

St. John's Parents and Students,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that you had a safe and wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation. I am looking forward to another great year here at St John's, and am excited for the opportunity to teach your children in their religious studies. The primary textbook for both the 7th and 8th Grade Religion classes is Luther's Small Catechism. From which the students will be instructed in the basic understandings of the Christian Faith or the "Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine".

Students in both classes will be required to have a notebook dedicated to Religion class as the class is primarily lecture and discussion. There will be weekly 10 point quizzes every Monday, as well as quarterly tests covering the material learned that quarter. If a student misses any of the quizzes or tests it is the students responsibility to discuss with Pastor a time to make-up the missed quiz or test, otherwise the student will receive a zero for the assignment. Both the 7th and 8th grade students will be required to write a research paper on a religion topic discussed with and approved by the Pastor . This is to assist the student in better understanding a particular aspect of the Christian Faith as well as develop communication skills that will assist in their future educational endeavors. On top of this, each student will be graded on their behavior in class and their classroom participation. Students will be expected to have their Catechisms with them for every class period as well as their notebooks, failure to be prepared will affect the Classroom Participation grade. All students at St John's are required to attend Chapel, and from grades 4-8 are required to assist in those services. For the 7th and 8th Grade religion classes the students will be graded on their Chapel Participation, not participating, failing to serve when scheduled, or not paying attention will all have an affect on this grade. Students will be expected to conduct themselves at all times as young Christian ladies and gentlemen, showing respect for their fellow students as well as all faculty and staff.

I look forward to this school year and pray that it is a safe and fruitful one. If you have any questions please feel free to email me on GradeBookWizard or call 718-761-1600. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

In Christ,

Pastor Bagnall