



BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

From the Office of the Principal

Dear Parents:

St. Patrick's Day is quickly approaching. This year, many St. Patrick's Day celebrations are being held on Friday, March 13. I wanted to take a few moments to clarify our attendance policy and ask for your support to help to maintain a positive academic environment on a day that many choose to not attend school.

If your family has traditionally participated in St. Patrick's Day activities, or if your son/daughter is part of an organization that has marched in the parade, Bishop Chatard High School will consider this an excused absence with parental signature verification on the form that can be found [here](#). This form must be completed 48 hours in advance.

Each year there are rumblings of a "Senior Skip Day." No such day exists, and it is not sanctioned by Bishop Chatard High School. If a student does not come to school, and a phone call or verification form is not filled out, they are considered Absence Unexcused (AUX).

Bishop Chatard High School considers the following absences Excused (EX):

1. Short-term illness, doctor appointment, or injury – A doctor's note is required for any student who misses more than three consecutive days due to illness.
2. The death and/or funeral of an immediate family member (parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin). If absence extends beyond two days, documentation is required.
3. A limited number of college visit days for juniors and seniors with the approval of the administration.
4. Planned family absence that has an educational purpose – **school form required 48 hours prior. Approval is granted by Mr. Reilly.**
5. Administration pre-approved special circumstance absence – **school form required 48 hours prior. Approval is granted by Mr. Reilly.**

Thanks in advance for your support. Please send completed verification forms to Mr. Reilly.

God bless,

Principal, Bishop Chatard High School