

Term 3 Christian Education & ADST Newsletter

Mr. Mendonca - Christian Education and ADST

Dear Notre Dame Students and Families,

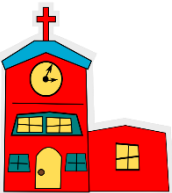
We are now at the home stretch and I want to present to you my plan for the last term for Christian Education and ADST.

Kindergarten

Students will review the skills they learned in coding in previous terms of following a path in the correct order, debugging, effectively working with a partner and using loops. Students will also be introduced to a set of drawing tools so that they can demonstrate what they know in other subjects.

Grade 1

Through various activities and songs, students will be introduced to the church. Students will learn that God invites everyone into His kingdom. They will also learn about the saints as heroes of the Church who can show us how to live. Students will learn that the Holy Spirit can help us live lives like the saints every day. Finally, students will get an opportunity to lead school mass this term and learn more about the mass.



Grade 2

Through various videos, skits and songs, students will learn that God is merciful and loving. Students will also learn that the sacraments are special signs and celebrations that come from Jesus and give grace. Students will learn that in the sacrament of reconciliation, you receive God's forgiveness and that this

sacrament also celebrates our friendship with God and the Church. Finally, students will learn more about the Church year by recognizing that the colors of the Church year help us know and celebrate the seasons and feasts of the Church.

Grade 3

Through various activities and songs, students will learn more about the Church and Morality. In the unit about the church, students will learn that the four marks of the Church identify Christ's Church. They will also learn that the communion of saints include all members of the Church, both living and dead, and form one body in Christ. In the unit on morality, students will learn that Jesus new commandment is to love one another as he loves us. Students will also learn that each of has a purpose and plan to follow God's plan and be a light to the world. Students will also learn that the theological virtues help us live a good and moral life. Finally, students will also get an opportunity to lead school prayer this term.

Grade 4

Through various activities, videos and skits, students will learn that God calls every person to a vocation. Students will learn that Mary is the perfect model of holiness, and she is called the Mother of the Church. Following this, students will learn that Jesus gave the leaders of the Church the authority to interpret Scripture and Tradition for the faithful. Students will learn that sharing our gifts and giving our time and money are ways we help our parish provide for members and the needs of others. Finally, students will also get the opportunity to lead school prayer this term.

Grade 4/5

Through various activities, videos and skits, students will learn that through the sacraments, Christ unites his followers to his Paschal Mystery – Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. Students will also learn that as members of the Church, we are all united in living out the mission of Christ. Students will learn that the apostles proclaimed Christ's good news and spread the reign of God as Jesus commanded. Students will also learn that Mary and the saints provide the Church with models of heroic virtue.

Grade 5/6

This term, students will learn about forces, machines and Newton's laws. As

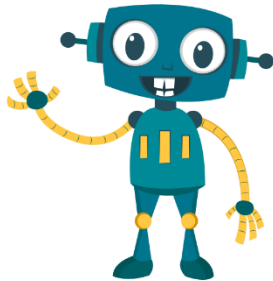


students work through various experiments in Science, students will also be using their skills and knowledge in ADST to build various models to demonstrate their understanding of various Scientific concepts. Students will get an opportunity to share what they built and learned in small groups and with the whole class. Time-providing, students will also begin a unit on coding and robotics and learn about the software development life cycle, block based coding and various topics on robotics like the uses of robotics and main components of a robot. Students will get an opportunity to build various robots, control

them using code and share what they built with the class or in smaller groups.

Grade 7

Students will begin a unit on coding and robotics and learn about the software development life cycle, block based coding and various topics on robotics like the uses of robotics, main components of a robot, various ways that objects can move and programming for robotic components.



Students will get an opportunity to build various robots, control them using code and share what they built with the class or in smaller groups. Time-providing, students will build a portfolio using a tool of their choice and share about what they built and learned in ADST 7. Students will continue to learn about effective and efficient keyboarding techniques.

I love to have fun in my classroom, but I also set clear, firm boundaries that help facilitate the learning environment. My expectation is to have an environment that is respectful and a safe space to learn. We collaboratively established some classroom norms at the beginning of the year and we work hard to follow them. If negative behaviors occur, my following policy is in place:

1. Reminder & redirection.
2. Speak privately and redirect (which might happen outside the classroom to protect student privacy and dignity).
3. Reflection and phone call home.

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4. Office referral.

I look forward to journeying with all students, assisting them with growing closer to God and supporting them with IT skills to become the best version of themselves. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at mmendonca@cispq.ca or (250) 782- 4923.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mendonca