

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, ST. FRANCIS BORGIA

GENERAL INFORMATION, PROCEDURES, AND POLICIES

Classes

Classes for grades 1-5 will begin at 5:30 P.M. and end at 6:40 P.M. Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 meet in the education building. 2nd grade meets in the church basement. Grades 6-12 meet from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with grades 6, 7, & 8, in the education building, grades 9, & 10 in the church basement, and grades 11 and 12 meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Zurek's home.

Drop off and Dismissal

We ask parents of 1st and 2nd graders to walk their child to the classroom and come into the building after class to pick them up each week. This is for their safety. Other grades may use the pick-up line.

Parents of children in Grades 3-5 using the pick-up line: We ask that your children be picked up prior to 6:50 as some of our teachers also teach the late session and need to return to the classroom to prepare. If you are late picking up your child and they are not in the pick-up line, they will be in the foyer of the church building. Please pick them up there.

Dress code

Please remember to dress appropriately when coming to PRE. With cold temperatures, remember to dress warmly; students spend time outside walking to church and also waiting for parents.

Also, choice of clothing should reflect the wholesome and pure teachings of Jesus that are being taught. Modesty is of the utmost importance. Clothing should not be provocative or include inappropriate images or phrases and should not be distracting or draw undue attention to one's self. Camis, halters, spaghetti straps, and bra straps and/or underwear showing are examples of inappropriate clothing. If our public school does not allow it, it is absolutely NOT appropriate for PRE.

Parents, thank you for taking the time to guide your children as they make clothing choices.

Electronic Devices

Electronic devices of any kind are not permitted during PRE. All electronic devices will be placed in a basket prior to PRE beginning and picked up after class. If there is an emergency situation that your child must have a phone, please contact their teacher.

Snacks

If your child needs a snack, we request that they have it before coming to class. Eating during class disrupts the teaching and distracts other students from the lesson. Snack crumbs also attract unwelcome critters into our building. Please keep in mind the Mass schedule and fasting one hour before Communion.

Weather

If classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, an announcement will be placed on the St. Francis Borgia web site and facebook page. If school is cancelled in the morning or is let out early due to inclement weather, there will be no PRE. When in doubt, or if you do not have internet access, please call the parish office. An announcement will be placed on the parish answering machine.

Supplies

Most supplies are provided by the parish. If you wish to make a donation to the classroom, please contact your child's teacher or the DRE.

Discipline

Please review with your child the importance of religious education and proper classroom behaviors. We have one hour a week to teach your child about the Catholic faith. It is very difficult when children are misbehaving and disrespecting our volunteer teachers. With your help in instilling a desire to grow in their faith, we are sure that all our students will have a positive experience and grow in their love of God. In the unfortunate circumstance that a student's behavior is continually disruptive, we will implement the following discipline procedure:

1. The teacher will give the student a verbal warning regarding the inappropriate behavior and the expected appropriate behavior.
2. The teacher will give a 2nd warning.
3. The 3rd incident will include a written discipline report.
4. If the behavior still continues, the student will be removed from the classroom, the incident will be added to the report, and a parent/ guardian will be notified of the situation.
5. If a 5th incident occurs, the student will be removed from the classroom, the incident will be added to the report, the parent/guardian will be notified and required to come and get the student. The student will not be allowed back into the classroom without a parent in attendance.
6. The above pertains to minor classroom disruptions. If a situation is more serious, such as violent, aggressive, verbal or physical behaviors, ANY of the above steps may be skipped at the discretion of the teacher, DRE, or pastor.

We appreciate your continued support and prayers for a successful year of PRE. If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact me. *Thank you and God Bless you and your families.*

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