

7th Grade Video Syllabus

First & Last Name: _____

Class: _____ Today's date: _____

Saint of the Day: _____

(Pray for me!)

Howdy!

I hope this letter finds you well and excited for a great year at OLG! This school year marks my 11th year of teaching middle school Religion at Our Lady of Grace. While my position at OLG certainly helps put bread on the table and pay the bills, I can honestly say that the reason I'm teaching religion is because I feel like it's what God has called me to do. Lucky for me, I get to spend time laughing, praying, and learning with amazing kids each and every day!

This year I wanted to let you in on our class as much as possible at the beginning of the year. Instead of typing out a long letter for you to read through, I have created a "Video Syllabus" that I would appreciate you watching. In this video, you'll hear a little more about me (my faith and family background, how I ended up becoming a religion teacher, etc.), get an overview of our curriculum for the year, and learn about my student expectations. On the back of this sheet is a space for students to ponder and then create a "Plan for Success".

Because I know you are busy and this requires some of your time, I have given students a full week before this assignment is due. This means, of course, that you should be given this form the day it is handed out and not the night before it is due! 😊

Thank you in advance for taking the time to watch the video syllabus and discuss your child's Plan for Success. I look forward to a great year of learning and growing closer to God. Please keep my students and I in your prayers this year and know that you and your family will be in mine as well!

In Christ,
Greg Aitchison

Task for parents: Watch the video syllabus and have a discussion with your child about their Plan for Success (on the back of this sheet), then sign below.

Web address for video: <https://vimeo.com/289790940> (Video link also posted to my Google Classroom page, which students can access on their OLG laptop)

Date this homework was assigned: Friday, 9/14/18

Date this homework is due: Friday, 9/21/18

Parent signature(s):

Yes, I have watched the 7th Grade Video Syllabus and discussed my child's Plan for Success for Religion class this year.

Parent name(s) (printed): _____

Parent name(s) (signature): _____

PLAN FOR SUCCESS



Reflection Questions

What goals do you have for this school year?

What most commonly gets in the way of you doing your best in school?

How do you think you learn best? (By yourself? With others? Reading notes? Creating a Keynote? Drawing pictures? Have parent/friend quiz you? Etc.)

Where and when do you do your best work/studying at home?

Plan for Success

Based on your above answers, how (*specifically*) are you going to go about accomplishing your goals?