

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin February 23, 2018

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Important to Remember

ABSENCES

Call RE Office prior to the start of class at 708.352.4555 or email sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org

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

Registration for next school year will be going home soon. Please make sure you are current with this year's payment. Reminders of outstanding tuition was emailed earlier this month.

There are only five weeks of classes left for this school year, so, please make sure your child's schedule includes their RE Class. The busyness of our lives have us needing to juggle things around more often than not. Thanks for helping your child(ren) learn that fitting everything in works when we plan ahead.

PLEASE REMEMBER to mark Sunday, April 22 on your calendar. This will be the LAST DAY of RELIGIOUS ED for ALL THREE SESSIONS. Catechists, Grade Level Leaders, Advisory Board, and Office Staff are working on making this annual event even better than last year! Families are asked to come to Joyce Hall anytime between 8:45 am and 10:15 am to see what great things have been happening in RE this year.

Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Children who are preparing to receive their First Communion in May, along with their parents, are reminded of the Eucharistic Prep Liturgy this Sunday, February 25 at 1:30pm. Sunday morning students still come to class in the morning.

Seventh Grade Reconciliation

The Seventh Graders in our program will be celebrating Reconciliation during class time Sunday, February 25 and Wednesday, February 28

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

Rice Bowls (CRS)

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. One way to put this into practice is by giving to the Catholic Relief Services. Students and their families are encouraged to do with a little less for one meal a week and put what would be spend on the meal in the Rice Bowl. Children are also encouraged to put in the Rice Bowl whatever would be spend on a candy bar, ice cream treat or pop if any of those are being given up for lent!

Catechist Appreciation Fund

Our annual mailing for donations to our Teacher Appreciation Request was sent out by U.S. mail. Several donations have already come in. Thank you!

Our catechists are strictly volunteers and this is our opportunity to recognize their ministry to our children. Our goal is to raise \$7000 to cover the cost of a monetary gift to our approximately 130 catechists/aides/volunteers.

Franciscan Outreach Drive

Our annual collection for Franciscan Outreach Ministry is here! Personal hygiene items will be collected to send to Franciscan Outreach. A flyer is going home with youngest/only of each family with a list of items that are being collected. You can get another copy of the flyer by [clicking here](#).

Small Faith Groups

Consider joining a Small Faith Group this lent. Information can be found in the parish bulletin.

Good Friday Men's Choir

Gentlemen.....we need your voices. Share your gift of singing with the parish on Good Friday. Check out the parish bulletin for more information.

SFX Youth Ministry Summer Service Trip

Parents who have a teen currently in high school or know of a family who has a teen in high school are encouraged to talk to your teen about participating

in this year's Summer Service Trip. Space is limited. This is always an event that has everyone participating feeling that they received more than the individuals/group that they will be serving. More info can be found in the parish bulletin or on the parish website www.sfxlg.org. You can also contact Olivia Hollman, our Youth Ministry Coordinator at 708-352-0168 x338 or ohollman@sfxlg.org. Adult chaperones are also needed.

Weekly News Bulletins

We continue to remind 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.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Please read the **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures** which also includes drop off and pick up practices. **Class dates and other important dates** can also be found in the same attachment section.

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 sfxreligious@sfxlg.org 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. [Click here](#) 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!!!

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Religious Education Coordinator