

7th Grade Religion

Dear Parent(s):

I am very excited to have the opportunity to meet and become acquainted with both the students and parents of this 7th grade class. I feel privileged to be a part of this vital area of the 7th grade curriculum with all of you.

The 7th grade Religion curriculum will look at the life events, ministry, and message of Jesus. We will look at our own commitments to living out our Catholic faith in our relationships, prayer, and service to others.

We will focus on the New Testament as well as use our supporting text entitled *Blest Are We-The Story of Jesus*. We will respond to what we have learned with discussions, written reflections, prayer and acts of service.

The 7th grade Religion curriculum also focuses on world religions. We will be learning about the various origins, traditions and beliefs of many religions. We will be discussing their similarities and differences as well as their prevalence in our society.

Typically, there will be less homework in Religion than in other classes. Much of what we do happens during class time. Class participation will be a very important component of a student's grade. Class participation includes contributing to class discussions as well as leading prayer time. Students will be tested on material presented and discussed in class. Various projects and assignments will also be given throughout the year.

Students will also be required to complete five hours (minimum) of service each trimester. Service hours can be attained by a student donating hours of their own time or taking part in a group service project. Service hours performed for a student's family are to be above and beyond their regular family obligations. If you have any questions or suggestions pertaining to service hours, please contact me. Students will also be required to keep track of their service hours and be accountable by turning in a form listing the type of service completed as well as the number of hours.

Please know that I am looking forward to a wonderful year with your child. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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