

ST. FRANCIS PRE

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By the time you read this, we will have our first class under our belt. I am totally shocked how fast my summer went but am excited to get this year underway. I am excited to meet the new faces and welcome back the ones I have seen for years.

I know some are a little less than excited to have PRE start, whether it is the parent or the student but deep down our main focus is to know more about our Christian faith. I will tell you, it takes us teachers at PRE to present the information and it takes the kids to want to soak up all the information they can get. So please talk with your child to see what they learned at PRE. Don't wait till three days later, ask them Wednesday night when you pick them up, this way it is fresh on their mind. We all can learn from each other.

I will be covering lots in this newsletter so please take a few minutes to read each section as one or more may pertain to your children. Please refer to the yearly schedule on page 2 or 3 to keep up on what we will be doing. If things come up, this schedule will change from month to month. All Mass nights are listed, any activity that is coming up that either we will be attending or available for the kids to attend will be listed and all the nights that we are not having class due to the holidays is on the schedule also.



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When was the last time you talked to Jesus???? He's waiting to hear from each of us. PRAYER

2019-2020 Yearly Schedule

September 4 — First night of class

September 11— Class

September 15 — Rolls and coffee

September 18 — Class

September 25 — Mercy Meals

October 2 — Class

October 6 — Bazaar

October 9 — Class

October 16 — Class

October 23 — Class

October 30 — Class

November 6 — Class

November 13 — Class

November 20 — Class

November 27 — Happy Thanksgiving—NO PRE

December 4 — Class/Possible Confessions

December 11 — Class/Possible Confessions

December 18 — Class/Possible Confessions

December 25 — Merry Christmas — NO PRE

January 1 — Happy New Year — NO PRE

January 8 — Class

January 15 — Class

January 22 — Class

January 29 — Class

February 5 — Class

February 12 — Class

February 19 — Class

February 26 — Ash Wednesday

March 4 — Mass/class/possible confessions

March 11 — Mass/class/possible confessions

March 18 — Mass/class/possible confessions

March 15 — First Reconciliation

March 25 — Mass/class/possible confessions

April 1 — Mass/class/possible confessions

April 8 — NO PRE

April 12 — Easter

April 19 — First Communion (I have heard it will be one week after Easter this year)

April 15 — Class

April 22 — Class

April 29 — Last night of PRE

Teacher

I am still in search for a teacher for this year's school year. My goal is to have two teachers teach this grade only because we are all busy and you have a lot more flexibility when you team teach. If you think this is something you could help out with this year, please contact me. Being a teacher you do not need to know everything about your faith as we have resources for you to get the answers. We just need someone that wants the best for the kids and is willing to give of their talents. Please pray on it and then call me if you have questions.

ROLLS AND COFFEE

Again this year, like we have done for years in the past, PRE will be hosting rolls and coffee. The thing that will be different about this year is that we will have three times that we will be having Rolls and Coffee. Since there is only one Mass on Sunday we will split up the families accordingly. I will divide up the families and ask each family to work from 10:15 AM till the end. I ask that each family give up this hour and a half to show the community of Humphrey that you are proud to be part of this parish. Trust me, I know, you and me both can find better things to do on a Sunday than to sit in the parish hall selling rolls and pouring coffee or juice to parishioners. However no one thinks of the four hours they gave up to sit at a football game or the two hours they gave up to drive to town to go shopping at their favorite place. So why is it so hard to give up 1 1/2 hours to your local parish? Jesus once said, as Christians, we should give of our time, talents and treasures. This would be a great way to give of your time.

If you see your name on the list and that day absolutely will not work with you, please call me to see if you can switch to the next time we are having Rolls and Coffee and I will find someone to switch with you, but I expect every family to help serve. That means, parents and children are encouraged to come and help.

Each family is asked to bring two dozen rolls or donuts. They need to be there at the start of the shift you are working.

Half the proceeds raised from this will go to a nonprofit organization and half will stay in the PRE program to buy supplies, movies or awards for perfect attendance.

First Rolls and Coffee will be September 15. The following families asked to bring rolls:

Melissa Gronenthal	Jaci Sander	Carl Schneider
Greg Sjuts	Sandy Stankoski	Jason Veik
Michelle Wemhoff	Matt Freudenburg	

CONFIRMATION

Reminder, all items need to be turned in by September 15 in order for your Confirmation to be Confirmed on October 13. This goes to the form from your child's sponsor to the hours to be signed and the forms filled out completely. All reports need to be turned in as well.

Attire:

Girls: Dresses. No spaghetti straps, no low cut tops.

Boys: Dress pants with a nice dress shirt. Tie would be appreciated but not required.

Remember we are in the presence of God's house.

Prayers

I know I preach on this time and time again, but I cannot stress this enough to you parents but you need to make sure your children are learning their prayers. Our time here at PRE is so limited to teaching to make sure they understand all they need to know about their faith by the time they get confirmed but yet their prayers are very important to their faith also. I only want the kids to learn the prayers they uses the most. I could require about five more for each grade but I only pick the prayers I feel they will use the most.

I look at other programs and they have the same requirements for their kids also. I guess we have to pick what we want our kids to know and I feel prayers is very high on my list as this is a way we can talk to God when we need his guidance or we just simply want to tell him thanks for all he has given us.

I will be getting with each family to see if you still have our prayer cards and if not I will be sending one home to you to use but I ask that you return them at the end of the PRE year. This way we can reuse for years to come.

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My last topic I want to touch on this year is asking each parent to talk to their child/ren on how they should act here at PRE. Last year I had an issue with several students of not being respectful. I will be talking with each class and going over what is expected out of each student while they are here at PRE. We will be going over respect and what that means and we will touch on what is expected out of the teachers and students.

I will give each student one warning and after that if their attitude to not respect the teacher or this program I will ask a parent to sit in on the class. This way if the student thinks it is ok to be disrespectful to the program and teacher then they can be disrespectful while their parent is in the room.

I am hoping that if you have a talk after you read this that I will not have to call any parent to come in and sit with us. My main goal is to make this a fun place to learn about our faith but I do get it that the students have sat in school for 8 hours and now I ask them to sit through another hour and half of additional class. But what the students put into the class is what they will get out.

I am only trying to prepare them for what the world may hand them when they leave our wings and have to answer to all other beliefs out there.

So let us open our hearts to the word of God and soak in the Love that Jesus wants to give.