

TARDIES

IDEAS & TIPS

- Start on time no matter what. At a minute after, welcome and start the opening hymn. If you were going to a theater for a movie and the paper said it started at 7:00 but you knew they didn't start the film till 7:10, what time would you make sure you are there?
- A good class Presidency. A good class president can motivate, cheer and encourage people to be on time better than most any teacher. Peers encouraging peers to choose the right is the best way if you have a person as president that others look up to. No matter what idea you choose, a class president on board to help encourage it will make it work better.
- Priesthood brother in the halls to encourage them to get into class. They can clear the halls, and ring the buzzers at the right time. They can keep a lot of bad things from happening. Have the Priesthood ring the church hall buzzer two minutes before class and twice when class is to start.
- Monthly attendance report to bishops. Have it say how many minutes late with each tardy.
- Letter home to all parents about the problem. Maybe letter to just those individuals. C-STAR has those addresses.
- Have the rolls marked so that each tardy says how many minutes late they were. A class secretary can do this well.

CES Policy Manual

Tardiness is not to be equated with absences. Seminary credit may be withheld, however, for flagrant tardiness. Parents should be made aware of tardiness problems and must be given ample opportunity to help correct the problem before credit is withheld. In some cases, the parents or teacher may wish to ask for the bishop's involvement. In each case, sensitivity to the student's continued enrollment and success in seminary should be the foremost concern.

INCENTIVES

- **"Bell Quiz"**. As soon as class starts, ask a review question from the day before and anyone who can answer it gets a treat. Maybe write that question on the board so those walk in late will see the question they could have answered, if they had been on time.
- **"The Great & Dreadful Day"** Tell the class(es) that one day in the next weeks, there will be a day that will be extremely "Great" if they are on time or "Dreadful" if they are late so be on time! Then randomly pick that day (don't let the kids know when) and make breakfast. Those on time will feast on breakfast while those who are late will smell the bacon and eggs but won't get any. You can do the same thing with ice cream sandwiches, hot chocolate or cider.
- **"Day of Jubilee"** Like in the Old Testament, it is a day of forgiveness of past errors. If they are on time on that particular day, they get 5 days of makeup work removed.
- **"Donut Day"** Similar to the last one, tell them that one day that week, whatever class has the highest percent on time will win donuts for the class to enjoy. If you don't have other classes in the building, then if you can have 90% on time, they will get donuts the next day. Adjust to your class's past performance.
- **Raffle Tickets**. Announce it the week before and then for two weeks, have someone pass double tickets with #s out at the door. (You can buy a roll of double tickets from any party store" One ticket is kept and the other put in a bowl. Then each day have something they can win like a candy bar or cheap puzzle toys. You could perhaps ask parent to donate baked items or "white elephant" gifts. The more they are on time, the better their chances of winning become over the weeks. If you want it to sound biblical, you can call the tickets "Shekles."
- **Fun Opening Activity**. Do a spotlight or a get to know you game before even the hymn. "Two Truths and a Lie" so they will want to be there and not miss the fun activity.
- Once a week (randomly) have hot water to make hot chocolate or hot cider for all those on time. Lock in the kitchen at the start time. Drink it only in the kitchen so the carpet doesn't get trashed.

PENALTIES

- On the rolls note minutes late. Explain to the students that minutes late can add up to absences.
- Talk to those with problems one on one. It is always better to talk to students before parents.
- Talk to parents.
- Talk to Bishop.