

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin April 13, 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

Time is VERY close to ending one thing and beginning another. We will soon end another year of Religious Education and we will begin some time of fun and relaxation!

The last FORMAL day of class is
Sunday, April 15
Wednesday, April 18

EVERYONE is asked to stop by on April 22 for our Religious Ed Fair in Joyce Hall any time between 8:45am-10:15am

Please enter thru the Waiola Doors (or thru Unity Hall Door if coming from church) to see what great things have been happening in RE this year.

Refreshments will be served.

Catechists, Grade Level Leaders, Advisory Board, and Office Staff are working on making this SECOND time event happen

FAMILIES can stay for as long or as short as you would like.

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

Children are NOT to come alone.

Class attendance will be taken.

A flyer was emailed to all RE Families about this event yesterday.

AND as we approach the end of this school year, I not only speak for myself when I say that the journey we have been on with your child(ren) has been enriching and life giving for us. May we all continue to find God's presence very much alive each and every day we wake up.

My heartfelt gratitude is extended to all of our families, our catechists, support staff, office staff, and parish staff. My ministry could not happen without all of you walking this journey with me. Thank you for your continued support and encouraging words. Thank you, also, for allowing me to walk this journey with each of you. Together we can and have made a difference.

There are some catechists who have been with us for many years and will not be returning next year. Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment to this ministry. Thank you also to Lucile Nichol, part time office staff, who will enjoy more traveling time with her husband. Travel Safely!!!

Registration for 2018-2019 School Year

Registration packets for next school year went home Sunday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 7 with the youngest/only family member. Please make sure your are current with this year's payment. This year we are happy to offer another way of paying your tuition. You can pay by credit card and on line for a small service charge. [Click here](#) for the link that will lead you directly to the page. You can also get on the page thru our parish website. Directions are in your registration packet, but the link above makes it very convenient. **PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER**, that all paper work still needs to be turned in to the office. You will not be able to

submit your forms electronically unless you scan and send. We are hoping this additional way of payment will make it more convenient for you. There is also a flyer in the packet explaining how contributions help with budget costs of Religious Ed Program. Please take some time to review the graph on the flyer.

PLEASE TRY to forsee your child(ren)'s schedule as you register for next school year. A processing fee will be added to your tuition if you make changes after August 31. Also note that tuition is \$50 more if you register AFTER May 31.....so **GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN NOW!!!**

Confirmation of your registration will be emailed to families mid-June.

First Communion Banner Kits/Eucharistic Prep Liturgy/First Communion Practice

Children went home with their First Communion Banner Kit March 4 and March 7, the day they celebration Reconciliation. Have fun working on the banner which is due **NO LATER** than Sunday, April 29 (First Communion Practice Day).

The last Eucharistic Prep Liturgy is scheduled for Sunday, April 15 at 1:30pm. Families with children receiving their First Communion on May 5 received a special mailing the other day thru email which made some reference to this liturgy and how you can prepare your child for Sunday.

Second Graders will continue to practice receiving communion with unconsecrated hosts. PLEASE notify the RE Office if your child needs a gluten free host.

First Communicants and BOTH parents are required to attend an important practice on April 29. Check the correspondence that was emailed to families the other day as to the time your family needs to arrive.

Siblings are to stay home. Babysitting will NOT be

provided.

Catechist Appreciation Fund

Thank you to all who contributed to this fund. Catechists will receive their gift at the RE Fair on April 22. Remember to stop by to see all the great things that happened this school year and to thank catechists/volunteers for their time and efforts.

SFX College Game Day

[Click here](#) for a detailed flyer about this fun planned event on Saturday, April 21.

Upkeep of Parish Building/Grounds

This week tuck pointing began in the courtyard area of the Education Building. Upkeep of our facility is always necessary and costly. Thanks to you and to all our parishioners who contribute on a regular basis so that our buildings can be maintained. Together we can maintain our parish buildings for our children of today and tomorrow!!!

An exciting face lift to beautify the south end of our parish grounds is scheduled to take place this summer. You will be receiving an email from the parish explaining how we can PERSONALIZE a small portion of the area which will be replaced with brick pavers! Purchasing a brick paver makes for a great gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation or in memory/honor of a loved one.

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!!!

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