

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin February 9, 2018

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Important to Remember

ABSENCES

Call RE Office prior to the start of class at 708.352.4555 or email sfxreligious@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

Well, the Ground Hog was right! Winter is here to stay for a while. **We are scheduled for Religious Ed this Sunday. Please check your email by 8:00 on Sunday morning if that should change.**

Unfortunately, there is a glitch with our School Messenger Account and, therefore, we need to rely on email communication with you if we need to close. Please do not call the office. Parents are asked to use your discretion on whether to send your child(ren) if we remain open.

Second grade will meet with Fr. Bill Tkachuk on Sunday and Wednesday as they get ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time; third graders will meet with Fr. Bill Tkachuk in preparation of their second phase of celebrating this sacrament, and our Sixth Graders have their Mass at Noon on Sunday. Three very good reasons why we want to stay open! Snow, snow.....go away.....we have so much to do this Sunday!

Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**. Children attending RE on Wednesday afternoon and evening will receive ashes during a service during class time. The afternoon service at 4:15 is also open to children who attend Sunday morning RE but must be

accompanied by an adult. Sunday morning children will not be sitting in church with their class so an adult accompanying them is necessary. Ashes will also be distributed in church during the 7:45 and 9:00 morning Masses, at a 12:15 Prayer Service, and again at the 7:00pm Mass.

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

Evaluations for first semester went home last Sunday/Wednesday. Ask your child for their evaluation if they have not already given it to you!

REMINDER:

Our weeks of class are starting to wind down, 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. Mark Sunday, April 22 on your calendar for our second Annual Religious Ed Fair between This is the last day of class for all three sessions. More info to come soon.

Sixth Grade Liturgy

Sixth Graders and their Families have asked to participate in the Noon Mass this Sunday, February 11. The practice for students who will be taking on some of the liturgical roles has been canceled for Saturday. Sixth Graders will sit up front and center in church. See everyone on Sunday for the Noon Mass

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.

Knights of Columbus Night of Reflection Event

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Night of Reflection with Sister Kathy Sherman, CSJ, an

accomplished songwriter, performer, and speaker on February 21 right here at SFX. [Click here](#) for the flyer with more info This is an event you will not want to miss.

Coalition for a Drug Free Lyons Township

[Click here](#) for a flyer regarding an important Parent Cafe on February 21 for parents of Middle School and High School children.

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 sfxreligioused@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!!!

Terri Simeoni

Religious Education Coordinator