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RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	RELIGIOUS STUDIES 2
Grade Level	2
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Second graders embark on a meaningful journey of discovering and practicing both Universal and Christian values. They will grow in their appreciation for the beauty and goodness of creation, learning to recognize the many blessings God has given and the importance of offering gratitude in return.

Whether Christian or non-Christian, students will come to understand that they are created in the image of God and are deeply loved. They will learn the value of mutual respect and begin to see themselves as important members of their class and the wider school community. Through asking questions, expressing creativity, and exploring their curiosity, students will begin to make sense of the world around them in a collaborative and engaging environment.

This subject is rooted in the school's mission: to provide a GOD-CENTERED EDUCATION that fosters critical thinking and prepares students to become valuable, constructive members of a diverse society. We also recognize and support the vital role of parents as the child's first educators and work in partnership with them to achieve our shared goals.

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

WORD: Through the Sacred Scripture's immersion students will be inspired by the Word of God. Along with the narratives of God's relationship with the Israelites in the Old Testament, and the life and teaching of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, learners will have a better understanding and express the faith of the Church and put it into action. With a variety of age-appropriate lessons, teachings and customs, students will be able to place the faith concepts they will learn within the context of their broader life experiences.

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



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reach others and bring them to Christ. Also, as a practice of love, students will Share the Good News with others.

WORSHIP: Enhancing faith formation will be reflected in our students' worship of God. Learners will be guided to come to a fuller understanding of the Church's liturgy and enable them to participate in it more fully as a way of communicating with God. Through different prayers, learnings, readings and music, students will recognize God's voice in their lives and answer him through worshipping prayers. As students gather for a time of worship, God reminds them of his promises and makes them feel loved by him.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

- Blest Are We (Grade Two)
- 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.*



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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.

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	Religious Studies Orientation/ Introduction Continuation Patron Saint of DIS – St. Dominic • Introduction of the School's Patron Saint • Life of the Class Saint – St. John Macias / Bl. Cecilia • Activity: Class collaborative poster about their class's Saint



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and Club Sign-up	
Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 1: Our Church Welcomes Us • Explore communities • Activity: Community Actions (Activities & Projects - 1a) • Scripture: A warm welcome (Luke 5: 27 - 29) • God's People • Bodily/Kinesthetic: Practicing Hospitality Skills
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: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 1: Our Church Welcomes Us • Scripture: The People of God (Corinthians 12:12 -27) • Our Church Teaches • We welcome everyone as followers of Jesus • Activity: Caring for Others (p. 31) • Chapter Review 1
Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 3: Our Church Shows Us How to Live • Identify heroes in the world (John 13:35) • Activity: Honoring Heroes (Activities & Projects - 3a) • Scripture: The Real Hero (Luke 10:29 - 35) • Saints as Heroes • Activity: The Good Samaritan • Mary and Other Saints
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: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 3: Our Church Shows Us How to Live • Chapter Review 3 • Assessment for Ch. 1 & 3



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Week 7 (September 22 to 26) 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	Unit 1: We Gather as Believers – Ch. 4: We Praise and Thank God • <i>King David Gives Thanks (Psalm 92:1-5)</i> • <i>The Songs of King David (Psalm 148 and 118)</i> • <i>Glory to God Song</i> • <i>A Prayer of Praise and Thanks</i> • <i>Chapter Review 4</i> 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 II First Quarter Exam
<i>Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)</i>	



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Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i>	
<i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i>	
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 ▪ Activity: Holy Rosary Collaborative poster ▪ Rosary's mysteries ▪ 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: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good ● Choosing Good (Deuteronomy 30:20) ● Activity: A Game of Choices Project Unit 2 ● Scripture: The Forgiving Father (Luke 15: 11-24) ● Knowing Right from Wrong ● Activity: Making Choices (Activities & Projects - 5a)
Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good ● Scripture: Saul Changes His Life (Apostles 9: 1 -20) ● Our Church Teaches ● Saint Paula Frassinetti ● Practicing Good Choices ● Chapter Review 5



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Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 6: We Celebrate God's Forgiveness ● Scripture: Jesus Forgives (Luke 7:36-38, 47-50) ● Concept of Reconciliation ● Activity: Making Up ● Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation ● A Sacrament of Healing
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 6: We Celebrate God's Forgiveness ● Our Church Teaches ● Time to Ask for Forgiveness ● Activity: Celebrating God's Forgiveness (Activities & Projects – 6b) ● Ways to Follow Jesus by making good choices ● Chapter 6 Review
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 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 6: We Celebrate God's Forgiveness ● Story: "A Time to Ask for Forgiveness" ● Daily situations to ask for forgiveness ● Illustrate Jesus and the story completed by them ● Illustration through Penance and Reconciliation
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	Unit 2: We Ask God's Forgiveness – Ch. 5: We Can Choose What Is Good & Ch. 6: We Celebrate God's Forgiveness ● Ch. 5 and Ch. 6 Assessment



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Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	
<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	• Advent and Christmas Preparation • Class Christmas' decoration <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”