chapter Review 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 3	<p>Chapter 6 : Servants of the Kingdom</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Servants of the Kingdom (The value of service) 2. A Marriage Blessing 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Love One Another 2. Saint John Paul II 4. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer Service - Chapter Review
Week 5	<p>Chapter 7: Working for Justice</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justice 2. Loving Your Neighbor 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Rich Young Man 2. Campaign for Human Development 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Prayer for Love and Mercy - Chapter Review
Week 7	<p>Chapter 8: A Prayer for the Kingdom</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prayer 2. The Sermon on the Mount <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trust in God 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)

Week 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saint Peter, The Rock 2. Chapter Review / Unit Review 3. Unit Test/ Q2 Exam Review
Week 9	Q2 Exam Week
Week 10	<p>Nativity Mass Christmas concert (½ day) End Semester 1</p>

Quarter Three - Pacing Guide	
Week	Content
Week 1	<p>Unit 3 - The Christian Life</p> <p>Chapter 9: Living in Christ's Service</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Living in Christ's Service 2. Giving Alms 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Second Creation Story 2. Saint Francis of Assisi 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Prayer of Saint Francis - Chapter Review
Week 3	<p>Chapter 10: Jesus, Our Eucharist</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Eucharist 2. The Bread of Life 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saint Paul the Apostle 2. A Prayer of adoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 5	<p>Chapter 11: Living in Christ's Love</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Living in Christ's Love 2. The Conditions of Discipleship

	3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Ten Commandments 2. Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Prayer for Discipleship - Chapter Review
Week 7	Chapter 12: Christ the Healer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christ the Healer 2. The Raising of Lazarus / The Miracles of Jesus 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Venerable Matt Talbot or Saint Pio of Pietrelcina 2. Chapter Review / Unit Review 3. Unit Exam, Q3 Exam preparation
Week 9	Q3 Exam Week
Week 10	Completion of requirements and Corrections

Quarter Four- Pacing Guide	
Week	Content
Week 1	Unit 4 - The Paschal Mystery Chapter 13: Jesus' Persecution <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus' Persecution 2. Jesus Prepares for His Sacrifice in Jerusalem 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Judgement of the Nations 2. Saint Joan of ARC 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Station of the Cross - Chapter review
Week 3	Chapter 14: Jesus' Passion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus' Passion 2. The Call to Repent 4. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)

Week 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter's Denial 2. Saint John The Apostle 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Prayer for Mercy - Chapter Review
Week 5	<p>Chapter 15: The Resurrection and the Call to Discipleship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Resurrection 2. Called to Serve 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saint Paul Miki and Companions 2. A Prayer for Discipleship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 7	<p>Chapter 16: Pentecost</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Coming of the Holy Spirit 2. The Advocate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflecting on the Holy Spirit - Chapter Review 3. Unit Test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q4 Exam Preparation
Week 8	Q4 Exam Week
Week 9	<p style="color: red;">Honors Assembly Closing Mass Graduation End Semester 2</p>