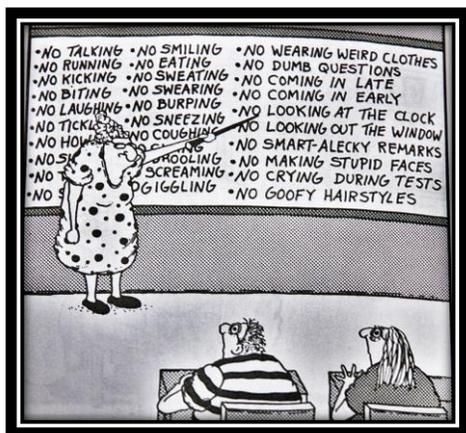


YOUTH CHURCH RULES

As my father always said, "This is going to hurt me a lot more than it is going to hurt you."

-Rev. Know-it-All



The Conversation

It's Not All Gloom and Doom

We will not wait for something to go wrong to contact you. We will also contact you to share exciting Youth Church news, invitations to special events, reports on notable classroom hijinks, ETC. So, please do not wait for something to go wrong to contact us. Whenever there is good news in the family, please let us know. Remind us of a student's birthday. Tell us about an academic or athletic victory. We want to celebrate it in class. Let's keep each other in the loop. Let's keep it all in the family. Deal? Deal.

Let's Have a Family Meeting

If you fall short of your responsibility as a disciple, then we will help. If we fall short of our responsibility as a disciple, then you will help. That is what you are signing up for. Our parish is family and it demands familial support. And what does that make Youth Church, you ask? Youth Church is the family collaboration to educate the family, especially the children, in the faith. Think of our "progress reports" and "report cards" simply as the conversation we intend to have with each other for the rest of our lives as a loving family, not as detached disciplinarians.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

If a student reaches three unexcused absences from Youth Church class and Mass combined, then the family will be contacted to discuss their future at Youth Church. Please note that the attendance at mass is taken via the official Youth Church offertory envelopes which our distributed in class.

TARDY POLICY

Any student arriving after 9:10 will be marked tardy. If a student is tardy three times without excuse, then the family will be contacted to discuss their future at Youth Church.

HOMEWORK POLICY

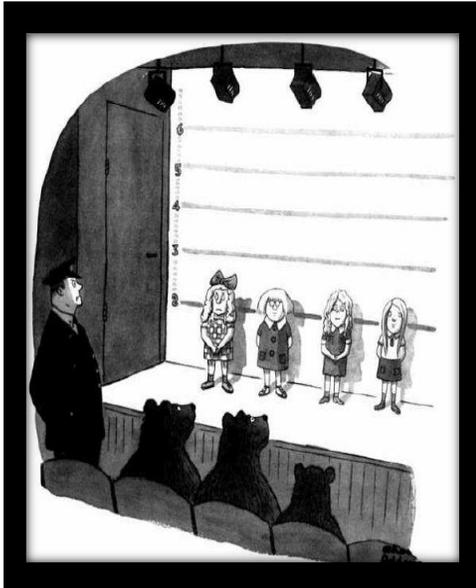
If a student fails to complete their homework three times without a legitimate excuse, then the family will be contacted to discuss their future at Youth Church.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

If a student misbehaves three times, then the family will be contacted to discuss their future at Youth Church.

The Order of Contact *if the problem persists*

- Phone call from the teacher
- Phone call from director
- Family meeting with director
- Family meeting with director and pastor



Yeah, But How Do You Intend to Enforce It?

We are not in the business of denying children religious education. In fact, we are not in a business at all. You can rest assured that no student will be turned away from Youth Church. They are too important to us. These policies only serve to help us acknowledge the personal obstacles of a student or family so that we can amend our teaching approach to the student in question if such obstacles arise. If a situation demands serious disciplinary action, the conversation with the parents will examine the consequences and benefits of a short hiatus from Youth Church. The hiatus would only be considered as a last resort and only if it becomes an absolutely necessary part of a student's religious education. The student will still be responsible for homework during their hiatus. The final decision will rest with the Youth Church director and the pastor.

Fact: If we do not take our discipleship seriously, then the cold, hard truth is life will hold us accountable—not to mention eternal life.

ENROLLMENT POLICY

Youth Church is free. In lieu of tuition, we require all parents to actively participate in our Seven Signs program.

The Seven Signs Program requires the Youth Church parent(s) to volunteer as the support staff for seven Youth Church events throughout the school year as a public testament of their commitment to family discipleship and enrollment in Youth Church.

Options Include

1. Family Day
2. Sunday school class
3. Socials for parents
4. Socials for Youth Church staff
5. Special events (retreats, mission trips, ETC.)

There is a limit to the amount of volunteers required for each event. Volunteer dates should be prearranged with the Youth Church administration

In order to fulfill the obligation, the parent(s) must actively participate in each of the Seven Signs from start to finish. Each parent is responsible for seven signs.

What's your seven?

We encourage you to really own your seven, to be intentional about it. Don't select for convenience. Select each event carefully. Find the event that you think will be both meaningful to you and the family. Ask yourself: which event will best communicate my personal commitment to Youth Church? Then, enjoy it.

Rationale

The Seven Signs program exists to promote and support family and the immersive, familial approach effective, religious education demands. It is an opportunity to reinvigorate intentional, family discipleship and to teach by example. It is also an opportunity to build and to strengthen the familial bonds of the parish. It is not and should never be treated as an impersonal task in an impersonal transaction.

Failure to complete or participate in the Seven Signs program appropriately can result in dismissal from Youth Church.

Parents are also required to complete a registration form and Youth Church Agreement contract every year.
