

St. Mary Religious Education Level I and Level II Student Guide

Arrival and Dismissal - Students in Level I & II may be dropped off at the Religious Education office doors and picked up in front of the school. No students will be permitted to walk off the school property without parental permission, or to walk out into the parking lot during dismissal.

Assignments - Students will receive grade appropriate assignments. Parents are asked to encourage their student to read the weekly lesson as outlined on the Curriculum sheet **prior** to attending class and complete all assignments given. Students **MUST** come to class with their text book, Bible and folder.

Attendance - Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes, meetings and workshops. If a student is absent please call the office (743-4557) to find out his or her assignment. If a student misses more than 2 sessions, a parents conference will be held to determine the family's commitment to the program. Missed classes may affect a student's ability to receive Confirmation within the scheduled time frame. Being unprepared for class twice is considered an absence. Tardiness beyond 10 minutes is disruptive to class and will be counted as an absence. The doors to the building will be locked 10 minutes after class begins for security. If you need anything after class has begun please come to the Religious Education office door.

Behavior - Students are expected to show respect for fellow students, Catechists and themselves. Behavior that disrupts the learning process will be considered unacceptable. Parents will be contacted. If a solution cannot be found, student may be asked to leave the program.

Book Replacement - Any Bibles requiring replacement will cost \$6.00. Please contact the Religious Education office for replacement information for any other student materials.

Calendar - Classes are held on the days listed on the schedule. For class cancellations due to weather, please listen to WLAD – 800 AM or watch Channel 3-WFSB. **If morning classes are cancelled it does not mean evening classes are.** We will also have cancellations announced at Bethel Middle School whenever possible.

Cell phones - We ask that cell phones are NOT brought to class. The children may use the office phone if necessary.

Communication –If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Religious Education Office at 203-743-4557.

Spirituality - Students will also experience prayer and worship as part of the program. However, it is assumed that students and their families are attending Mass weekly. Mass attendance is very important to the faith formation of all of us. As you know, our Catholic faith requires us to attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation. In order to complete the requirement for Confirmation, your LEVEL II child will need to return to class 20 stamped Church bulletins. LEVEL I students must also complete 20 and an additional 4 between Level I & II summer. There will be a table in the church hall where your child can have their bulletin stamped after each of the masses. During the summer months the priest and deacons will sign the bulletin. If you they are attending Mass at another Catholic Church, please ask their priest to sign a bulletin for them. We also encourage involvement in the Junior Youth Group information can also be found on St. Mary's website for the list of activities. StMaryBethel.org

Service -Students are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of service work that benefits the community. Since the students have two years to complete this requirement, we encourage you to go beyond the minimum whenever possible.