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RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1
Grade Level	1
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Religious Studies fosters the holistic formation of young learners, guiding them to become constructive, God-centered contributors to society. Rooted in Dominican values—love of study, prayer, community, and service—this course nurtures both intellect and spirit.

Our first graders embark on an inspiring journey into Universal and Christian values. Through spiritual reflection, ethical thinking, and faith-centered decision-making, they grow in understanding and cultivate a meaningful relationship with God. They develop knowledge, insight, and skills that align with God's will in the world around them.

Throughout the year, students enrich their spiritual lives through prayer, faith formation activities, and communal sharing. They come to experience the beauty and goodness of creation, learn that Jesus desires friendship with each of them, and discover that His kingdom welcomes all.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of the semester, (SWBAT) Students will be able to:

WORD: Through the Sacred Scripture's immersion students will understand that God speaks and invites us to be more like Jesus. It will help them discover that listening carefully to the Scripture readings put us in touch with God and his plan for our lives. Learners will be able to identify that everything that surrounds us (family, school and communities) will be impacted and leads us to a meaningful connection of love with one another. The Scripture will help the children to become more familiar with the Bible and take advantage of opportunities to read from it.

WITNESS: Learners understand that the mission of Christians is to help, love and serve others. They will realize how Church members care for one another, pray together, share, and help those in need. Through Jesus' example they learn how to act like the first Christians, open their hearts and minds of those around them to Christ. They demonstrate by words, actions and behavior that what they experienced will help them reach others and bring them to Christ.



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WORSHIP: Enhancing faith formation will be reflected in worship for our students. Learners come to a fuller understanding of the Church's liturgy and enables them to participate more fully in it through different kinds of prayers, including some of the prayers prayed by the worshipping assembly during the liturgy. Students will experience praying with God's word as a way of getting closer to Jesus and worship him by loving and serving others.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

- Blest Are We (Grade One)
- Faith in Action - RCL Benziger (a Kendall Hunt Company)

GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

Part 1: Academic (50 %)

Section A: Homework, Seatwork, Projects.....16.66%

NOTE: *Attendance will be included in the RS grading system.*

Section B: Quizzes.....16.67%

Section C. Major Quarterly Exam.....16.67%

Part 2: Deportment/Behavior (50 %)

- Truthful.....19 points
- Organized.....19 points
- Reflective.....19 points
- Courageous.....19 points
- Helpful.....19 points
- TOTAL.....95 points**

Note: *The highest possible grade students can get every quarter in Deportment is 95 points in conformity with the current grading system. **Students are guided how to do deportment self-evaluation truthfully and reflectively.***

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.
- *There will be NO Homework to be given during the weekend except during major exams or quizzes. It is to give students a chance to spend quality time with their family.*

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS.



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Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work;
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.

First Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (August 12 to 15) 4 days of class 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction • Overview of the Subject & Meet the Teacher (What is RS?) • Rules and Regulations • Review: DIS Vision-Mission and Philosophy • D'TORCH values and Dominican Ethos • Basic Prayers • Students' Profile
Week 2 (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation Patron Saint of DIS – St. Dominic • Introduction of the School's Patron Saint • Life of the Class Saint – Bl. Mannes de Guzman / Bl. Diana • Activity: Class collaborative poster about their class's Saint
Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk -	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 1: We Belong to Jesus' Church



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"Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	- Everyone belongs to a Family. (Isaiah 43:1) Activity: In My Neighborhood (Activities & Projects -1a) Scripture: The Good Shepherd (John 10:2-14) - We Follow Jesus Activity: The Good Shepherd (Jesus is the Shepherd and we are the sheep).
Week 4 (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 1: We Belong to Jesus' Church Scripture: Following Jesus (John 13:33-35) - Our Church Teaches – We are a community in the Catholic Church - One Sunday Morning – Things that Catholics do - Read the book <i>Swimmy</i> by Leo Lionni – Learning: How Jesus Leads Us - The Sign of the Cross - Chapter 1 Review (pp. 31-32)
Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 2: We Gather to Celebrate Mass - Catholics gather in church (Matthew 18:20) Activity: In My Church Worship: We Gather Together - The Greeting at Mass Scripture: Jesus is with Us (Matthew 18:20) - Our Catholic community - Parish
Week 6 (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 1: We Belong to Jesus' Church & Ch. 2: We Gather to Celebrate Mass - Objects inside a Catholic church - Taking a Church Tour / Virtual Tour - Practice for the Mass - Review: Parts of the Mass - Chapter 2 Review - Chapter 1 and 2 Assessment
Week 7 (September 22 to 26)	Unit 1: Our Church Community – Ch. 3: God's Word Teaches Us



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22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace-Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration & 26-Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days	▪ Scripture: Listening to God's word (Luke 11:28) ▪ Activity: Listen and Learn (Activities & Projects - 3a) ▪ Learning in many ways ▪ A Man Learns About God (Apostles 8:26-39) ▪ The Storm at Sea (Luke 8: 22-25) ▪ The Bible is the written Word of God ▪ Saint Augustine ▪ Chapter Review 3 Unit 1 Review for Quarter Exam
Week 8 (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)	Religious Studies First Quarter Exam
<i>Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)</i>	

Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
	<i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i>



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7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)

Week 1 (11) (October 13 to 17) 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline 15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	Unit: Holy Rosary ▪ Mother Mary as an example of love, patience, and obedience ▪ Rosary's mysteries ▪ Activity: Holy Rosary Collaborative poster ▪ Reflection on the Holy Rosary as a way of life
Week 2 (12) (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)	Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 5: God is Our Loving Father • God made all things • Activity: Gifts from Our Loving Father (Activities & Projects -5a) & Nature Walk • Scripture: Good Creates the World (The Book of Genesis) • God's Wonderful World • Activity: Creation Spinner
Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 5: God is Our Loving Father • Scripture: God Creates People (Genesis 1:26-31,2:3) • Our Church Teaches about our Creator • Activity: Making Models of Creation • Caring for Creation • Activity: Gifts from Our Loving Father and God Our Creator • Chapter 5 Review & Assessment
Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly)	Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 6: Baptism is a Wonderful Gift • Rite of Baptism: The Christian community welcomes you with great joy. • Welcoming People



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5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	• Baptism Welcomes Us (Rite of Baptism 111,124) • Sacrament of Baptism • Baptism takes away our sins
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Unit 2: Our Loving God – Ch. 6: Baptism is a Wonderful Gift • Rite of Baptism: The Christian community welcomes you with great joy. • Baptism Rite • Grace a gift of God's life • Saint Kateri Tekakwitha • Ways to follow Jesus • Chapter 6 Review & Assessment
Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	Unit 3: God's Son, Jesus – Ch. 9: Jesus is God's Son • Scripture: The Good News (Luke 1: 26-38) • Sharing the Good News • Activity: Sharing Good News (Activities & Projects - 9a) • Mary Said Yes • Activity: Saying Yes to God
Week 7 (17) (November 24 to 28) 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days 27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff 27- Thanksgiving Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	Unit 3: God's Son, Jesus –Ch. 9: Jesus is God's Son • Scripture: Jesus is Born (Luke 1:26-38) • Our Church Teaches - Jesus is our Savior • Telling the Good News of Jesus' Birth • A good news Echo Prayer • Chapter 9 Review



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<i>Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)</i>	
Week 8 (18) (December 1 to 5) 1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry) 5- Christmas Fair Whole Day	<i>Preparation & Presentation of Project – Based Exam</i>
Week 9 (19) (December 8 to 12) 8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half day) 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8- Second Week of Advent 10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion 11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)	<i>Preparation & Presentation of Project – Based Exam</i>
<i>December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)</i>	
<i>December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break</i>	

“Kindling the Light of Faith, Hope, and Love: The Legacy of St. Dominic de Guzmán”