

My child was not able to attend PSR classes last year. If I register them for this year, will they be held back, or be behind their peers academically?

While some parishes require students to repeat the year (or years) that they missed, we place students with their classmates in their current grade. **However**, in order to cover Religion content for years missed, they will be required to complete the following (in addition to their regular grade level Religion book):

- **Second Graders** who missed Grade 1 will need to complete the Grade 1 Religion book.
- **Third Graders** who missed Grade 2 and desire to receive sacraments, will complete the Grade 2 book, plus preparation books for First Reconciliation & First Communion and must attend Sacrament retreat days and preparation events.
- **Fourth through Sixth** graders who missed any of the prior years of Religion, must complete the **Bridges Program** (a separate book that they work on at home) to cover vocabulary words and concepts that they missed.
- **Seventh and Eighth** graders who did not attend PSR last year, but desire to be considered for Confirmation in Grade 8, must complete the **"Called to be Catholic"** program (separate book they work on at home).
- When the requirement covering missed content is completed, the parent and students in Grades 2-7 meet with Miss Telepak for a book report. Students in Grade 8 will meet with Youth Minister, Kyle Griesse. We are SO happy to have you back, that our parish will cover the \$20 cost of these books. It's our goal to work with you and your child to **"bridge the gap"** of missed work and help them catch up to the content level where their peers are in PSR.



Once I sign up for the 4:15 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. session, does my child have to stay at that time all year?

We allow ONE time slot switch during the academic year. Much paperwork involving class lists, medical forms, emergency sheets, etc. are involved in a switch. It's disruptive to more than one teacher to have multiple switches in an academic year.

Is my child allowed to leave class early for sports or an appointment?

No. Unless it's an emergency, we highly discourage this. With almost 700 students in PSR, it's not fair to the other students who remain for the entire class. Likewise, coming late for class is not fair to the teacher who has already begun the lesson, or the students who are distracted

and interrupted when your child walks in. Please contact Miss Telepak regarding having to leave early for sports or Medical Appointments.

How do I report an absence?

If it's before 3:30 p.m. on a Monday, contact Mrs. Ashley Klug by leaving a message at the Parish Office at 440-871-1100, ext. 136 or via e-mail at aklug@saintraphaelparish.com. If it's after 3:30 p.m. on a Monday, you can call the PSR Office in the school directly at 440-871-6760, ext. 131. That school number is also good to call if you are delayed in traffic or running late at work. We will keep your children safe with us in the office until you come to pick them up.

Is financial aid available?

We are blessed to have a Scholarship Assistance Fund due to the generosity of parishioners. If a Religious Education Scholarship would help your family, check the appropriate line in the Fee section on the second page of your salmon registration form. All scholarships are confidential. You may request full or partial financial aid, and pay what you are able. No child will ever be denied a Catholic Religious Education due to financial challenges.