

Policies for Religious Education

Safety: We make every effort to keep your child/children safe when they are in the building or home for Religious Education. It is imperative that you give us your cooperation in order for us to maintain a high standard of safety.

CHILDREN IN GRADES ONE THROUGH 6 MUST BE PICKED UP IN THEIR CLASS BY A PARENT OR AUTHORIZED ADULT.

Attendance: Attendance at the scheduled classes is a vital part of your child's preparation both for the reception of the sacraments and to build a sound foundation for the faith formation from childhood into adulthood. When a child is absent, an absence note must be given to the child's catechist upon their return to class: so that the absence can be noted and excused. Missing class for extracurricular activities is not an excuse. Please arrange your child's schedule so that they will not miss or be late for class. The child is expected to complete the chapter assigned for the class he/she is absent and to show the completed work to his/her catechist upon their return. Excessive absences can lead to the retention of a child on the current level of religious instruction.

Lateness: A child may not be more than 5 minutes late for class. Please arrange your schedules accordingly. If a student is consistently late, a letter will go home informing the parent, so that we can discuss ways to resolve the problem. Please arrange your schedules so that your child is on time for Religious Education Class. It is extremely disruptive to the catechist and children when class time is interrupted due to late arrivals.

We recognize that there are many demands placed upon our families and that there may be situations where compliance with these procedures is not possible. Please contact us so that we can discuss how best to resolve any difficulties.

Behavior: Our Lady of Hope is a Catholic community, which thrives on Christian principles of respect and courtesy. A firm commitment to individual responsibility is necessary for all students. It is expected that students will obey all the rules and policies of Religious Education process as well as ordinary rules of courtesy and good behavior. Acts of violence directed towards persons and/or property do not have a place in our community. Potentially harmful and dangerous items will not be permitted on the premises at any time.

There will be NO GUM CHEWING IN CLASS. In addition the following acts will not be tolerated:

- Insolence or disrespect
- Disregard for school authority or parental authority
- Leaving class before dismissal without consent
- Use of obscene language
- Destruction of school or church property
- Stealing
- Fighting
- No electronic devices (ipod, cell phone, games etc.). They will be taken away and the parent will have to pick them up.

I have read the above and discussed it with my child(ren) _____
Child(ren) names

Parent/ Guardian
Print name

Parent/Guardian
Signature