

To recap what we discussed in the parent meeting on Sunday, you can read below or click on the link to be redirected to just that section of the email...

Attendance/ Parent Expectations

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Welcome/ Greeters

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Most information was in the previous handouts (the calendar, Confirmation updates- ways to prepare until we have the dates) and parent/ child expectations from the last email newsletter.

Parent Expectations:

Attendance: Because this is a sacrament year for most families (2nd= Reconciliation, 3rd-12th= Confirmation, First Eucharist for any student in 3-12 that hasn't received it yet), you are expected to attend class and maintain the pace on weeks when you are away or out sick. If you know in advance that you have a conflict, please check in with the teacher and cover the material at home.

Helping Parents: Grades K-6 will have parent helpers each week. We still have several spaces to fill, sign up sheets will be outside each classroom this Sunday. Karen Goldstein explained at the meeting that helpers can do "proximity" discipline (just move next to the child with a distracting behavior and/or make eye contact); add to and participate in discussions, encouraging students, and getting supplies from the closet. We'd like to avoid bathroom and water breaks, please have your child go during snack time.

Snack Helpers: Each family was asked to "sign up" (via sticky notes) for 3 times to either set up, clean up, make coffee, bring the snack(s). Susan Johns explained the sign up procedure and will send a reminder with the details of what is needed each time. (How much, what time, where things are, what to do)

Flocknote: All essential information will be sent through Flocknote. Please sign up for EACH child's class list. Often, teachers will send updates to their classes about what they've covered, and sometimes I have age-specific announcements.

Angelus: I was very impressed with the Angelus prayer this week! The time before the prayer will be for singing, announcements or brief presentations. The Angelus started at 11:59 (first bell) and finished long before the last bell. I asked the kids to silently add intentions until the bell was finished. At that point, parents can collect kids from their class step (especially K-3 touch base with the teacher).

Companions (Accompaniment Model of Ministry): The root of the word "companion" is com= with and pan= bread. Companions are people we break bread with- both spiritually and at meals. We took a moment at the meeting to greet the other parents in our children's classes. When kids have friends at church, they actually look forward to coming. In the future, each child will need to select a Confirmation Sponsor. Sponsors must be Confirmed and a practicing Catholic. When you look for new people in the parish to connect with, you will give your kids more choices for a sponsor or proxy to stand in for the sponsor if they can't make it to Confirmation. Companions help us on our faith journey.

Saint Project: We gave parents a worksheet to start thinking of saints to choose for Confirmation names. Here is the link to all the info.

Magnifikid: Last call to order this resource for kids during Mass at a discounted price of \$20 per year. Please sign up here even if you have already paid or told me that you want to order it. (ADD LINK)

T-shirts: We still have a limited supply of Sacred Heart t-shirts in adult and kid's sizes for \$10 each. We have some running tank tops for \$15 also. (ADD LINK)

Greeters: Here is [the link](#) to sign up to be greeters/ welcoming ministry. We will provide this to parents and hopefully the 7th-12th graders will continue to usher, but more frequently, and maybe some new families will sign up.

Youth Choir: We are still in the early stages of starting a youth choir to sing once per month at 9:30am Mass. [Click here](#) to join the email list for more information (no obligation, just to determine interest).