



## St. Pius X Religious Education Policies & Parent Agreement for EDGE 2016-2017

### Registration

The registration period for the 2017-2018 school year is from April 17 – July 14, 2017. Registrations of returning participants WILL NOT be accepted after that date. Registrations are considered incomplete without a parent signature AND method of payment, and will not be used to hold a spot for your child. All NEW registrations must include a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and record of any other Sacraments they have received (unless Sacraments were received at St. Pius X).

### Attendance and Behavior

Enrollment in EDGE at St. Pius X is a commitment. Consistent and punctual attendance is expected and excessive absences will not be accepted. Teens enrolled in EDGE are expected to attend EDGE Nights once a week on their scheduled day. **Teens are not permitted to have more than four (4) unexcused absences at their weekly EDGE Nights.** Teens in Chosen Confirmation Prep 1 and Prep 2 will meet in the Community Room of the Faith Center in lieu of their weekly EDGE Night, according to the dates on the Religious Education Calendar. Because these lessons are exclusively for sacramental preparation, they **MUST** be made up if missed. If a conflict arises that causes a teen to miss their regularly scheduled EDGE or Chosen Night, the teen or parent is expected to make arrangements to attend the one of the other EDGE or Chosen Nights that week. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence for the week.

EDGE allows middle school teens to engage in their faith in a fun and energetic environment. While we encourage teens to come to EDGE Nights prepared to have good time, respect for the environment, director, Core Team members, and speakers remains a top priority. Our Core Team members have dedicated their time and talents to share the faith with the youth of St. Pius X and teens are expected to appreciate the incredible gift they are receiving through the witness of our Core Team. Acts of disrespect will not be tolerated, and if a teen is found to be disrupting an EDGE Night in any way, they will be sent home. Please do let us know of any specific learning or behavioral special needs at the time of registration so that we may best serve your child throughout the year. Additionally, please contact the director if an extenuating circumstance affects your child's ability to participate in their regularly scheduled EDGE Night, so that we can work with you to find the best possible solution.

The majority of time spent at an EDGE/Chosen Night happens in a large group setting. We will not accept requests for friends to be placed in the same small group. We strive to balance all small groups, and by not placing groups of friends together in the same small group, they are able to make new friends in the parish and give their Core Team member their full attention during small group discussion.

### Pick Up and Drop Off

Middle school teens may be dropped off outside the school building no more than ten (10) minutes before the start of the EDGE Night. Please be sure to follow all signs, marked and communicated traffic directions, and pick up procedures.

**There is no longer a pick up line outside of the school building at the end of class due to traffic and safety concerns.** Parents must park their cars in the parish parking lot to pick up teens. Cars are prohibited from parking or idling in front of the Religious Education Building.

### **Communication and Calendar**

All notices from the Office of Religious Education will be sent via email from [sgarcia@st-pius.org](mailto:sgarcia@st-pius.org) – be sure to add this email to your address book to prevent missing important communication. Also, be sure that the email address on your registration form is checked regularly to ensure that you do not miss important announcements. The Religious Education calendar closely follows that of the Fairfield Public Schools. EDGE will begin the week of September 11-13, 2017 and will run through the week of May 14-16, 2018.

In the event that we must cancel EDGE or Chosen due to inclement weather, notice will be sent via email and an announcement will be posted on the parish website ([www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org)) and the EDGE Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/spxEDGE](http://www.facebook.com/spxEDGE)). When Fairfield Public Schools dismiss early or cancel classes due to inclement weather, we WILL NOT have EDGE or Chosen. However, in the event of a regularly scheduled early dismissal from Fairfield Public Schools, EDGE Nights will occur as scheduled.

### **Safety**

**Food:** There is absolutely NO FOOD OR DRINK allowed in the Religious Education building during EDGE Nights.

**Medications:** We are unable to distribute ANY medications to teens. In the case of an Epi-Pen for allergies, a form must be filled out and signed by both a parent/legal guardian AND the child's physician to allow the child to SELF-ADMINISTER. If a teen is unable to self-administer for any reason, a parent/guardian must stay on the premises with an Epi-Pen during the EDGE Night.

**Building Safety:** The Religious Education Building will be locked during EDGE Nights. The door will remain locked from ten minutes past the beginning of the EDGE Night to 10 minutes prior to dismissal. Adults are not allowed to walk around the building during this time. If a teen must be dismissed early, a note must be sent with the teen. A parent/guardian may access the office by ringing the doorbell and must sign the teen out in the office. We will retrieve the teen from the EDGE Night and bring them to the office.

## **EDGE Parent Agreement**

*As the parent of a Catholic teen, I am dedicated to helping my teen come to know, love, and serve God. I understand that I am the primary educator of my teen in our Catholic faith, and I recommit myself to fulfilling this most important obligation. To this end, I specifically commit to the following:*

- I will attend Mass with my teen every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.
- I will engage in conversations with my teen about their weekly EDGE Nights.
- I will encourage daily prayer as a family at home.
- I will commit myself to learning about the Catholic faith.
- I will stay up to date on all important notices coming from the Office of Religious Education.
- I will hold my teen accountable for their behavior during their scheduled EDGE Night, treating their peers and the Core Team with respect.

*\*The signature on your teen's registration form acts as an acknowledgment that you have read these policies and commit to the requirements outlined in the Parent Agreement.*

*Thank you for allowing us to share in the faith formation of your teen! We are committed to their growth in the knowledge of our Church and our growth together as a parish.*