

MS Apologetics (6th-8th)

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Education: B.A. Music Performance (Indiana Wesleyan University)
M.A. Christian Apologetics from Liberty University (in progress)
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Background: Mr. Garrett is a married homeschool dad of six who, in addition to teaching at KAT, is a music instructor for West Michigan Homeschool Fine Arts and serves as Professor of Percussion at Spring Arbor University. He also owns and operates a driver's training business in West Michigan. He enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, and outdoor activities.

About the class: This course is designed for middle school students interested in the field of Christian apologetics - the defense of the Christian faith. Throughout the year we will be studying the core claims of Christianity and other related topics through books like *More than a Carpenter*, *Tactics* and *The Case for Christ*. The goal is to introduce students to core topics and provide them with tools to defend their faith "with gentleness and respect" (cf. 1 Peter 3:15).

Materials:

- *More than a Carpenter* (978-1414326276).....5.99
- *Tactics* by Greg Koukl (978-0310101468)12.59
- *The Case for Christ* (978-0310350033).....13.49
- Three-ring-binder, notebook paper, pencils, etc.
- Bible
- Quizlet study materials are provided by Mr. Garrett

Grading

- Weekly in class quizzes and Google classroom assignments
- Periodic tests over the material
- Spring Presentations

Tuition: \$400 for the year. \$50 non-refundable deposit due at registration. Half of the tuition is due by the first week of fall classes. The second half will be due the first week of spring classes. Tuition is not refundable after the second week of classes.

Expectations

Each Monday students can expect the following:

- a) An in class quiz over the previous week's material.
- b) Lecture
- c) If time allows, group review games from Quizlet.

During the week students will:

- a) Reading any assigned material
- b) Be studying Quizlet
- c) Completing a mid-week Google classroom reflection assignment
- d) For HS, completing the workbook sections corresponding to the week's lecture

Periodically students will:

- a) Complete unit tests
- b) Complete semester tests (*one in the fall and one in the spring)
- c) For HS there are two class presentations (*one in the fall and one in the spring)
- d) For MS complete a spring class presentation

Classroom behavior

Students are welcome to “be themselves” in class but are encouraged to stay within behavior guidelines set forth by KAT and general expectations. Rude, distracting or inappropriate behavior will be addressed in class if needed along with parent contact following. Please come to class with a “ready to learn” attitude.

Grading policy

At the end of the year students will be provided a recommended course grade. As the homeschool parent you are more than welcome to record a different grade should you see fit. It should be noted that students are graded in a variety of ways through homework assignments, quizzes, workbooks (*HS only) tests and presentations. This allows for a grade which is determined not from one single area but from a variety of angles. Academic accommodations and resources are also available for those who may require them.