

Eighth Grade Religion

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Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year! I am eager to continue to get to know all of you, and I am confident that this will be a productive and worthwhile school year. Here is an overview of my expectations.

Books and Materials Needed

- Bible
- *CHOSEN Your Journey Toward Confirmation* book
- Loose leaf paper
- Folder
- Notebook
- Chromebook

Gradebook

35% tests & quizzes; 30% projects; 25% homework; 10% participation

The following are the cutoff % for grades.

A+	99	C+	83
A	95	C	79
A-	93	C-	77
B+	91	D+	75
B	87	D	71
B-	85	D-	69

Curriculum

Prayer - The class will recite a decade of the Rosary each day and focus on a specific Mystery of the Rosary.

Saint of the Day - During each class period, students will be introduced to a new saint, most likely whomever is celebrating a feast that day. At the conclusion of most weeks, students will take a brief quiz covering some of the facts they have learned about the saints.

CHOSEN - This is the book that will be utilized regularly. It contains material for Confirmation preparation and for life after making the Sacrament.

Other relevant activities and lessons will be completed throughout the year to supplement the primary materials.

Key Dates and Deadlines

September 21 - Confirmation Info Sheets due

October 13 - Day of the Spirit Retreat

November 4 - Sponsor Meeting

November 23 - Saint Reports due

January 11 - Red Service Books and Letter to Pastor due

February 21 - Confirmation Practice

February 23 - Confirmation

Discipline & Late Work

Please refer to the handbook and the junior high behavior policy for how all issues will be solved. Students are expected to display respect and Christian values not only in the classroom, but also at church, in the hallways, in the lunchroom, on the playground, and outside upon dismissal.

Re-take Policy

All retakes are at teacher discretion.

Students will be allowed to retake a test under the following conditions:

1. If the student earns a 76% or below
2. The student must independently take the initiative to approach the teacher within two days of receiving their graded test about his/her concern
3. All homework assignments related to the tested material must have been completed prior to the test

4. The student must arrange a time before/after school that fits the teacher's availability

Extra Help

Please contact me in advance if your child would like to come before or after school for extra help with assignments, projects, etc.