

KidNews Today – The Catholic School Edition

Frequently asked Questions

Is “KidNews Today – The Catholic School Edition” an official publication of the Roman Catholic Church?

No. KidNews Today has been published in a “Community Edition” for nearly ten years as a service to the community by Dr. Lori Puterbaugh’s counseling practice in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. In response to requests, and in conjunction with Dr. Lori’s role as a counselor at a Catholic school, the Catholic School Edition was launched within Florida in 2007 and is now available nationwide. The publication does not speak for the Church, but Dr. Lori does occasionally offer useful perspectives and reflections on official Church publications, which she references for the reader’s additional use. Most importantly, KidNews Today – The Catholic School Edition is “faith friendly”; guided by the crucial role of the Church in every aspect of life and especially in the obligation we have to raise children properly.

KidNews Today is called a “Family Resource Newsletter”. What does that mean?

Dr. Lori frequently assists parents and guardians in solving problems that would be less troubling if the family merely had access to good useful information. The problem is not that the information is unavailable, but rather that it is spread out over a wide range of publications, journals, and professions ... and parents don’t have the time, energy, awareness and expertise to track it down. KidNews Today combines the best and most practical guidance from all related areas into an understandable form that families can use. The research base from which KidNews Today is drawn includes:

- † Child and Family Psychology
- † Medical and Drug Research
- † Fitness and Diet
- † Education and Special Education
- † Diversity of Culture, Tradition, and Values
- † Philosophy, Religion, and Art
- † Conflict Management, Consensus Building, and Coaching
- † Communication Skills
- † Sources of additional information and assistance

What age group of students is KidNews Today – The Catholic School Edition oriented toward?

The orientation is strongly toward Pre-K thru adolescence.

Does KidNews Today – The Catholic School Edition focus on what is wrong with children and the remedies available?

It is safe to say that the print media, television, the medical professions and much of government is handling that task quite well without assistance. On the other hand, Dr. Lori doesn't tend to think of children, or adults, in terms of what is "wrong" with them. Most of us are not broken, so we don't need remedies. We need insights, faith, and strategies for dealing with life. KidNews Today – The Catholic School Edition recognizes that healthy, well balanced, and informed adults are best able to help children develop and thrive. Therefore, the contents are resources for all family members, not just children.

How much does a subscription to KidNews Today cost?

The annual cost is \$300 for ten issues, customized to your school and published monthly except for June and July. If your school begins a subscription within the "volume year" (ie: after August) you may simply pay the prorated cost for the balance of the period. For example, if there are only the March, April, and May issues left to receive, you would pay \$90 and then would re-subscribe for the August thru May timeframe ... the next school year. Subscribers will also receive special one-page articles on a timely or particularly important topic from time to time.

Most schools post KidNews Today on their web-site in the provided PDF format. Some schools print the file and send it home with the "only-or-oldest" students. For your planning purposes if printing, KidNews is always four single-side pages in length.

What is the customization for our school that is done to KidNews Today?

The heading is customized to include the school name and web-site address. The front page sidebar is also customized to include the name of your Principal or other main contact, the contact or school phone number, and the contact email address. Please see the sample copy available on our web-site: kidnewstoday.com and/or request a sample copy with customizations for your school by filling out the form on our web-site or by emailing us at info@kidnewstoday.com. KidNews Today is not available in un-

customized form, nor can it be reproduced in full or part except in its original customized form, and then only for its intended use by student families, faculty, and similar care-givers.

What defines a subscriber to KidNews Today?

This is an important question. The subscription agreement and copyrights associated with KidNews Today grant use to “a school”. This almost always means a location and Principal. For example, if a parish supports a pre-K thru 4 school and grade 5-8 school at different locations with different school names and different principals, each would need a subscription, since they are essentially two different schools. If, on the other hand, a parish has one principal over two locations (eg: two small buildings are needed) with the same grade breakdown and only one school name, then only one subscription is required. Think about the customizations discussed above to get a better grasp of what “a subscription” means. If you have questions, please contact us.

Is KidNews Today – The Catholic School Edition available in Spanish?

Not at the current time.