

## Eighth Grade Religion Syllabus

Mr. Lee

**Tests** - You will be given at least one week's notice as to when a unit test will be given. Unit tests cover the material on the units as listed in your religion book. Once a month there will be a quiz on the prayer that we learned/re-learned in class. Once a prayer has been taught/re-taught in class it can show up on any future test.

**Quizzes** - You will be given approximately two day's notice as to when a quiz will be given. Once a prayer has been taught/re-taught in class it can show up on any future quiz.

**Journals** - At the beginning of most classes, you will be given a topic to write about in your Religion notebook. The topic could be anything from your feelings about an issue to a reflection on a Bible passage. Journal entries should be at least 1 paragraph and demonstrate an 8<sup>th</sup> grade writing level. Journals are graded on effort and the amount of thought that has gone into the entries. Initially, late journals will be entered into the grade book as a zero. When it is turned in, it will be given partial credit. Missing journals are reported to your parents on your grade sheet. At the end of the quarter, borderline grades will be raised if late work has been turned in.

**Class Work** - Class work assignments are typically taken from your Religion book and should be completed in your Religion notebook during class. Initially, late class work will be entered into the grade book as a zero. Missing class work is reported to your parents on your grade sheet. When it is turned in, it will be given partial credit. At the end of the quarter, borderline grades will be raised if late work has been turned in.

**Homework** - The purpose of homework is to give you time to reflect on the material that we covered in class that day. If you choose not to do your homework, not only will your homework grade suffer, but your test scores will falter. Missing homework is reported to your parents on your grade sheet. Initially, late homework will be entered into the grade book as a zero. When it is turned in, it will be given partial credit. At the end of the quarter, borderline grades will be raised only if late work has been turned in.

**Class participation** - In order to have interesting discussions, it is important for everyone to participate. Participation includes partaking in discussion groups, class discussions, prayers and liturgies, as well as, group projects and singing.

**Monthly prayer** - Once a month a different prayer is taught/re-taught to the class:

**September** - Prayer of St. Francis

**October** - Morning Offering

**November** - Act of Contrition

**December** - Gloria

**January** - Memorare

**February** - Nicene Creed

**March** - The Beatitudes

**April** - Hail, Holy Queen

**May** - Come Holy Spirit

**Grading** - Grades are based on weighted categories. Some items are more important than others and will be weighted more heavily. Your quarter grade will be determined by the following breakdown:

40%	Tests	30%	Journals, Class Work, Homework
20%	Quizzes	10%	Participation

You will receive a grade report after each major test. Just adding up points will not give you your grade. If you have questions about your grade, please ask me about it. Parents will be required to sign these grade reports. All signatures must be turned in the next school day. Students will not be allowed to go bring in signatures after school or later in the day to avoid a detention. Failure to return a signed grade sheet on time will result in a 1-hour detention.