



# PREP K-6 Parent Information 2017/18

Calendar, contact information, class resources, etc. are on:  
[saintcparish.org/under FAITH & EDUCATION/PREP-Parish Religious Education Program](http://saintcparish.org/under FAITH & EDUCATION/PREP-Parish Religious Education Program).

## Welcome! Most welcome!

***Parents are always welcome to stay for class!***

The PREP catechists' contact information-**the PREP Staff List**-is on the parish website. The catechists are happy to hear from you often-in person, by email, or phone, and they will stay connected with you.

Catechists are eager to talk with you about your child's learning and want to be of help. They are available during the snack, and after PREP (though after PREP can be hectic).

The Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation is always available for meeting before and after PREP, and is happy to meet with you. She also sends PREP emails many Fridays, and welcomes replies. Her contact information is on the website, as well.

## Learning and Living

**The PREP staff hopes to be people that are a support for your family for growing in love of God and others.**

We join with you in praying to help your children grow in relationship with God and His ways. ☺

Before PREP, we often say this prayer over them: *"We pray: That you grow in becoming people of goodness and integrity. That you become the person God wishes you to be. And, that you come closer to the God who made you and who will love and help you all through your life."*

What the children learn at PREP-information and experience-builds from year to year. The information is sequential and each grade builds upon the other. Their faith experience over time-invaluable for life.

We use **guidelines for teaching the children from the Archbishop's office**. They can be found online on the website for the **Archdiocese of Seattle** under **Faith Formation/Religious Education/PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and/or, 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**.

We use the **Pflaum Gospel Weeklies** for your child's studies. The website for this publisher, under [www.pflaumweeklies.com](http://www.pflaumweeklies.com), has detailed information. The children's learning is directed by the Archdiocesan guidelines first, and uses the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies and other sources as further resources.

Each week the catechists suggest asking your child what they learned. On the Pflaum website, you can sign up for **The Gospel at Home**, which is a summary and supplement to what your child is learning each week. **The Gospel at Home** is a good help for fostering conversation with your children. There are other family ideas there, as well.

**\*\*\*Children planning on receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion should be enrolled by the First Grade, before their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Communion year.**

**The children receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion have additional books specifically for those sacraments from RCL Benziger: Reconciliation-Pardon and Peace, and Eucharist-We Give Thanks and Praise at [rclbenziger.com/sacraments](http://rclbenziger.com/sacraments)**

**\*\*For older children-children older than 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who need to receive a sacrament-** please make arrangements with the Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation for teaching your child at home. You would register for **PREP at Home**.

## Community

We hope to build a sense of belonging as the children go through PREP. Here the children will meet others not only from our parish, but from their schools. They often feel more comfortable when they discover that their friends from their school are here, too. Parents may connect with great acquaintances, as well.

## Attendance

**Please email the catechist, the Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation, or call the parish office, if your child will not be at PREP.** The parish office number is (206) 842-3594.

**For your child's safety, someone will call you each week if your child is not at PREP.**

All PREP dates (and some other parish dates) are on the **PREP Calendar** on the parish website. PREP follows the Bainbridge Island School District and the Saint Cecilia Catholic School calendars **for most dates**.

***If your child will be missing a PREP class, please let your catechist know ahead of time, and they will be happy to give you the lesson material.*** This will help prevent your child from falling behind. I.e. the Weeklies could be taken when a family goes on a trip.

Please try not to have your child come late, & leave early. If they need to, please let the catechist know ahead of time. The catechists will make efforts to be on time as well. Visiting with the catechists is often better at a time other than the end of PREP, just because they are checking to see that the children leave with the correct person.

***Please note on the PREP registration, if your child may go home with someone else, or, has permission to walk to a designated place.***

Please call or email the catechist, and cc the Pastoral Assistant, if your child would no longer be coming to PREP.

## **Arrival & Parking**

The PREP and the SCCS children share the time and space on Mondays. Children from the school are coming and going, so please:

**Enter & exit the Faith Center through the St. Monica Room doors. *(Please do not use the school's side, front, or downstairs doors.)***

**Park in the lot on the side of the church. Please NOT** the school parking lot.

***PREP will start in Conger at 2 p.m.*** with prayer, snack, & a bathroom break. Each class takes turns in leading the prayer. The prayer will often be taken from those suggested by the Archdiocese. Afterward, the catechists bring their class to the Faith Center/the school building, and the children are released from there.

## **Safety Pick Up**

***Classes end in the Faith Center at 3:30 p.m. Parents, or, a designated person, should come to the classroom, (via the St. Monica doors) at the end of class.*** This assures that your child goes home with the correct person.

***Catechists will stay with your child-within or just outside the classroom-until you, or your designated representative, meets them.***

## Emergency Procedures

Each catechist has a list of emergency numbers for each child with them in class.

The Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation keeps a comprehensive list of all home and emergency numbers. To contact her during PREP, call the parish office (206) 842-3594.

We have emergency exit routes for the Faith Center. We will practice emergency drills, so the children would be prepared in case of an emergency.

## Weather and Closings

**We will follow the Bainbridge Island School District's decision about closures.** You may listen to local news that usually begins about 5:30 a.m. when it snows, or, call the Bainbridge Island School District recorded message number: (206) 780-1556.

## Tuition

**Payments to PREP can be adjusted for family needs. Scholarships are available.** Talk with the Pastoral Assistant.

Tuition and snack fees are listed on the registration forms.

## PREP Guidelines for Student Conduct

All human beings are created in the image and likeness of God and are precious in the eyes of God. Therefore, we would expect your children to respect their teachers, classmates and themselves at all times. Respectful behavior will affirm the dignity of each person and will enable maximum learning of our faith to take place.

We ask that parents encourage a positive and purposeful attitude toward Religious Education classes. Please let your children know that respectful behavior and active class participation is expected of them by you and by us. **We applaud you for the positive and beautiful attitudes we've seen each week.**

## Expectations for Students

Respectful treatment of adults and other students at all times. This would include good classroom behavior.

**After the catechist works with a child, if a child has 3 corrections for inappropriate behavior, she will call parents, and alert the Pastoral Assistant. She could ask a parent to come to classes with their child for a time.**

We want to promote respectful treatment of the building and grounds of the St. Cecilia Faith Center, Conger Hall, and Church. This includes: no running or being loud in the building; no climbing the railings inside or outside; no walking through the flowerbeds.

**Drinks and gum are not allowed in the Faith Center.**

Hats should not be worn inside.

Students should not use the Faith Center elevator.

Students are to use student restrooms only (not staff restrooms). No crayons or markers may be taken in.

**Students are to leave all electronics and toys at home. If your child has a cell phone or an electronic game, they will need to have it off and put away until after class.**

Students may not write or erase anything on the white boards unless they have the catechist's permission.

Students should not go into the desks in the classrooms for any reason. And, the room set up will return to the original configuration at the end of class.

The catechist will bring all supplies needed for class. We try to maintain a good working relationship with the staff of Saint Cecilia Catholic School.

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