



# St. Francis PRE

## New Requirements

I wondered if September 9, 2020 would ever come. We ended PRE so fast in March of 2020 with this Covid-19 virus that welcomed itself into the US, that I did not get to tell all the kids to have a great summer, see you back in four months and study your prayers. I truly thought Covid was going to be in and out

faster than it has. It has not left us yet and not sure when it will. So, since the CDC has requirements that they would like everyone to follow, we too, will do what is asked of us.

Everyone will be asked to wear a mask. I will be taking everyone's temps as they enter the school. So with that, I ask that you do not drop off your child too much before 6:25PM but by 6:30PM.

Another change in what each parent needs to keep in mind before you send your child to PRE, if they are running a fever, complaining of a sore throat, upset tummy, or just does not feel right, please do

not send them to PRE. We must think of the other students and the teachers to keep them safe as well.

Students are encouraged to bring their own clear water bottle so if they need a drink during class they can have one. The water faucets are not on at school.

Keep in mind, the better we are at practicing good health measures the better we will be to keep Covid out of PRE. The longer we keep Covid out of PRE the longer we will be in class learning about God, Jesus and everything else that falls within our belief.

Thank you for your understanding.



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## First Night of Class

AS YOU READ THIS, THE FIRST NIGHT OF CLASS WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH. STUDENTS WERE ALL INTRODUCED TO THEIR TEACHER, FOUND THEIR ROOMS, AND LISTENED TO THE RULES OF PRE.

I GOT TO SEE THE NEW FACES THAT I HAVE NOT SEEN BEFORE. THE KIDS GOT TO SEE FACES OF THE SAME FACES THEY SEE AT THEIR SCHOOL.

I HOPE THIS YEAR THE KIDS WILL BE SPONGES ON THE

INFORMATION THE TEACHERS GIVE TO THEM ABOUT THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH.

### Special points of interest:

- Ask your child same night what they learned.
- Take time to read this newsletter from front to back, lots of information in here.
- Are you the example of Christian faith you want your kids to look up to?

## Rolls and Coffee

In years past, PRE would host two or three rolls and coffee breakfast after the Mass at St. Francis. This year we will not be able to have this. We used to donate 1/2 of the funds raised to a nonprofit organization and the other 1/2 we would keep for PRE to purchase supplies for activities that we would use during PRE. Having rolls and coffee was one way PRE students and parents got to meet the members of the parish and the parish members got to meet our families as well.

It was a learning experience for the students who would have to sell the rolls to go for the families that did not have time to stop in the church basement but yet wanted to support us.

We will still have activities at PRE for the kids to do but it was so much fun to see families interact with members of the parish and the older generations love to see the younger students help out and talk to them.



Almost makes you want one now!

## MASS

On September 23, we have Mass scheduled for PRE. I ask that all children are dropped off at church by 6:25 PM. I will take temps as they enter church. PRE will have a small activity to do after Mass so at 8 PM, parents are to pick up the children at church.

All children are asked to wear church clothes. Not this is not dress pants, dresses, dress shirts or anything on that line. I just would like to see nice jeans with not holes in them and shirts that do not have any foul language on them.

I **do not** want to see gym shorts or volleyball shorts on for church. We need to remember that this is God's house and we need to be presenting ourselves in a nice manor. I know it is hard coming from football or volleyball practice, but with the yearly schedule on the next page, you can see when Masses are scheduled in advance so you should be able to prepare ahead of time for these nights. If your child comes in clothing that is not church worthy, I will be calling parents to bring a change of clothing.

Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and

whoever else would like to attend Mass on Wednesday night are welcome to. This Mass is for the PRE students but we love to invite the St. Francis Church Community to this as well. We are all one family and the kids enjoy seeing faces they know at events like this.

## Confirmation

Confirmation this year, we will be preparing 7th, 8th and 9th graders. I am looking at having a parent meeting on September 30 at 6:35 PM so all the requirements will be reviewed by both the Confirmondi and the parent. One parent will need to be at the meeting. There will be reports that need to be completed at certain times of this preparation, there will hours that will

have to be meet. The hours are called the Faith Hours. Attire for the special day will be gone over.

The date itself for Confirmation is not set yet but as soon as it is, I will get that out to all families so you can make plans accordingly.



*God is planting his  
Love in you, so let it  
shine.*

## 2020-2021 Yearly Schedule

September 9 – First night of class

September 16 – Class

September 23 – Mass

September 30 – Class/Confirmation

Parent meeting

October 7 – Class

October 14 – Class

October 21 – Class

October 28 – Class

November 4 – Class

November 11– Class

November 18 – Class

November 25 – No Class

HAPPY TURKEY DAY

December 2 – Class/Mass/Confessions

December 9 – Class/Christmas Party

December 16 – Class/Mass/Confessions

December 23 – No Class

December 25 – Merry Christmas

December 30 – No Class

January 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 6 – Class

January 13 – Class

January 20 – Class

January 27 – Class

February 3 – Class

February 10 – Class

February 17 – Ash Wednesday

February 24 – Class

March 3 – Mass/activity

March 10 – Class

March 17 – Mass/activity

March 24 – Class

March 31 – No Class/Easter Week

April 4 – HAPPY EASTER

April 7 – Class

April 14 – Class

April 18 – First Communion

April 21 – Class

April 28 – Last night of class

## Prayers

As many of you are aware, I do ask that parents work with their children at home to learn their prayers. As time here at PRE only allows us limited time to cover everything we need to cover. Even some nights there is not enough time to get everything in. So I can only recommend that, as parents, that you help in doing your part when it comes to helping with their Catholic Faith. And if helping your child learn their prayers, I think that is an ok tasked to be asked of.

I believe everyone should know the prayers that are required for each grade and have my prayers on a ring.

Here are my expectations. Go over the prayers that the child states they know. Refresh them on those. When we test out, we start with the very basic prayers, ex: Hail Mary, Our Father, Act of Contrition. And we move up the list. So if your child is in 2nd grade we will review the prayers they were to know in Kind-1st grade and then see which ones they know for 2nd grade. If your child is in 7th grade, we do the same thing, we start with the Kindergarten-1st grade prayers to refresh and move up the list to 2nd grade prayer to 3rd-4th grade prayers and so forth.

When it comes to a prayer they do not know, take a week or so to focus on just that one prayer till they can say it all by themselves. Don't try to have them learn three or four at the same time. That just does not work well.

## Questions

If you have any questions with things that are going on at PRE, please reach out to me. I would like the information to come directly from me, as the teachers may not always know the answer to your question. In some cases the teacher has to reach out to me and then relay it back to you. This way there is not miscommunication between everyone. Even if you have a question



Prayer is the simplest way to talk to Jesus. He is listening all the time.

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