

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## Back to RE Night (Day)

Please remember that Back to RE Night (Day) is September 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to see you at class for Mass and to meet your child's Catechist.

Wednesday: Students will meet downstairs in the commons as normal then go their classrooms. They will come up to the church within the first 10 minutes of class. When they come to the church you may sit with them with their class, or pull them out of their class and sit together as a family in church. Following Mass, they should join their class again to come back down to their room. After they are back in their classes, please pick up your child from their room and you can meet their Catechist and find out about what they are learning this year. Even if you are not able to come to Mass, we ask you to please take a minute to come to your child's class and meet their Catechist. And if you can't meet them this week, you are welcome to do that anytime when picking up your child.

Sunday: Students will meet in their classrooms as normal and our Prayer Service will start in the Commons Room at 9:10am. You may sit with your child with their class or together as a family. Following the Prayer Service the students will go back to their classrooms. After they are back in their classes, please pick up your child from their room and you can meet their Catechist and know a little more about what they are learning this year.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: We would like to especially invite 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents as this grade will be helping at the Mass or Prayer Service as greeters, readers, and gift bearers.

## Volunteers Still Needed

One class is still looking for a teacher: a 1<sup>st</sup> grade at 4:00. If you can help or need more information please ask. Or if you have a relative or friend that would be good at this please encourage them to contact me. First grade is a great year when the kids are so fun and excited to learn about Jesus.

If you would like to help out the RE program but could not commit to teaching, or don't have too much time to give, maybe we can use your help before the 5:30 and 7:00 classes. Monitors arrive 15 minutes before a class starts to help watch the commons room, hallways, etc. The job of a monitor is just to make sure students are safe and not too rambunctious before classes begin. There are some games available for students, and if there is more than one monitor, some students could even go outside. We can also use parking lot monitors after all classes.

## A Few Reminders

### *Absence & Tardiness*

Please do your best to have your child here when class begins. Also, make sure your child is not here too early: not before 3:30 for the 4:00 class or not more than 15 minutes early to any other class. If your child will be more than 15 minutes late they should stop in the office before going to class, so we can mark them as present.

If you know your child will be absent please call the office, email the DRE, or let the teacher know. When a student is gone, the teacher will send home the chapter missed and may ask for something to be returned completed.

### *Dismissal*

If your child needs to leave class early, please let the RE office or their teacher know. Please remember to have your child picked up by 10 minutes after class, or call the office to let us know you may be late. Also, students at the 7:00 class who have to wait for older siblings in the Youth Group can stay downstairs to wait and will be looked after until 8:30.

### *Parking Lot*

Both sides of the parking lot are available for pick-up and drop-off. Please observe the one way direction on each side. For pick up you are always welcome to meet your children at the curb, or you can drive up and pick them up. We will have 6<sup>th</sup> graders helping at the curbs after Wednesday class, but please be very cautious and careful when driving through the parking lot at pick-up time. Parents of students in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade can be picked up from the room by parents or an older sibling. The teacher will bring any students remaining to the parking lot unless they ask that you pick up from the room.

### **Safety Patrol**

6<sup>th</sup> graders serve as Safety Patrol after class in the parking lot. Each week 2-4 students will help with this. This will begin Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Their main duty is to make sure students safely get from the curb into the parking lot. If your 6<sup>th</sup> grader cannot help with this by staying 5-10 minutes after class please let me or their teacher know, and they will not be asked to volunteer.

### **New Altar Servers**

Any student in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or above is invited to become an Altar Server. If your child is interested, we ask that parents please stop by the commons downstairs for the first 15 minutes of class on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> or the last 15 minutes of class on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> for a short informational meeting. Then, those wanting to serve will be trained during class on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> (Wed) or 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> (Sun).

### **New School Year Prayer**

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit.  
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **September/October Events**

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> – Opening Mass or Prayer Service led by the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Parents encouraged to attend!  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rite of Acceptance - meeting in Parish Center at 11:30, Mass at Noon  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rite of Acceptance – Mass at 10:00, meeting in Parish Center following  
Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Reconciliation Meeting – 11am, Parish Center  
Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> – Living Rosary presented by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade during each session – Parents encouraged to attend!  
Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>/Nov.4<sup>th</sup> No Class – Halloween break

### **Don't hesitate to contact me with your questions, comments, or concerns:**

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