

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin April 6, 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

Happy Easter!
Classes Resume
Sunday, April 8
Wednesday, April 11

AT HOME LESSON that covered St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and Holy Week, is due April 8/11. Each child needs to turn in his/her own copy. You can get another copy by [Clicking Here.](#)

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.

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

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

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.

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 you 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.

First Communion Banner Kits/Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

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 April 15 at 1:30pm. Please make sure you have this date on your calendar.

Second Graders will be practicing receiving communion with unconsecrated hosts the next two

weeks of class. PLEASE notify the RE Office if your child needs a gluten free host.

Eight Grade Graduation

Eight Grade Graduation is Sunday, April 8 at the Noon Mass in church. Practice is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 beginning promptly at 10:30am in Joyce Hall. Please enter thru the Waiola Doors.

Seventh Grade Teaching Liturgy

Sunday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 11 is the rescheduled date for our seventh graders to participate in a teaching liturgy with Fr. Bill Tkachuk. Wednesday 6:15 Seventh Grade Students are asked to attend either Sunday morning at 9:00 or Wednesday at 4:00 in lieu of their 6:15 class.

Catechist Appreciation Fund

Our annual mailing for donations to our Teacher Appreciation Request was sent out by U.S. mail. Thank you to all who have already contributed!

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.

Hand painted Porcelain Crosses

Delicately hand painted crosses for Communion and Baptisms can become a lasting remembrance. Artist Nancy Semeral has over 30 years of experience. Each cross is individually designed in soft pastel colors featuring small flowers, leaves and vines surrounding a child's name and their special celebration date. The reverse side of each piece can be inscribed with the name of the gift giver. [Click here](#) for a copy of the order form along with more information.

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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