

# **Welcome to the Religious Education Program!**

Classes begin on **September 12<sup>th</sup>** and conclude on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. All classes are held on Wednesdays at Bishop Ryan Catholic School. Please utilize the schedule for specific dates. Grades **K-8** will be held from **6:00-7:15 p.m.** and **Confirmation/RCIA** classes from **6:00-7:00 p.m.**

- In addition to time in the classroom, we will be implementing a time for prayer and Adoration in the chapel to nurture the spiritual growth of the children as well as strengthen their relationship with Christ.

*“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth.” St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta*

- Catholic speakers will be brought in to further engage the hearts and minds of the children to the beauty of our Catholic faith.
- “Joy of the Gospel” will help the children get more out of Holy Mass and grow closer to Christ through a weekly lesson on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.
- “Heavenly Hall of Fame” is a weekly introduction to various saints for the children.
- Recommended prayers and Church teachings to learn will be sent home with the children.

## **Traffic Flow**

Please use the **south door (door A)** when picking up and dropping of children. We ask that you do not drop children off more than **10 minutes before class** begins. Please be punctual in picking up your children from class as a courtesy to our generous volunteers. For those that require parking, please use the parking lot to the north of the school and enter through the north door (door H). **A door monitor will be available for the safety of your children only at the south door (door A) until 7:25 p.m.**

## **ROCK (Reaching Out for Christ’s Kingdom)**

The ROCK is a great event that is hosted by BRCS each year. It is a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to grow in knowledge and love of their Catholic faith! The event includes pizza, drinks, music, Catholic trivia (with prizes), Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, and excellent speakers. This year the ROCK will be held on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** and **November 15<sup>TH</sup>**.

The ROCK begins at **6:30 p.m. (arrive at 6 p.m. for class)** and usually ends between **8:00-8:30 p.m. Please adjust your child’s transportation according.** It is available to students in grades 9-12; however, 8th graders are welcome at the discretion of their parents. Adults are encouraged to come as well!

### **Confirmation**

Children in 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending Fr. Waltz's class. A separate schedule will be given to the confirmation students during class. A parent of the confirmation candidate is required by Fr. Waltz to attend all classes with their child (unless both parents have previously been through the class). Confirmation for the children in this year's class will be held in the Fall of 2019.

### **Fellowship Meal**

The meal has been discontinued due to lack of funds to support the meal. If you are one that would like the meal to continue, please contact Beverly.

### **Communication**

Information will be shared via a variety of methods: St. Leo's website (stleosminot.org), Facebook, App or bulletin. Periodically, newsletters will be sent home as well.

**If you are able and have not yet done so, please download the St. Leo the Great App as it is the most efficient means of swift notification -e.g., weather-related cancellations.**

Please contact Beverly Brintnell at 701-838-1027 or [beverly.stleos@midconework.com](mailto:beverly.stleos@midconework.com) with any questions, concerns, or great ideas for the program : )

*"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." St. John Paul II*

