

Grades 6-8 Computer 2009-2010

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Description: Consistent with the prescribed curriculum guidelines of the Diocese of Monterey for Computer And Technologies and conforming to Good Shepherd's Curriculum (revised Spring 2006), this course will focus on the continued development and nurturing of the appropriate computer and technological skills that will allow the students the best opportunity to succeed in school and in life in the future.

Objectives.

The student will demonstrate the qualities of an Active Christian who:

- values the teachings of Jesus and demonstrates them by showing respect to the teacher, their classmates and the world...
- knows and honors Catholic doctrine
- appreciates that other people, cultures and nature are all a part of God's creation
- understands and utilizes the elements of technology in a thoughtful, safe and respectable way.

The student will develop the necessary awareness and knowledge of computers and technology to become a Life Long Learner who:

- has an adequate age and grade level appropriate typing skill.
- utilizes word processing programs and features to compose and complete a variety of assignments.
- demonstrates the ability to utilize the internet for conducting research effectively.
- can organize data and produce spreadsheets and graphs.
- master clip art and create slide shows.
- works cooperatively with others, demonstrating tolerance and respect

The student is a Globally Aware Individual who:

- uses technology to learn more about the world around us.
- develops the skills to communicate with others and appreciate their differences
- integrates computer skills to advance knowledge and complete assignments in other subject areas.

Materials.

Dell Computers, keyboards, mouse and head phones.

Windows Operating System XP.

A variety of age appropriate, educational programs and applications, including (but not exclusive to); *Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and Power Point), That Spelling Is Right?, Super Science Show, Type To Learn, and much more!*

Online resources, handouts and supplemental publications as provided.

External storage devices may be necessary.

*All technological related materials listed above are provided for use by all students in the Good Shepherd School Computer Lab, with the possible exception of the external storage devices. Allowances can be made when necessary. Though it is highly recommended that students have their own external storage devices, should saving work be necessary for use elsewhere.

Rules Of Internet Safety

- E-Mail and Instant Messaging (IM) is prohibited.
- Games and websites containing inappropriate material and content are prohibited.
- When and if in doubt check with the instructor FIRST!
- For more details consult the Good Shepherd Family Handbook.
- Deliberate violations of said rules WILL result in the suspension of your PRIVILEGE to participate in the class and use the computers at school.

Requirements & Assignments. There are 4 categories of requirements weighted as follows:

Class Work	50%
Conduct	20%
Effort	20%
Exam(s)	10%

When assigned, projects of larger magnitude and/or effort may be assessed according to a test or participation grade.

Where appropriate students will provide me with a self-assessment of their participation and effort before formal grades are distributed periodically (progress reports and report cards). They may be asked also to provide self-assessments on other assignments throughout the year. For projects and some class work activities students may be asked to assess one another.

Participation grades should reflect active listening and contribution to class discussions. Students do not have to be right when they share with the class, but their comments should reflect critical thinking and healthy reflection.

Students are urged to keep their assignments, notes and work in a one-inch binder that will be used for Computer and Library assignments.. Work should not be thrown away or discarded, as tests and projects may require them to study previous activities in order to demonstrate growth and learning.

For most special assignments and projects, rubrics will be provided to students on the day a project is announced, so as to provide them a clear set of expectations on how the assignment is to be assessed and evaluated (graded). Adequate time will be provided to complete individual and group projects.

Grading

In accordance with the Good Shepherd Family Handbook students will receive letter grades for this class. Grades may include + or – values where appropriate (i.e. A-, B+, B-, etc)

Late Work Policy:

- Generally I WILL NOT accept late work. Adequate time is provided in class to complete all assignments. There is no “homework” given, except in the case of preparing for an exam. Special dispensations will be granted under special circumstances.

For make up work due to unavoidable absences please review the Family Handbook p.10.