



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

EDGE at St. Pius X meets weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30PM.

### Registration

The registration period for the 2016-2017 school year is from April 4-June 30, 2016. Registrations of returning students WILL NOT be accepted after that date. All registrations must include a parent signature acknowledging program policies. Unsigned forms will be considered incomplete, and your child will not be placed in a small group until the form is returned with a signature. All new registrations must include a copy of your child(ren)'s Baptismal Certificate(s) 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.** Students in Chosen Prep 1 have the option to miss the EDGE Night immediately following their monthly Chosen session, if they so choose. For example, if their monthly Chosen session meets on 10/9, students who attend that session may choose to miss EDGE the week of 10/11-10/12. If a conflict arises that causes a teen to miss their regularly scheduled EDGE Night, the teen or parent is expected to make arrangements to attend the other EDGE Night that week. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence for the week.

EDGE allows middle school students to engage in their faith in a fun and energetic environment. While we encourage students 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 talent to share the faith with the youth of St. Pius X and students 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 student 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 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 students may be dropped off outside the school building no more than ten (10) minutes before the start of the EDGE Night.

**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 students. Students will be escorted outside to find their ride, but no cars are allowed to park or idle in front of the Religious Education Building.

## Communication and Calendar

All notices from the Office of Religious Education will be sent via email. Please be sure we have a current family email address on file that 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 19-20, 2016 and will run through the week of May 9-10, 2017.

In the event that we must cancel EDGE 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)), the EDGE Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/spxEDGE](http://www.facebook.com/spxEDGE)), and [www.ctweather.com](http://www.ctweather.com). When Fairfield Public Schools dismiss early or cancel classes due to inclement weather, we WILL NOT have EDGE. However, in the event of a regularly scheduled early release from Fairfield Public Schools, the EDGE Night will happen 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 students. 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 student 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 student must be dismissed early, a note must be sent with the student. A parent/guardian may access the office by ringing the doorbell and must sign the student out in the office. We will retrieve the student 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.*