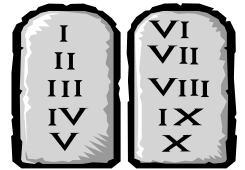


# Good Shepherd Catholic School

Year 2009/2010, Ms Garske



## Welcome to Middle School

### Community Through The Ages.

The Middle School Religion curriculum is a lectionary-based curriculum where students will focus on how the history of the church has shaped who we are as community today, and who they will be as men and women of the future.

**6th Grade** will be focused on the Old Testament, from Abraham through Exodus, the Prophets and the Maccabean revolt.

**7th Grade** will be investigating the New Testament starting with the birth of Jesus and moving through his life, ministry, death and resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

**8th grade** will be exploring the development of the modern Catholic Church,

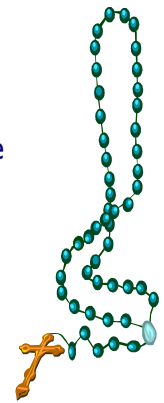
starting from the Early Christians, the medieval church, the Renaissance through the Ecumenical Councils.

**Assessment** of student learning will be done in a variety of ways; research reports, tests, quizzes projects, and personal reflections.

**Homework** will be assigned 2-3 times per week to help students contemplate, discuss and apply new knowledge to their everyday lives. Many assignments will involve students discussing topics with their parents. I do NOT need to know the details of the conversation, I just need to know that the conversation took place. A parent signature confirming that the homework assignment was discussed will serve as



credit. Homework should take no longer than 20 minutes a night, depending on the ability of the student. It is due the next class period unless otherwise noted. **Late work** is accepted ONLY with an "It's Not Late" pass, which students will receive a limited number of the first week of school. It is better to turn in an incomplete assignment on time! If a student is struggling with an assignment, please contact me BEFORE the assignment is due. This allows me to assist the student and adjust due dates, if needed. If a student needs help with any work, I am available most days after school and in homework club once a week.



### Grade Scale

97—100%	A
94—96%	A-
90—93%	B+
86—89%	B
83—85%	B-
79—82%	C+
74—78%	C
70—73%	C-
68—69%	D+
65—66%	D
63—64%	D-
Below 63%	F

### Required Daily Supplies:

- Binder/binder paper
- Pen/pencils & erasers
- Pencil sharpener
- Hole reinforcers
- 4 highlighters
- 12 colored pencils
- Assignment Book
- Completed Homework
- **Leave covered textbook AT HOME!**

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## Rules Of The Road

Every middle school student is expected to maintain proper behavior in and outside of the classroom. The classroom rules are simple.

### 1) Be Respectful

- Of other people's feelings
- Of other people's belongings
- Of school equipment and materials
- Of Ms. Garske
- Of class animals
- Of other people's and your own learning needs.

### 2) Be Responsible

- Bring your own supplies every day
- Bring completed assignments to class
- Do your part in class and team activities
- Help others to focus in class
- Act in a safe manner at all times
- Use class supplies only for their intended use

## Community Service

As Catholics, we are called to serve each other and our communities as Jesus served the sick and the poor in his ministry. To encourage this practice, all middle school students will be participating in a minimum of 5 hours of community service per trimester. This can be done individually, in teams, within your family, in your local neighborhood, at school, or in your parish/faith community. The purpose is to stretch the students out of their comfort zone and help them build a sense of compassion and stewardship for others and our Earth. Please talk with your student about what they would like to do. Students will keep a time card that will need to be signed by the supervisor of the community service project. A project outline and requirements will be sent home at the end of the first week of school.



I have read and understand  
this course outline.

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Student Initials

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Parent Initials