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COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025-2026
Subject	Social Studies
Grade Level	Grade 1
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Grade 1 Social Studies offers an introductory glance at the physical and human characteristics of places and people around us. It gives students new insights into their neighborhoods and communities that will help them make connections to the larger world around them.

Students learn to value similarities and differences of families and the interdependence among family members. They will also begin to uncover the diversity of different cultures surrounding them. They will learn about the interrelatedness of geography and history, and social and cultural issues that can widen their sense of empathy.

They will also begin to identify map locations, and different kinds of environments. Students will learn and read graphics and maps, and identify facts.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of the semester/school year, students will be able to:

- Identify and describe the physical and human characteristics of their neighborhoods and communities.
- Recognize and appreciate the similarities and differences among families, and understand the interdependence of family members.
- Explore and appreciate the diversity of cultures in their community and the larger world.
- Understand the interrelationship between geography and history, and how they shape societies.
- Develop empathy through the study of social and cultural issues.



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- Identify and locate different environments and places on a map.
- Read and interpret simple graphics and maps to identify facts.
- Make connections between their immediate surroundings and the larger world around them.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

Bennett, L. B. & Kracht, J. B. (2019). My World Social Studies Interactive 1. Savvas Learning Company. USA

GRADING SYSTEM/ASSESSMENT:

Students will be continuously assessed during all class activities. Students' participation in class activities, how much they challenge themselves to contribute orally to meet the task given, responding to peers and to teacher's input, offering their own ideas and experiences, and short quizzes are parts of formative assessments. Summative assessments are given once every quarter. Students will take quizzes and quarter tests to assess their content knowledge. Quizzes and tests will relate to current and previous topics. The assessments will provide students with feedback to determine whether the Common Core standards learning objectives have been met.

Students absent from class on the day of a quiz or test will be required to take it at a later time.

Every quarter, each student will receive grades based on the following criteria:

- ☐ 30% Classwork, Homework, Class participation
- ☐ 30% Quizzes
- ☐ 30% Quarterly Exams
- ☐ 10% Deportment (behavior in class based on the school's SLOs – truthful, organized, courageous, reflective, helpful)

Total: 100 %

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.

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



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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	Map and Graph Skills
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	Chapter 1, Lesson 1: Acting as Good Citizens
Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	Chapter 1, Lesson 2: Rights and Responsibilities
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	Chapter 1, Lesson 3: Following Rules and Laws
Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction	Chapter 1, Lesson 4: My Leaders



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10- House Mini Games Start	
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	Chapter 1, Lesson 5: My Government
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	Chapter 1, Lesson 6: Making Choices in Government
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)	1st Quarter Exams
<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>	
<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 -	Chapter 2, Lesson 1: Our Community



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College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	
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)	Chapter 2, Lesson 2: Finding Places
Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Chapter 2, Lesson 3: Maps and Models
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	Chapter 2, Lesson 4: Continents and Oceans
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Chapter 2, Lesson 5: My State
Week 6 (16) (November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	Chapter 4, Lesson 1: Measuring Time?
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	Chapter 4, Lesson 2: Schools and Communities Past and Present
<i>Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)</i>	
Week 8 (18)	Chapter 4, Lesson 3: Daily Life Past and Present



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(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	
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)	2nd Quarter Exams
<i>December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)</i>	
<i>December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break</i>	

Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)</i>	
Week 1 (20) (January 5 to 9) 5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts 6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	Chapter 4, Lesson 4: Changes in Technology and Transportation
Week 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	Chapter 6, Lesson 1: Needs, Wants and Choices
Week 3 (22) (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	Chapter 6, Lesson 2: Goods and Services



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Week 4 (23) (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert	Chapter 6, Lesson 3: Producers and Consumers
Week 5 (24) (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUAO Recollection for MS	Chapter 6, Lesson 4: We Spend, Budget and Save
Week 6 (25) (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26 13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline 13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration	Chapter 6, Lesson 5: Specialized Work
<i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (26) (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days	Chapter 5, Lesson 1: What is culture?
<i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i>	
Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test	Chapter 5, Lesson 2: Customs, Traditions and Celebrations
Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)	Chapter 5, Lesson 3: Shared Culture 3rd Quarter Exams



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Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

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Week 1 (29) (March 16 to 20) 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) 16-20- Faculty & Staff Yearbook Photo 17- Fourth Quarter Begins 18-21- EARCOS Teachers' Conference 19- Lectio Divina and Feast of St. Joseph 20- Parents Learning Community Meeting 20- Kindilympics 20-House Movie Night and Club Fair	Chapter 3, Lesson 1: We Are Americans
<i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i>	
Week 2 (30) (March 23 to 27) 23-27 Student Leaders Applicant Interviews 26- Annual Visit to World Religion Museum Gr. 11 27- Lower School Readers Theatre	Chapter 3, Lesson 2: American Symbols Literacy Skills: Cause and Effect
<i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i>	
Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students	Chapter 3, Lesson 3: American Documents
Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17) 13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test	Chapter 3, Lesson 4: American Songs
Week 5 (33) (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign 20-24 AP Mock Exams	Chapter 3, Lesson 5: American Heroes



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Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30) 27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days	Chapter 3, Lesson 6: Our National Holidays
<i>May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (35) (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning & Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams	American States and Their Capital
Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam—Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days	4 th Quarter Exams
<i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i>	
Week 9 (37) (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass 19- Gr. 8 Recollection & Mass 20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 & 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle & High School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn Over Ceremony	End of the Year Activities
Week 10 (38) (May 25 to 29) 25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12	End of the Year Activities



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Graduation
27- Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4,
6 & 7, 9-11 Recognition
Last Day of School, Report Card
28- Distribution, & Class Party
(half day)
29- Last day for Teachers/Staff
Meeting

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