

A letter to the Families of Sacred Heart Religious Education,

Welcome to the 2020/2021 school year. This year will be a little different than past years. To maintain social distancing we are not using the SH school building.

For the student/s in grades 1, & 3-8 you have the option of:

100% Home Study, Family & In-class catechesis, and Opt-out/do your own lessons.

Grades 2, 9, 10, 11 and Sacrament Prep will meet regularly with a catechist.

100% Home STUDY: If you decide to use the 100% home study, you will follow Loyola's Family Catechesis program by using the student textbook and following the online parent program. You can look at the program here: www.christourlife.com/family Look for this link - IF YOUR PARISH IS PARTICIPATING IN CHRIST OUR LIFE FAMILY CATECHESIS - CLICK HERE I think this is an excellent program, but you do need to be committed to following the calendar and setting aside time each week to teach. There are several other publishers that offer home study programs. You might like this one from Our Sunday Visitor. <https://aliveinchrist.osv.com/tour/family/view/1> We will have a video tutorial for any families that decide to go with 100% Home Study

FAMILY Catechesis & IN-CLASS: The Family Catechesis is just that- it is for the whole family. Once every 5-6 weeks we will all come together (students cannot come on their own for the family lesson). We will be following the same 7 Faith themes but instead of you-the parents teaching 4-5 lessons you'll have one lesson to teach and you'll send your student/s once a month for an in-class lesson with their catechist.

How it works: There are 7 Faith Themes and most all themes run for 4-5 weeks.

Here is an example using the first Faith Model- Creed

All Families meet in the KC Hall for a lesson on Creed

- Parents and Students will open the meeting together with prayer and scripture
- Students will break out to designated areas in the hall for a lesson with their class, while parents stay with a presenter for a short lesson on Creed
- Families will take home a packet with a lesson for their student/s to be done at home
- Student/s will have an In-class lesson with their catechist once during the Faith theme

This model will repeat every 4-5 weeks with each Faith Theme.

We are asking you to give yourself and your family this unique opportunity to grow together in your spiritual life.

Students in grades 2, 9, 10, 11 & older students needing sacrament prep will have a regular meeting calendar with a catechist. Let me know if you have a health concern and need home study materials.

The calendar will be will be handed out at the first class and can be found on the churches website <https://www.shcatholicchurch.org/>

Please return the attached registration form to the Rectory by Sept. 9th.

Thank you for your patience you can call me with any questions.

Blessings for a safe and spiritual year- Mrs. McConnell

Sacred Heart Religious Education Meeting Place for Each Grade

KC Hall	Parent/s & Student/s in Grades 1, 3-8	Families meet once every 5-6 Weeks
KC Annex	Grade 3, 4 & 5	Meets Once per Theme (see Calendar)
Family Center	Grade 2	Meets Weekly (see calendar)
Church	Confirmation Preperation	Meets Weekly (see calendar)
SHS Art House	Grade 1 & 8	Meets Once per Theme (see Calendar)
SHS Band Hall	Grade 9	Meets Weekly (see calendar)
Youth House	Grade 10	Meets Weekly (see calendar)
Chovantetz Building	Grade 6 & 7	Meets Once per Theme (see Calendar)
Church Cry room	Sac. Prep.	Meets Weekly (see calendar)

We are using a Family Catechesis Model for our curriculum. This means parents will be attending one class with their students every 6 weeks. (7 total "Family" meetings for the year.) The student will meet with their class for one lesson and one lesson will be given to the parents to teach at home for each of the themes. Advent and Lent are the exception. See the calendar.

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will be following this model. Advent, Moral Life, Lent, Prayer and Evangelization.

The 7 Themes are Creed, Sacraments, Family dates are highlighted in Yellow.

Grades 2, 9, 10, 11 and those older students that may have missed 1st Penance or Communion (RCIC) will meet on a regular schedule.

The calendar is on the back. If your students grade is on a date they have class. If they are to meet in a different location it is listed, otherwise they will meet in assigned space.
If the grade is not listed on a date they DO NOT have class.

We will be communicating through the Remind app again this year. Please sign up so that you receive the weekly updates.

Your students teacher may also communicate through Remind and or e-mail.

Families that are doing the 100% HomeStudy with Loyola will follow the weekly schedule for each theme. Trying to complete a chapter each week. You can e-mail the interactive chapter review from each lesson to your studetns catechist.

All Families can use the resources found on the Loyola Family page. www.christourlife.com/family

Sacred Heart Religious Education 2020/2021 Calendar

MEETING PLACE FOR EACH GRADE

Only students in grades 2,9,10,11 & RCIC will attend classes weekly. See the back for more detail. If your child's grade is not listed on a date, they DO NOT have class that week.

KC Hall	*All Families Grades 1, 3-8	
KC Annex	Grade 3, 4 & 5 (on different days)	Attend as a Family: Nov. 1 All Saints Day Dec. 8 Feast of Immaculate Concep. Jan. 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God Ash Wednesday Mass Feb. 17 Penance Service during Lent Holy Hour Sunday 6pm-Friday 6 pm.
Family Center & Church	Grade 2	
Church & KC Annex	Grade 11 - Confirmation Preparation	
SHS Art House	Grade 1 & 8 (on different days)	
SHS Band Hall	Grade 9	
Youth House	Grade 10	
Chovanetz Ins. Building	Grade 6 & 7 (on different days)	
Church Cry room	RCIC	

CREED

- Sept. 16 Grade 2,5,9,10,11 & RCIC
- Sept. 23 *Families 1&3-8. Grade 2, 9, 10,11, RCIC
- Sept. 30 2 in Church, 1,3,6,9,10. 11 at KC Annex, RCIC
- Oct. 7 Grade 2, 4,7 & 8, 9, 10, 11, RCIC
- Oct. 14 No Class

PRAYER

- Mar. 3 *Families 1&3-8. Grade 2, 9, 10,11, RCIC
- Mar. 10 No 2nd gr. 1,3,6,9,10,11, RCIC
- Mar. 24 2 & RCIC in church, 4 at Art House, 9,10, 11 at Annex
- Mar. 31 2,5,7,8,9,10,11, RCIC

SACRAMENTS

- Oct. 21 *Families 1&3-8. Grade 2, 9, 10,11, RCIC
- Oct. 28 Grade 2, 4,7 & 8, 9, 10, 11, RCIC
- Nov. 4 Grade 2,5,9,10,11 & RCIC
- Nov. 11 2 in church, 9, 10. 11 at KC Annex, RCIC
- Nov. 18 2 in church, 1,3,6,9, 10. 11 off, RCIC-Penance

EVANGELIZATION

- Apr. 1 Holy Thursday Mass
- Apr. 7 *Families 1&3-8. Grade 2, 9, 10,11, RCIC
- Apr. 14 No 2nd gr. 1,3,6,9,10, RCIC
- Apr. 14 Confirmation practice
- Apr. 18 Confirmation 10:30 Mass
- Apr. 21 2 & RCIC in church, 5,9,10,11 no class
- Apr. 25 1st Communion 10:30 Mass
- Apr. 28 2,4,7,8,9,10,11-mystagogy
- May. 5 Closing Mass all grades- hopefully!
- May. 23 Baccalaurette

ADVENT

- Dec. 9 *Families in Gr 1-8 including 2nd & RCIC at KC Hall, 9,10,11

MORAL LIFE

- Jan. 6 *Families in Gr 1, 3-8 at KC Hall, 9,10,11, RCIC
- Jan. 13 No Class for 2 and RCIC. 5, 9,10,11
- Jan. 20 2 & RCIC in Family Center. 1,3,6,9,10,11
- Jan. 27 2,4,7,8,9,10,11, RCIC
- Feb. 3 NO CLASS - Catholic Schools Week

LENT

- Feb.10 *Families in Gr 1-8 including 2nd & RCIC at KC Hall, 9,10,11
- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday Mass-families attend on your own.
- Feb. 24 2 in FC, 9,10,11 in church for Penance & Adoration

*Family means parent/s and students.
Students may not attend the Family Program without a parent.
Grandparents are welcome.
Bring a bible with you to the Family meeting. Some bibles will be available.

SHRE Safety Protocol

Your Families safety is important to us. We will be using the guidelines for social distancing that our diocese has recommended. We will be Spacing students and using partitions where needed. Sterilization/hand washing stations and sanitizer will be available and used in every class. Students in grades 5-11 are required to wear masks as well as all adults. You can help by checking your student for any symptoms as outlined in the HISD guidelines. You and your children should stay home if there are any signs of illness. Do not send sick children. If someone is tested positive for Covid-19 please notify Msgr. John or myself asap. We are all praying for a safe and healthy school year.

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