



It's that time again. Our Religious Ed program for all grades will start on October 4th.

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE EMAIL AS IT CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HOW THE PROGRAM WILL BE RUN THIS YEAR.

This year's program has been designed with the safety of our Catechists and students as our top priority.

Classes for grades 1, 3-7 will be receiving paper copies of each week's lessons. Parents will work with their children to review each lesson and help their children as needed. The catechist for each grade will be in contact with parents in his or her class via email to answer questions, provide guidance on which lessons the students should work on, and provide additional information that will help the students progress. Parents can pick up the materials on October 3rd at Father Griffin Hall at 15 Cherry Street. You'll drive up and we'll hand you the materials. Grades 1,3, and 4 will be from 10:00-11:00 and grades 5,6 and 7 from 11:00-12:00. A class schedule will be included in this material which will act as a guide for the timing of completing lessons. The Catechists will provide additional guidance on the timing of each lesson. This is essentially a learn at home program where parents will play a role and our Catechists will support both students and parents.

Classes for grades 2, 8 and 9 will be held on-line with the student's grade level catechist. The catechist will be in contact with his or her class via email with instructions. Parents can pick up the materials on Sunday October 4th at Father Griffin Hall at 15 Cherry Street; Grade 2 from 10:00-10:30 and Grades 8 and 9 at 10:30-12:00. Students in these grades will be given instructions on how to access on-line learning facilities that are available to use as part of our subscription to materials. The Catechists will use email communication to direct the students on the lesson plan, conduct check points to ensure the material is understood, and supplement the on-line program with other exercises.

Email communication will be a critical component to this years program. Each Catechist will have a specific email list for the students in their class and will use this to communicate frequently. Parents will be encouraged to reach out with any questions they may have. It is therefore critical that we have correct parent email addresses for each student. I am asking that each person receiving this email reply to me with the name of their student(s) in the program this year so that we can ensure a correct match of parent email addresses to students. If you are receiving this and no longer have a student in the program, please also reply so I can remove you from the list.

It will extremely important that parents check their email often for communication about the program. Please feel free to forward this email to anyone you know who did not receive it because we don't have their email address.

All first graders and any new students entering the program must register. Registration can be done by emailing Judy DeBaggis at javeni@comcast.net or DRE@atmarysnantucket.org or by calling her at 508-317-0155

Thank you for your cooperation in helping your child have a positive experience with this new format of religious education.

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