

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

- Pope Francis

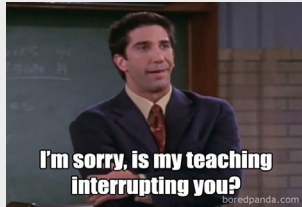


RULES & EXPECTATIONS

1. Be on time.



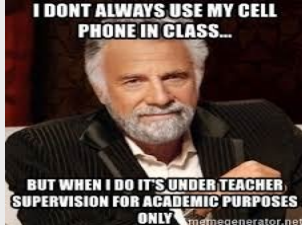
2. Listen when others speak.



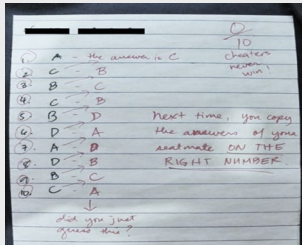
3. Show respect.



4. Use electronics correctly.



5. Do your own work.



6. Follow up on missing work.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Seniors – Living as a Disciple of Christ/Vocations

Juniors – Sacraments/Morality

Sophomores – The Paschal Mystery/The Church

Freshmen – The Bible/The Person of Jesus Christ

Eighth Grade – Confirmation, Church History, and Intro to Morality

Seventh Grade – Introduction to Catholicism, Jesus, and Confirmation

WELCOME

Since I already know the majority of you, I feel like I should just say "Welcome back!" instead of introducing myself. I hope you had a wonderful, relaxing, fun summer and are ready for a new school year.

As (most of) you know, there is no judgment about what your religion is or isn't. I try to structure my classes so you have time to discover who you are, what you believe, and who you are ultimately destined to be. The ultimate goal is for you, in the words of speaker and author Matthew Kelly, to become "the best version of yourself." That is all God asks of us, and that is what we should expect of ourselves.

Please know that, regardless of your personal faith or religious practice, you are required to attend ALL Masses, prayer services, Stations of the Cross, and class retreats. While participation is always encouraged, respect for and during such events is expected.

CLASS STRUCTURE

We now have a five-day cycle of classes: one day has nine 40-minute periods, the next two days have four 90-minute periods, and the final two days have nine 40-minute periods. I will see you four days out of the five-day cycle. Most days will involve direct instruction (using a PowerPoint, guided reading, or other focusing tool), followed by a discussion and/or an activity. On the 90-minute-period days, we will complete enrichment activities, use multimedia for projects, and watch and discuss films.

Since I have bathrooms outside the classroom, these are the bathrooms you are expected to use. If you need to leave the room for any other reason, only one person at a time may leave. You must sign out and sign back in on the clipboard by either door. This is a safety precaution.

Food is not permitted in the classroom. Beverages are permitted as long as they are in plastic bottles or in cups with lids. Do not ask to go to the vending machines or to make coffee at the beginning of class.

GRADING SCALE

A	96% - 100%	C	78% - 80%
A-	93% - 95%	C-	75% - 77%
B+	90% - 92%	D	70% - 74%
B	88% - 89%	F	0% - 69%
B-	85% - 87%	I	Incomplete
C+	81% - 84%	W	Withdrawn



GRADE BREAKDOWN

Summative Assessments = 80%

*These include tests, papers, and long-term projects

Formative Assessments = 20%

*These include quizzes, reflections, in-class activities, and exit tickets

Midterm and Final Exams = These are summative assessments and count for 10% of your semester grade.

**4TH OF JULY IS OVER
TIME TO GET YOUR
BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES &
HALLOWEEN COSTUMES &
THANKSGIVING MENU &
CHRISTMAS PRESENT
SHOPPING DONE NOW
BECAUSE IT'S BASICALLY 2020.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

SUPPLIES

- Your tablet or laptop
- A one-subject notebook
- A folder
- A pen or pencil
- I have art supplies and will supply you with additional materials as needed.

POWERSCHOOL

Your grades will again be posted to PowerSchool as in years past. You will receive your password from the main office. Please change it and remember it! You can also set up the platform so it will notify you when teachers enter grades. As you have 24/7/365 access to PowerSchool, keeping track of grades is your responsibility.

SCHOOLGY

We are also using Schoology again this year. Schoology is a virtual learning environment onto which teachers can load documents, create tests and quizzes, and set up discussion boards. You will be linked to all of your class Schoology pages during the first week of school.

QUIZLET

Quizlet is an awesome online flash card maker that you can use to set up a review of material for yourself. I am a huge proponent of flash cards, and part of their value is creating them yourself (which greatly increases your retention of the material). However, I actually prefer handwritten flash cards; so, if you ever want to make a set for yourself, just ask for blank notecards. I have a TON of them! 😊

SERVICE HOURS

All students are required to earn a minimum of 24 service hours per year while a student at Geibel Catholic. Service hour logs are due by May 15. For a very detailed explanation as well as a downloadable Service Hours PDF, go to www.geibelcatholic.org >Family Resources>Service Hours.

INCOMPLETE WORK

The following information was taken directly from the Handbook:

Students who miss multiple days of school due to illness or injury are permitted to have at least the same number of days to make up all work missed. Extenuating circumstances may warrant review by teacher and administration.

The student receives an Incomplete and a zero in PowerSchool for the missing assignment. The student will receive credit earned on the assignment when it is completed. Until the assignment is completed, the student will not be eligible for Honor Roll and will not receive credit for the course. Assignments submitted after the due date will receive as credit 92% of the earned grade. This is one grade below what would have been received had the assignment been submitted on or prior to the due date.

RETESTING

All students are eligible for retesting. See me for details.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

Please be a person of integrity. Simply defined, integrity is "acting the right way even when nobody is watching." You are all strong, capable young people who have been taught right from wrong. As tempted as you may be to lie or cheat, please resist the urge. Lying and cheating are insulting to your teachers and detrimental to yourself. Be a person of character who celebrates his or her achievements and accepts his or her failures with dignity. If something is wrong that is keeping you from performing your best, please let me know. I have many skills, but mind-reading is not one of them! Nobody becomes a teacher to make students' lives miserable. Let me help you when I can.

PLEASE READ THE COURSE INFORMATION, SIGN, AND RETURN ONLY THIS SHEET TO MR. PROCKO BY TUESDAY, SEPT. 3!

Students:

Please sign below to signify that you have read the course sheet for Mr. Procko's class, will keep it in your folder, and will be responsible for the information throughout the year.

Student printed name

Student signature

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Please sign below to indicate that you have read the course sheet for Mr. Procko's class and that you will help your student be accountable for the information. If you have questions about the course or your student's work, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is the best way to reach me quickly; my email address is sprocko@geibelcatholic.org.

Parent/Guardian printed name

Parent/Guardian signature

Parent/Guardian email

Parent/Guardian daytime phone number

Check all statements that apply to how you would like to communicate with Mr. Procko about your student's progress. I will, of course, call for major concerns or accomplishments, but with approximately 120 students, I like to know how you would prefer to communicate.

_____ I/We have internet access at home, so we will check PowerSchool to monitor my/our student's progress. I/We will contact Mr. Procko about any concerns we have.

_____ I/We plan to email Mr. Procko for an update.

_____ I/We do not have internet access at home, but I/we would like to have regular contact with Mr. Procko. I/we will call for an update on a regular basis.

Have a GREAT NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Mr. Procko



There are 2 types of kids on the first day of school



Summer is over.

Time to officially remember what day of the week it is.

