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1ST GRADE PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING

Please make note of a parent/guardian meeting this month.

Sunday, August 19th
10:00AM

(after the 9:00AM Mass)

OR

Monday, August 20th
7:00PM

This is an opportunity for us to meet, to discuss the religious education program, and to answer any questions you may have.

All 1st grade parents/guardians are asked to attend one meeting.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

With summer winding down and the new school year starting August 28th, it won't be long before you are cramming in the last few days at the beach. While I know life can be hectic at the start of each fall, it is a sign of healthy, active lifestyles and a testament to your love and dedication as parents/guardians that your children are involved in many and varied activities. I am especially grateful that you include religious education. In an effort to help you and your family settle into your fall activities and routines, we will start the 2018-2019 religious education program the week of September 17th. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. I am here to assist you and your family. I hope these last few weeks of summer will be sunny, restful and fun for all!

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO READ THROUGH THIS COMMUNICATION.

Peace, Cathy Bowes

OPENING MASS / KICK OFF

September 16th @ 9:00AM, Fr. Mark will celebrate Mass for the parish children and their families enrolled in the program. What a wonderful way to celebrate our Catholic faith by coming together with our parish family as the children from grades 1-8 begin a new year learning about their faith.

Please mark this on your family calendar.

2ND GRADE

PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING

There are two parent/guardian meetings held during the 2018-2019 religious education year to go over the requirements and preparation for each of the sacraments your second grader is preparing for. For the **preparation of 1st Reconciliation**, two dates are being offered:

Sunday, October 7th @ 10:00AM *(after the 9:00AM Mass)*

OR

Thursday, October 11th @ 7:00PM

All second grade parent/guardians are asked to attend one meeting.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

For those families with children entering high school, please note that the Confirmation Sacramental Program is under the direction of Lisa Harney. Information regarding the program will be sent in a separate mailing this fall. If you do not receive the mailing, please contact Shirley Callahan @ 781-925-5446.

TEACHERS NEEDED

As always, I will need teachers for the program. If volunteering to teach or co-teach is something you think you might enjoy or feel called to do, please let me know. It is a wonderful way to grow in faith, serve the parish, and touch the lives of young people. What has worked well in the past, is to co-teach with another adult, this can lessen the time commitment for both volunteers. Parents who volunteer as teachers will receive free tuition for one child.

Three teacher meetings have been scheduled for **Thursday, September 6th @ 7:00PM** **OR** **Sunday, September 9th @ 1:00PM** **OR** **Monday, September 10th @ 7:00PM**. These meetings will provide an opportunity to review materials, update CORI forms, share ideas and answer questions. Teachers are asked to attend just one meeting.

POLICY REMINDER

It is a long standing policy here at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish that the sacramental programs are two year programs for both First Reconciliation/First Communion (grades 1&2) and Confirmation (typically grades 9&10 with the sacrament received in the fall of grade 11).

If you intend for your child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in high school, it is important that your child remain in the religious education program (grades 1-10), there are no "gap years". Our policy is; students who miss all or a large portion of the middle school years (grades 6-8) will be required to participate in a one year make-up program during grade 9 and then enter the two year Confirmation program in grade 10.

REGISTRATION

It is very important that the religious education office have updated registration forms from every family each year. Please fill out the registration and photo release form, and return with payment. To take advantage of the early registration discount, forms and payment (in full or partial) must be submitted to the religious education office by **Friday, August 31st**.

TUITION

The tuition fees collected by the religious education office provide the program with approximately 30% of its operating budget. The balance of the costs of the program is supplemented by the entire parish through the weekly offertory collections. Please note the option of paying in full or making monthly installments. If payment is a hardship, PLEASE contact me, no child will be excluded from the program because of money. To receive a tuition discount or waiver, call me @ 781-925-5446, all conversations will be kept confidential.

Early Registration Discount (on or before August 31):

1 Child: \$80 2 Children : \$120
3 Children: \$150 4+ Children: \$175

Registration after August 31:

1 Child: \$90 2 Children : \$140
3 Children: \$175 4+ Children: \$200

We encourage you to pay online using WeShare. Simply go to stmaryhull.weshareonline.org

NEW CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday:

Grade 8: 4:00-5:00
Grades 6 & 7: 5:15-6:15

Tuesday:

Grade 3: 4:30-5:30
Grades 4 & 5: 5:45-6:45

Wednesday:

Grade 2: 4:30-5:30

Thursday:

Grade 1: 4:30-5:30

If a scheduling conflict exist for you family this year, please contact me to discuss other options.