

Dear Parents:

Welcome to *The EDGE*, our new Middle School Education Program for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Our goal is to give our middle school kids the edge, the Catholic edge, the Jesus edge, as they go through this time of remarkable change in their lives.

In many aspects middle school youth are on the edge because so much is going on in their lives physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially. It can be a very stressful and difficult time for them and their parents. Some psychologists have dubbed this time in a child's life as "the last great chance."

While their peers begin to take on a more significant role during these years, middle-schoolers are still very connected and influenced by their parents. They are still craving a close relationship with you and other adults in their lives.

That is why we welcome you to *The EDGE* too. There are ways you can participate and support them.

- Clear your child's schedule for Wednesday nights. Make *The EDGE* your child's commitment.
- Make sure your child attends the first night, Wednesday, September 17th. This night we will cover how the program will work and what is expected of them.
- We need volunteers to help serve snacks on occasion. If you would be able to help out one or more nights during the P.S.R. year, just let me know.
- If you would like to join our EDGE team, it is a great way to stay connected to your child's spiritual life and a great way to strengthen your own. You would be assigned to a different group than your child's. Your interaction with your child's peers will give you valuable insight into the mind of the middle schooler.
- Attend Sunday mass with your child.
- Feel free to visit *The Edge* program.

The program is a discussion based, community building program. The students will continue to learn about our faith, but not in the traditional classroom setting.

We are very excited to begin this year. The EDGE ministry is now in 150 parishes across the United States and Canada. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me. We are looking forward to seeing your middle school child at our first Edge night on Wednesday, September 17th, @ 7:00 p.m.

Blessings to you and your family,

Jill M. Chiro, CRE
Immaculate Conception Church PSR

The EDGE Registration Form

We will be communicating by e-mail whenever possible

1st YOUTH'S FULL NAME _____

BIRTH DATE _____ GENDER _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL _____

YOUTH'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

2nd YOUTH'S FULL NAME _____

BIRTH DATE _____ GENDER _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL _____

YOUTH'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Family's Last Name _____ Home Phone Number _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Father's Full Name _____ Mother's Full Name _____

Father's Work Phone _____ Mother's Work Phone _____

ANNUAL FEE \$50.00 FIRST CHILD, \$25.00 SECOND CHILD, NO CHARGE ANY CHILD THEREAFTER.

AMOUNT PAID _____ CHECK# _____ CASH _____

(No middle schooler is ever turned away for lack of funds.)

Does your child have any special needs due to a learning disability, physical disability, reading difficulty, hearing impairment, emotional problems, or any other reason?

Name of Child _____ Special Need _____

Any allergy, chronic illness or other conditions: _____

Does this child take any medications? No ____ Yes ____ List: _____

In case of an emergency, please contact: _____ Phone _____