

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 Our Church, 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 Marks of the Church</p> <p>Chapter 1: APOSTOLIC: Founded on the Apostles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Early Christian Community 2. The Vision of Peter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Church Community is Born

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter is Chosen 2. Peter's Message Continues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 4	<p>Chapter 2: HOLY: Jesus Christ in the Sacraments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Origin of the Sunday Mass 2. Breaking Bread Together 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Eucharist 2. Saint Therese of the Child Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Eucharistic Prayer II 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review
Week 6	<p>Chapter 3: CATHOLIC: Open and Respectful of All</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catholic: Open and Respectful of All 2. The Council of Jerusalem 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Together in Jesus 2. Two Popes (Pope Pius IX and Pope John XXIII) 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review
Week 8	<p>Chapter 4: ONE: Praying for Unity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One: Praying for Unity 2. Speaking in Tongues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pentecost 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Lord's Prayer
Week 9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unity and Variety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saint Helena 2. Chapter Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faith in Action 3. Unit Review / Unit Test

Week 10	Q1 Exam Week
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Quarter Two - Pacing Guide	
Week	Content
Week 1	<p>Unit 2 - The Growth of Christendom</p> <p>Chapter 5: Councils, Cultures, and Conflicts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councils, Cultures, and Conflicts 2. Before the Time of Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Psalms 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council of Nicea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stand Firm 2. Saint Leo the Great 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review
Week 3	<p>Chapter 6: Liturgy and Unity, worship and Beauty</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early Celebrations of the Eucharist 2. The Universal Catholic Church 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building a Cathedral 2. A Eucharistic Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 5	<p>Chapter 7: The Church and the Empire</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Church and the Empire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Augustine and the Kingdom 2. Christianity and Authority 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Challenge of Discipleship 2. Different Types of Laws 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Prayer of Meditation - Chapter Review
Week 7	Chapter 8: Prayer for Understanding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. King Solomon's Wisdom 2. Faith Express Through Art 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Pope Works for Reconciliation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating an Icon 2. Chapter Review 3. Unit Review, Unit Test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exam prep
Week 9	Q2 Exam Week
Week 10	Nativity Mass Dec Christmas concert (½ day) End Semester 1

Quarter Three - Pacing Guide	
Week	Content
Week 1	Unit 3 - The Age of Faith and Beauty Chapter 9: Faith Expressed and Lived <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Book of Revelation 2. A God-Centered Life 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Live in the Light 2. Saint Thomas Aquinas 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Divine Reading - Chapter Review
Week 3	Chapter 10: Mass in the Cathedral <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biblical Mountains 2. Medieval Christianity 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)

Week 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Holy Day 2. The Gothic Cathedral 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review - Meditation Prayer
Week 5	<p>Chapter 11: The Quest for Salvation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary, the New Eve 2. Defending God's Will 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Treasure in Heaven 2. Galileo's Daughter 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review
Week 7	<p>Chapter 12: Devotions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Devotions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John the Baptist 2. The Imitation of Christ 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stations of the Cross 2. The Rosary 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review
Week 9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faith in Action 2. Unit Review , Unit Test 3. Exam Prep
Week 10	Q3 Exam Week

Quarter Four- Pacing Guide	
Week	Content
Week 1	Unit 4 - Reason, Rebellion, and Reform

	<p>Chapter 13: A Time For Reform</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A time for Reform 2. The New Covenant 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Need for Reform 2. Words Are Not Enough <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saint Teresa of Jesus and Saint John of the Cross 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review
Week 3	<p>Chapter 14: Forgiveness and Reconciliation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forgiveness and Reconciliation 2. The Lord's Prayer 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Rite of Penance Develops 2. Who Can Forgive Sins? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Penitential Celebration - A Prayer for Mercy 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review
Week 5	<p>Chapter 15: Morality and Salvation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eucharistic Prayers Among Early Christians 2. The Choice of Heaven <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saved by Faith Alone 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choosing the Path of Salvation 2. Doctors of the Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Prayer for Trust 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapter Review
Week 7	<p>Chapter 16: Seeking A Common Prayer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seeking a Common Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Parable of the Mustard Seed 2. Religion and Democracy 3. SEL or Lectio Divina (Gospel Readings and Reflection for Monday Assembly)
Week 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worship and Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liturgy of the Hour

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Father Ferdinand Farmer 2. Chapter Review 3. Unit Test and Review for Q4 Exam
Week 9	Q4 Core Subject Exams
Week 10	<p style="color: red; margin: 0;"> Honors Assembly Closing Mass May Graduation (½ day) End Semester 2 </p>