

Syllabus

Course: Religious Studies
Grade: Seven
2009-10

A. Course Description

The religious studies program encourages an educational and transformative experience of the mysteries of God revealed through the person of Jesus Christ, traditions of the Catholic Church and Church history, and reflection on Christian scripture. One unit is dedicated to human sexuality including a Catholic/Christian response to the AIDS crisis and substance abuse education. The goal is to instill Christian/moral values and to develop students “self” identity as rooted in these values.

B. Goals of the Class

The goal of the religious studies program is to cultivate discerning, moral, and caring young woman of Christian/ethical stature. The girls develop understanding, tolerance, and peace towards different religious beliefs and acknowledge truths found in a diversity of religious traditions.

Students demonstrate their responsibility for making the world a better place by performing documented hours of service to the community. The students recognize the goodness, courage, and needs of others through the discussion of various newspaper and magazine articles.

C. Grading Policy

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
59-0	F

D. Required Text

Come Follow Me Benziger

Family Life Benziger

E. General Expectations

Students are expected to experience an understanding, knowledge, and respect for the basic traditions, practices, and beliefs of the catholic faith as well as those contained in other faith traditions. Students exhibit this knowledge through class participation, preparation of prayer services, leading group prayer, and participation in a retreat. They will complete the reading assignments and questions for reflection. One research paper will be assigned.

- Class Participation – Students are expected to interact and dialogue with the class group as well as small groups within the class. Critical thinking, questions, and discussion are readily encouraged.
- Make-up Tests – These must be completed within a reasonable amount of time. It is up to the student to make arrangements with the teacher.
- Extra Credit – If a student demonstrated a need for extra credit to raise her grade and request it within a reasonable time period, extra work will be assigned
- Research Paper – Students are assigned an individual whose life and actions have exemplified Christian principles and type a two page paper. Students are given a guide of pertinent points to be addressed.

A short reflection may also be assigned on topics such as peace, Catholic saints, or other heroic/moral persons.

F. Supplemental Reading

Break Through (Bible for Young Catholics)