St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin October 20,2017

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ABSENCES

Call RE Office prior to the start of class at 708.352.4555 or email <u>sfxreligioused@sfxlq.org</u>

SIGN IN PROCEDURE

Please make sure to stop in the RE Office whenever you are in the building to sign in before going to your child's class or to a presentation in Joyce Hall.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Parent note required. Stop in the RE Office to sign your child out.

PICK UP PROCEDURES

Please do not double park.

Coordinator's Message

I am really looking forward to RE sessions to get into a normal routine. The last several weeks have been a GOOD busy but it has not given me the opportunity to walk thru the building and smile as I watch all of the great things that I know are happening in classrooms. Our volunteer catechists spend a lot of time BEFORE coming to class so that your child(ren) has a positive experience. Please remind your child(ren) to give a word of thanks to their catechist(s) every so often.

Student will be going home with an At Home Lesson on Sunday and next Wednesday for October 29 and November 1. I hope you will find this lesson an opportunity to talk about why you chose to name your child the name he/she has and to learn more about saints! You can click here for another copy of the lesson. Children will get credit for class attendance upon completion of the lesson. **Each child** needs to return the lesson to their catechist by November 12/15.

Seventh Grade Food Drive

Our Seventh Grade Food Drive is Sunday and next Wednesday. Another copy of the flyer with suggested non-perishable donations can be found by <u>clicking here</u>. All donations help to stock our parish Food Pantry and will give us an opportunity to reach out to those in our community who need that little bit of extra assistance.

Eighth Grade Speak Event

Our 8th Graders will participate in a Speaker

Children always have the right of way. Be considerate of our neighbors on Waiola and Spring Avenues.

CLASS TIMES

Sunday: 9:00-10:15am Wednesday: 4:00-5:15pm Wednesday: 6:15-7:30pm

Please make sure your child arrives five minutes early so that class can begin on time.

Kindergarten parents ONLY may walk their child into the building.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon, and 6:00 pm Event this Sunday, October 22 from 4:00-5:15pm in Joyce Hall. This is in place of regular class for 8th graders that week. Eighth Graders are expected to participate. Info was emailed to families last week and a reminder was sent today. Please make note of the correspondence that was sent your way.

Little Caesar Fund Raiser

Thank you to families who have placed a pizza kit order on line or have turned in an order to RE Office. Thanks also to families who have chose to make a donation instead of ordering.

The TOP family will receive a \$50 gift card to Target for selling the most Little Caesar' Pizza Kits. Call your family and reach out to your next door neighbor. We really need the support from everyone to reach our goal of \$4000.

An easy way to order is by going on line to: **PizzaKit.com** and enter our fundraiser **ID#331781**. You can still have your order come here to SFX for pick up with no shipping charge. This fundraiser helps us to keep tuition cost down. Once again, a donation is always appreciated if pizza is not your thing.

Weekly News Bulletins

We continue to reminder you that whomever in your family is receiving this News Bulletin needs to forward it to others in your family whom you requested to receive information. My News Bulletins are also on the parish Website under the Religious Education tab.

Visitors During RE

Reminder that parents who come into the building for purposes other than stopping in the RE Office are asked to sign in and wear a visitors' badge. Kindergarten children are allowed to be walked to their class by a parent.

Third Grade Mass

Third grade families are asked to put November 5 Noon Mass on their family calendar. Our third graders will be taking on many of the liturgical roles. There is a practice on Saturday, November 4 at 11:15am in church. Look for an email to third grade families early next week.

Fourth Grade Mass

Fourth Grade families are asked to put November 12 Noon Mass on your family calendar. Our fourth graders will be taking on many of the liturgical roles. There will be a practice on Saturday, November 11 at 11:15am in church. More info to come as we get closer to the date.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Please read the Arrival and Dismissal Procedures which also includes drop off and pick up practices before class on Sunday and next Wednesday. Class dates and other important dates can also be found in the same attachment section. Wednesday AFTERNOON families received a special email explaining a new procedure we are trying to implement to help alleviate traffic and provide more safety for everyone involved. You can review those procedures by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

Look With Kindness And See Goodness

Look With Kindness and See Goodness is our theme for the year. We are going to focus on looking at the WHOLE person as a son and daughter of God and treating each other with respect and kindness. We can and will discover the goodness in each other when we do just that!

Absences

Please remember to phone in (352-4555) or email <u>sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org</u> your child's absence prior to the start of class. Thank you!

Family Ministry Opportunities

Being of service to others is one of the ways of living out of our baptismal call. Family Ministries provides opportunities for families to being of service to others. <u>Click here</u> for information on various ways you can reach out to others and have some fun while doing it.

Important Dates and Handbook

The Religious Ed Important Dates Sheet and Handbook can be found on the Parish Website. You can click on the **Attachment Section and Website** found on the top left hand corner of each Religious Ed News Bulletin.

See You In Church!!!

Terri Simeoni Religious Education Coordinator