

Saint Martin De Porres Religious Education Program

September 12, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Religious Education School Year! We hope everyone had a safe and restful summer. We recognize that you are your children's first teachers in their faith. Together let us show the children by our actions and words how to be faithful Disciples of Christ. Please continue to attend weekly Mass and say daily prayers together. (Please check calendar for your child's class Mass.)

We are excited to announce that our program has a website: www.smdpreled.org. I want to thank Mrs. Stacy Olyha for entering the information and setting up this website. I encourage you to visit our website which is filled with information.

Here are some reminders for the beginning of the school year:

- **Please use caution in the parking lot** and on Cedar Valley Road. Check the Parent Handbook.
- Please make sure you have a **copy of the Parent Handbook and Calendar** if not see the website.
- **Second and Eighth Grade parents** see the Parent Meetings on the calendar.
- **There is no food allowed** in the classrooms during religious education. Only water. If your child needs to carry food on their person for medical reasons, please contact the office. No peanuts or peanut oil is allowed.
- **No medicine may be carried on the student's person.** Any medication needs a plan of action filled out by the director and parents.
- **Parents must sign in and out their children who are in grades 1-5.** No one under the age of 18yrs. may sign out a student. Only those people designated may sign in and out a child. If you carpool, the office and classroom needs a written permission from you on who is allowed to sign your child in or out.
- **For school closings** go onto our web site which has a link to **Cancellations.com**. You will also be notified by **flocknotes**.
- Over the summer, we have tried to make our **Family Catechesis** more accessible to families by giving a variety of ways to meet **the 5 hour family catechesis** requirement for all grades. If you did not receive the LOFT (Learning Our faith Together) paper please check the website or stop in the religious ed. office for more information.
- **We need adult help for the LOFT on November 4, 2017.** Eighth graders may also help and count this time for their service time for Confirmation. Sign up in the office.
- **We need one teacher for our Tuesday Night Third Grade.** We have a substitute teacher in the classroom until a permanent teacher comes forth. Please call the office if you can help.
- We also **need an aide for the 7th grade on Tuesday Nights.** Please contact the office if interested.
- **Backpack Blessings** is at the 9:30am Mass on September 17, 2017. Bring your backpack to mass.

We appreciate the sacrifices you make to send your children to religious education classes to learn about their faith and to form a deeper relationship with Jesus that will grow throughout their lives.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. C. Fratto