

MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Chapel Worship Team Bible Homeroom

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Course Syllabus

Course Description

A daily class where students can work together to serve God and help make the middle school chapel experience meaningful and excellent. Worship team students are selected by application, interview, and teacher reference. Students will be equipped to use their gifts in areas of singing, technology, and instrumental music with the goal of leading the middle school student body in worshipping God. As a Bible Homeroom class, this group will also serve the community and participate in school spirit events. Activities for this select group will focus on the Bible as God's handbook for worship and for life.

Curricular Mapping

Students do not need a prerequisite course. Their skills in technology, music and leadership make them candidates for the class.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Contribute to a worship team with their unique vocal, instrumental, or technological skill
2. Understand the importance of worship in life
3. Help plan and lead a fifteen-minute group worship experience with a student team
4. Use the Bible as a guide for worship and for life as a follower of Jesus Christ

Texts:

Holy Bible. New International Version and New Living Translation, plus YouVersion digital version
Various apps for the iPad

Course Outline:

Course Topics will include:

Practical issues with planning and rehearsing worship music; Team building skills; Defining worship and exploring its priority in Christian life. Using the Bible as a guide for middle school decision-making and character; Prayer and Bible reading as tools for Christian life

Grading:

A strong grade in Chapel Worship Team is an earned one. It will be based upon the contribution each student makes to the success of the ensemble. A portion of student grade will be based on attitude of service, behavior, attendance in class and at concerts, and participation in making the worship team excellent.

Grade Category Percentages. Student grades are based on the following categories:

Daily In-Class Activities – 40%

Chapel/Concerts – 25%

Bible Memory & Quizzes - 15%
Projects/Presentations/Assignments – 10%
Journal/Notebook entries – 10%

In-Class Activities and Focused Effort

Students earn 10 In-Class Activities points each day when they arrive to class prepared, on time, and ready to participate in Bible class. These points can be reduced for tardiness, bathroom visits, arriving unprepared, and inappropriate or off-task behavior.

Middle School Standard Grading Policy:

Please refer to the policy and procedures posted online.

Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLR) emphasis for 2015-2016 school year:

Our MVCS Spiritual ESLR will be emphasized this year. Our Spiritual ESLR states: Graduates of Monte Vista Christian School are able to articulate a comprehensive understanding of reality based on the teaching of the Bible. At the time of graduation, Monte Vista students:

- a. Have accepted or been challenged to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and express a commitment to ongoing spiritual development.
- b. Are able to describe the character of God and can articulate what it means to be a Christian through an oral or written assessment given yearly,
- c. Invest themselves in the ownership of their school and create solutions fitted to their generation based on Biblical principles.
- d. Serve in the local and global community through missions and humanitarian service.
- e. Have a core knowledge of the Bible, and can interpret current world events through a historical and Biblical perspective.
- f. Exhibit knowledge and understanding of other religions and belief systems.

Performances:

Final Spring Concert Performance: May 10, 2016 at 7:00pm (Location TBD)

Weekly participation in the setup and leadership of middle school chapel, Tuesday mornings.

Class Policies:

1. Attendance. Our chapel worship team *needs* you. We are not complete when one of us is absent. Please plan to participate in class daily.
2. Other Guidelines.
 - a. Respect, kindness, and support should govern all interactions in our Bible class.
 - b. Students may not use music equipment without permission.
 - c. NO gum, food, or beverages besides water are allowed in the music room.

Class Tools and Fees:

Bibles will be provided and kept in class. Students will use various Bible and worship team apps on their iPads. Fees: \$10 worship team tee-shirt fee, plus approximately \$30 for annual Boardwalk reward field trip fee.

Miscellaneous:

Individuals will use an iPad for class notes and projects. A standard three-ring binder will be provided for collecting and organizing the music, lyrics and written activities for our team.

Instructor Contact:

1. E-mail: gayleenmyer@mvcs.org (preferred and most timely means of contact)
2. Classroom drop-in hours: I am a part-time instructor, so please arrange an appointment
3. Rooms: M-18, G-5, and MSPAR
4. By telephone: leave a message for me at the middle school office: 768-6132