

ST. BEDE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To: Parents and Guardians
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Re: Attendance 2018-2019
Date: May 2018

The students' regular attendance is indispensable. Do your best to schedule events around Religious Education classes and Mass on Sundays and holy days. If Mass and RE classes are not made to be a priority, then the children may get the idea that other things are more important than their Catholic Faith. Going to Confession regularly is also crucial to their faith formation. They receive the Sacrament three times a through the year in RE (September, Advent, Lent).

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICIES

1. No more than THREE (3) unexcused absences a year should occur for class attendance. Students in Sacramental classes that miss more than this may have the reception of their sacrament delayed.
2. Sports or other extracurricular activities are not excuses for absence from class.
3. Exceptions to the absence limit based on illness or adverse family circumstances will be made by the Pastor and Coordinator after consultation with the parents.
4. Class attendance will be taken by the catechist each week at the **start** of class.
5. The doors will be locked at 9:05, late comers and all others will buzz in at the side door. The doors will be unlocked at 9:45am. This is for safety reasons!
6. Students are expected to make up any work missed when absent. Catechists will provide make up work to students and/or parents. It is the student/parent's responsibility to ask for make-up work when a class has been missed.
7. If you anticipate that your child will be absent, please call the Religious Education office in advance and your child's catechist will be informed.
8. Copies of doctor's notes should be provided for a child's absence to be marked excused. A student who becomes ill during class should be brought to the Religious Education Office. Parents or Emergency Contacts will be called.

CONSECUTIVE YEARLY ATTENDANCE

It is expected that students attend Religious Education classes in consecutive years. If a student misses a year, they will be required to make up that year before they can be placed on grade level. However, exceptions can be made and the Pastor and Coordinator will determine exceptions based on the circumstances of the student. Students who have a record of excess absences will also be required to make up the year in which all the absences occurred.

It is a Diocesan requirement for students receiving the Sacraments (First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion/Confirmation) to attend two consecutive years of Religious Education.