Sacred Heart Religious Education Policies 2021-2022

Keep this form for your records

CLASS/GRADE PLACEMENT

Classes are filled on a "first come, first served" basis, as each class will have a maximum number of students. All classes are held on Catechist availability. Class assignments will be posted in the Narthex in the beginning of August. Classes begin August 29th and September 1st in Fleming Island, and on August 24th in Green Cove Springs.

Your child will be placed in a class based on the grade entering, previous religious education (last grade attended) and Sacraments received. Like secular school, Religious Education is an ongoing process. It is not acceptable for students to attend only during sacramental years or to skip grades. We do understand there are families with special circumstances, and in those cases, we will make every effort to bring your child up to speed.

Students registering after October 20th that are not currently enrolled in Religious Education at another Parish will have missed too many classes to complete this school year. You should be on the lookout for 2022-2023 Registration Forms in March.

SACRAMENTS

Sacred Heart begins immediate preparation for First Sacraments (Reconciliation & Communion) in 2nd grade. Students must be registered for Sacramental Preparation, have attended Religious Education or a Catholic School for two years, and attend Mass regularly in order to receive First Sacraments. Your child will not be placed in a Sacramental Prep class if he/she has not attended Religious Education on a continuous basis. Immediate preparation for First Sacraments occurs in conjunction with weekly Religious Ed. class and has a separate enrollment form.

We begin immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 9th grade during the student's scheduled Religious Ed. class. A separate registration form is not needed. As with First Sacraments, your child will not be placed in a Confirmation Prep class if he/she has not attended Religious Education on a continuous basis.

ATTENDANCE-*please read carefully!!!*

In order to comply with diocesan guidelines, and for your child to move on to the next grade, he/she must not miss more than **four classes**. During a sacramental year only **two classes** may be missed. Make-up opportunities will be provided. ***Students who arrive 20 minutes or more after class starts (or leave 20 minutes early) will be marked absent. Students who are tardy (5 to 20 minutes late) more than three times will incur an absence***

DROP OFF/PICK UP

On occasion, there have been times that students have been dropped off only to find that the teacher has not arrived, or it is not a scheduled class day, and the student is left unattended. For this reason, it is important for you to keep a copy of the Religious Education calendar and check the bulletins frequently! **In addition, all elementary students be walked to and from their class for his/her safety.** Elementary students will not be dismissed to wait in the parking lot for their ride home. We ask that parents of Jr. and Sr. High students not hold up pick-up line and park if they do not immediately spot their child.