

WELCOME BACK!!!

We are excited to welcome all of our returning students and families and all of those who are new to our program. We pray that God blesses us with a wonderful year. If you ever need to ask a question or share a concern please call the office at 575-8132.

NOTE WE HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: ccd@olvcathedral.org. The old one is still working for the time being but please use this new one and all of our mail will come to you from this address.

KEEPING IN CONTACT

WE USE EMAIL for all communication after this first take home newsletter - if you need a hard copy of the newsletters in the future stop by our office to get your copy at the first of each month. They are also posted on the webpage at Olvcathedral.org Under Faith Formation you will find our webpage and the newsletters are always posted there as well as any upcoming news we have.

Student Safe Environment

Every student that attends CCD has a Safe Environment program that is done during CCD time. This year we plan to have everyone on the same night. Grade 7 and up will have live presenters from Mid Coast Family Services and the topic will be "Heathy Relationships". **Date is 9/19**

Students in 6th grade and younger will have their session presented by their teacher and will deal with personal safety.

Parents may attend these sessions with their children if you would like. If you would like to opt out of this presentation please come by the office and sign a form.

PARENTING WITH PURPOSE

The Emmaus Center will be holding parenting classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. The sessions will be divided into age groups to best serve the needs of the parents. We will focus on parenting styles, choices, worries and fears in parenting and much more. These sessions will be led by Ashley Silvas and Annie Coffey, Licensed Counselors. This is an excellent opportunity and there is NO FEE for this course. The sessions will be held in the Cathedral Center. You can drop your child off to class, come to this session and be finished before class ends! Super deal!!!

For Children ages 3 – 5 - September 12 – October 3

For Children ages 6 – 9 - October 17 – November 14 (no class Oct. 31)

For Children ages 10 – 13 – November 28 – December 19

For Children ages 14 and 17 – January 9th - January 30

Space will be limited so please call the Emmaus Center to reserve your spot. 361-212-0830 soon!!!

Points to remember: Students should be in the classroom ready to begin class at 6:15 p.m. bell. Please remind your student to go to their classroom not to the playground or walk around. Dismissal is at 7:30 p.m.

No food or drink may be brought on Campus by the students except a bottle of water with a lid. Bathroom stops should be made before entering class.

Parking Lot

Please follow these guidelines when dropping off and picking up students. Please note as we start having shorter days it will be dark even when we arrive. Cones are set up to help with safety and we have several gentlemen who will help get people to and from class. Please follow their directions.

EARLY CHILDHOOD - Please park in the back lot behind the church – these children must be walked in and out of class.

Unit One and Two – Use the front parking lot off of Laurent Street. Children may be dropped off and you can pick them up on the sidewalk by their class unless you want them to meet you – then please tell the teacher.

Unit Three, Four and all others – Use the back parking lot by the Cathedral Center. Again students are older and may walk themselves to and from class. If you need to check a student out early please come to the office so we may assist you.

If you have a child who will be late on a regular bases (sports, driver's ed. Etc.) Please check with the teachers so they know the reason – Sports should release by 5:45 p.m. If this is an issue with your student please let me know and I will contact their main office.

If you child is out due to illness or family emergency please try to let us know so we can tell the teacher. If they are in a sacrament year they are limited to no more than 2 unexcused absences per semester – so if there is a serious problem please let us know as soon as possible

If you have not received an email this week please contact us at 575-8132

FINAL YEAR CONFIRMATION RETREAT – 9/23

Forms went home tonight for the Mandatory Retreat for those being Confirmed this spring (May 5 – 2 p.m.)
Deadline to turn in forms is September 19.
A parent or sponsor must attend with the young person.

Safe Environment for Adults

On Thursday September 6 at 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. we will have a session for any adult *that is interested in working with young people or vulnerable adults* in the Diocese of Victoria. This two hour session is in the R.E. building.

TUITION and ENROLLMENT

If you have paperwork to turn in for enrollment or a tuition payment to be made please bring it to the office. We must have all signed paperwork in ASAP. Any questions please give us a phone call.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR ALL THOSE IN HIGH SCHOOL THAT HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED WILL START WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the HUT. Everyone welcomed.

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday,
8:00 a.m. to Noon 1:15 to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:00 to Noon 1:15 to 8:00 p.m.

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If you change address, email or phone number please keep us updated.