

**St. Edward the Confessor Church**  
**Religious Education Office**  
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July 13, 2017

Dear Parents,

It is time again to begin the registration process for the 2017-18 P.S.R. school year for all students.

**FIRST.....after carefully reviewing the survey returns from our families, we will continue our Grade 1-4 classes on Wednesdays for at least this school year. We appreciate the responses we received, but there just weren't enough of them to justify making the change to Sunday afternoons. We will re-visit this option again. REVIEW THE ATTACHED FACT SHEET BEFORE REGISTERING.** This gives you complete information about our program at all grade levels, including the dates that classes start.

**As we introduced it last year, you will have 3 options to register your children:**

- **You can do a complete registration and fee payment online in just a few minutes!**  
Simply go to [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org), click on the *Faith Formation* tab at the top of the screen, and then click on the *PSR* tab. Follow the instructions, and then you also have the option at the end of the registration to pay the registration fees by clicking on the *On-Line Giving* tab. If you already have an account established (e.g. parish contributions), you can also select *PSR Registration Fees*. If you don't already have an account, it takes just minutes to establish one. **The vast majority of last year's registrations and fee payments were done on-line and, we hope you will take advantage of this option again**
- The "paper registration forms" are also under the *PSR* tab. They are in a pdf. Format, which you can print out, complete by hand and either mail or drop off at our office along with a check or cash for registration fees.
- You can stop in the office and complete the forms by hand and pay fees as has always been the case, or we can send the forms to you by regular mail.

Calendars for the entire 2017-18 school year will be made available later this summer. As always, we will produce separate calendars for those attending Wednesday classes, and for those attending Sunday classes, as well as the TAG and EDGE programs (see fact sheet). **We will continue to use e-mail extensively to notify parents throughout the year of calendar and schedule items.**

Should you have questions, the Religious Education office will generally be open the rest of the summer and on most Sundays after masses. Please call (587-4160) and, if necessary, leave a voice-mail message (you can do this 24/7!) for myself or my assistant, Sarah Sween. You can also reach us by e-mail: Mike Millisor, [reled@saintedwards.org](mailto:reled@saintedwards.org) or Sarah Sween, [sarah@saintedwards.org](mailto:sarah@saintedwards.org)

In the Love of Christ,

Mike Millisor  
Director

## P.S.R. 2017-18 School Year – Fact Sheet

### Grades Pre-K (4 year olds) & Kindergarten

- We will continue to combine both groups of students into one class, which will continue to be held Sunday mornings during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. **The first class date is Sunday, September 17.**

### Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4

- Classes will continue on Wednesday evenings with the usual option to choose a class period preference:  
**Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 - Class time from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.**  
**BREAK - 6:15 to 6:30 p.m.**  
**Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 - Class time from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
- The class-period preference for your child (or children) will be honored on a “first come-first served” basis. You may assume your choice has been accepted unless you hear otherwise from our office. **The first class date is Wednesday, September 13. There will be an Opening Assembly for everyone (including parents) in the Parish Hall – in between the 2 class periods from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m.**
- Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students will receive separate mailings after the school year begins which provides all of the important activities and calendar dates regarding preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
- **We are pleased to begin a second year of our “TAG” (Tweens and God) program for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students.** With direction from our Youth Minister, Marissa Everhart, these students as a single group will spend several class periods spaced throughout the school year in activities designed to build upon their experience of First Eucharist (from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade). They will experience a fun and faith-filled community environment that helps them develop a life of personal prayer and prepares them for their eventual transition to middle school years. **There will be more information released regarding the TAG calendar as the school year begins.**

### Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8

- Classes will continue to be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **The first class date is Sunday, September 17.** **There will be a short Opening Assembly for everyone (including parents) in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m.**
- Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will receive separate mailings after the school year begins which provides all of the important calendar dates regarding preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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- **We are also please to begin the second year of “EDGE” program for our 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students** Also with direction from our Youth Minister, Marissa Schlabach, these students will spend several class periods throughout the school year as a single group in activities that build faith-filled bonds with one another and allow them to bring up and share faith questions. It will also help them in their spiritual maturation process in an honest and caring way. Deepening one’s faith during these critical middle school years will help them make the transition to preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. **There will be more information released regarding the EDGE calendar as the school year begins.**

### **Limited Home-School Option**

- Homeschooling does not apply to any student preparing for Sacraments in grades 2 and 8, and also generally for students in grade 7. **Parent(s) who are considering this must make an appointment to meet with me to discuss the necessity of home-schooling and receive approval.** Completion of a registration form and payment of fees is still required.