

1. **COURSE TITLE:** Biblical Knowledge  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Jonathan Leach  
**TEXTBOOKS:** The Holy Bible (NIV) – available for purchase thru the Religion Dept.  
3-ring binder with looseleaf paper (for notes), writing utensils

2. **COURSE PURPOSE:**  
The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with the fundamental beliefs of the Christian religion and in so doing to share our faith and “hope in the living God who is the Savior of all...” (I Timothy 4:10; I Peter 3:15)

3. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

**A. Course Outcomes**

- 1) The student will confront the important questions about the origin, meaning, and purpose of life and discover the answers in an Almighty God who is in control, who is a part of their lives, who has a plan for their lives, and who is still putting that master plan of salvation into effect in their lives.
- 2) The student will discover who God is and why He is his/her God as He created him/her as His foremost visible creature and provided a wonderful world in which he/she is to live.
- 3) The student will distinguish and differentiate the source and authority of the Bible from that of other literature as the verbally-inspired Word of God, and develop an appreciation for Biblical direction, a trust in Biblical promises, and a reliance upon it as an infallible source of truth for this life and the life to come.
- 4) The student will recognize how the Bible as a collection of books written over a long period of time develops one story and one unified message - how this great library of verbally-inspired books is still one book in which a merciful God has revealed His master plan to save us and all human beings whose sins have separated themselves from their God.
- 5) The student will identify God's control of history as he heads His people to that point where they find their hopes, their identity, and their salvation in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, their Savior from sin, and the key to God's master plan for salvation.
- 6) The student will discover by means of a simple guide through the Scriptures and a basic Bible history knowledge what God continued to do for His people through the ages and still does for us today in his preserving, protecting, providing, and saving activity for the human race.

**B. Course Performances**

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| 1) Quizzes           | 20% |
| 2) Tests             | 20% |
| 2) Participation     | 15% |
| 3) Classwork         | 15% |
| 4) Semester Exams    | 10% |
| 5) Semester Projects | 20% |

### C. Course Procedures

- 1) **Questions and comments** are welcomed prior, during, and after class. Students and parents can email me at [jleach@StCroixSchools.org](mailto:jleach@StCroixSchools.org). In most situations, I will respond within 24hrs.
- 2) **Topic Discussion:** Fridays will begin with discussion. If there is a topic that you would like me to address in a devotion or class, please speak with me, email me, or simply hand me a note. I welcome the opportunity to share God's message on topics that interest you or meet your needs.
- 3) **Late work:** For every class period the assignment is late the grade will drop a third. A grade that is late 1 day will go from an "A +" to an "A". The instructor will then transfer that to the corresponding percentage. Most written assignments can be emailed to me. **ALL PROJECTS MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PASSING GRADE IN THIS CLASS**
- 4) **No food or beverage** other than water will be allowed in the classroom.
- 5) **Tardy** for "Biblical Knowledge" is when you are not in the classroom when the tone sounds.
- 6) **Classroom Behavior** – This class contains a great deal of discussion. From time to time we will get off track and need to refocus. If I stop talking, that is a cue for everyone to stop talking. Failure to refocus may result in a detention.
- 7) **Supportive Classroom** - I encourage participation during thought provoking discussions. Reactions by classmates are to be positive and encouraging. Many questions I ask do not have "black and white" answers.
- 8) **Text messaging and Cell phones** – Cell phones are a wonderful gift, however they are also a great temptation. Text messaging and cell phone use in class is disrespectful unless they are used for a lesson.
- 9) **Side conversations**- Small and large group discussions are a significant part of our classroom procedures. Please refrain from side conversations that distract the teacher, your classmates and yourself.
- 10) **Do your own work.** Cheating or doing homework for another class during Bible will not be tolerated. Violators will be given a 0% and reported to the Dean of Students.