

We hope that you and your family are enjoying your summer! The St. Bron's staff is already looking forward to the next session of Religious Education. Enclosed with this letter are the Registration forms you will need to fill out and return in order to register your children for the 2017-2018 school year. The starting dates are listed on the back of this letter. Parents (Grades 1-8) are to attend the first class with their children. At that meeting you will receive the Religious Education Handbook which includes the class schedules for the entire school year.

Registration:

Important! Fill in all empty areas. <u>PLEASE</u> provide an email address for correspondence during the program year, so that we can reduce paper memos coming home in folders.

We will not reserve a place for your child by phone; however, you must submit the forms in order to hold a class time. You will not receive written notice that your child has been registered. If you want to confirm that your forms arrived at the parish or if you have registration questions, email kim@stbrons.com or call 715-341-6700 x 102.

Please be aware that the class time selection listed on the form is dependent on the adult/young adult volunteers who come forward to fill the roles of catechist, aide and various other responsibilities. <u>We still need volunteers</u>, so if you or someone you know would be interested in teaching, please contact us.

<u>Sacraments:</u> Please complete the Sacramental Registration form if you have a child in 2^{nd} or 9^{th} grade. If you have a child in grades 3-9 that did not receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Eucharist, return the completed form and contact Jody at 715-341-6700 x 107 for more information.

<u>Confirmation</u>: This is a four year program at St. Brons. Students begin in 7th grade and complete the program in the fall of their Junior year. Students must complete all four years of formation in order to be confirmed. If your teen is in 8th or 9th grade and has not previously been in our program, you will need to contact Julie Studinski at 715-341-6706 for more information.

We look forward to sharing an exciting year with you and your children!

God Bless!

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Safe Environment Training: In the first weeks of the Religious Education program, children will spend about 20 minutes learning about safety, a safe environment, and the care that surrounds them. *If you do not want your child to attend this portion of their class*, you must complete and return the "Safe Environment Student Training Declination" form <u>before classes begin</u>. You can pick up a copy of the form in the Religious Education or Parish office, or go to the diocesan website (diolc.org) under the "Safe Environment" section. Safe environment information will also be available at the parent meetings.

-----Mark your Calendars! ------

Starting Dates...

Grades 1–5	4:00 p.m	Wednesday, September 20	(Parent(s) and children meet in Church)
Grades 1-6	5:30 p.m	Wednesday, September 20	(Parent(s) and children meet in Church)
Grades 7-8	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday, September 29	(Mandatory Parent(s) and students begin in Church)
Grade 9 <i>Parents Only</i>	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday, October 4	(<u>Mandatory</u> Parent meeting)
Grade 9	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday, October 11	(meet in Church)

Other Dates...

9th Grade Important Dates...

Wednesday, November 8 Youth Rally - at St. Brons

Wednesday, April 11 Youth Rally – at St Ladislaus Catholic Church - Bevent

7th Grade Important Date...

Saturday, October 7 Mandatory Event – St. John Bosco Day at Holy Hill

5th and 6th Grade Important Date...

Saturday, October 14 Retreat at Rudolph Grotto (information provided at 1st class)

2nd Grade Important Dates...

Wednesday, October 18 Parent meetings regarding 1st Reconciliation

Saturday, December 2 1st Reconciliation Retreat & Celebration of Sacrament

Wednesday, January 31 Parent meetings regarding 1st Communion Wednesday, March 14 Parent meetings regarding 1st Communion

Saturday, April 14 1st Communion Retreat & Practice 9:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday, April 22 1st Communion Mass @ 12:30 p.m.

Community and Parish Involvement Hours - Each year community and parish involvement hours are a part of the Confirmation Program for students in 7th, 8th and 9th grades. There are several opportunities coming up; The Roast Pork dinner is October 14th, our annual fun faith filled trip to Fire on The Hill – John Bosco Day is October 7th, and the TNT Halloween party is October 26th. Also, students have an opportunity to sign up to help during Elementary Religious Education in the classrooms or in our workroom. Watch for sign-up sheets posted in the gathering space or check out our website at stbrons.com under youth ministry.