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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parents,

As we endure the unknown in the face of the Covid-19 Pandemic and we are met with many worries and concerns, Father Dwyer and I have made the decision to begin our CCD year at Saint Paul Parish, virtually. As most Public and Charter Schools are going Virtual or using the Hybrid model, planning In-Person classes around each schedule would prove to be difficult. With this in mind, the following directives will take place beginning on September 14, 2020 through November 17, 2020. At that time, we will make a decision based upon the CDC Recommendations, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and the Governor whether to resume In-Person classes or continue classes Virtually.

Please read below for information on how Virtual Classes will take place.

- Classes will be held via Zoom beginning on September 14, 2020
  - **I will need a current parent email address where I can send the Zoom invitation for each class.**
  - **If I do not have a current parent email address, please send one to my email address:** [trsmith803@comcast.net](mailto:trsmith803@comcast.net)
  - Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class.
  - Classes will follow our normal schedule with a few exceptions.
    - Monday- Level 5-6 will begin at 3:45PM
    - Monday - Level 7-8 will begin at 5:00PM
    - Tuesday - Level 1 will begin at 3:45PM
    - Wednesday- Level 2 will begin at 3:45PM
    - Thursday - Level 3&4 will begin 3:45PM (Thursday Class will begin on October 8, 2020. We will need the first few weeks for First Holy Communion Practices.
  - Students must be logged on promptly at the beginning of each class period.
  
- If you are unsure which level your child will be attending, please see below:
  - **If your child/children attended the Monday 5PM Class this past year:**  
Their class will remain on Monday at 5PM for the 2020-2021 year, (Virtually, until further notice.) This class will continue preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place on Saturday, April 17, 2021.  
Your child/children will receive a copy of Confirmation Questions. These questions should be studied and memorized at home. This will ensure that during class, we can focus on the spiritual lessons of Confirmation.
  
  - **If your child/children attended the Monday 3:30PM Class this past year:**  
Their class will remain on Monday, at 3:45PM for the 2020-2021 year, (Virtually, until further notice.)

- **If your child/children attended the Tuesday Class this past year:**  
Their class will be on Wednesday at 3:45PM for the 2020-2021 year, (Virtually, until further notice) They will be preparing for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion which will take place in February and May of 2021.  
**Your child/children should study the Act of Contrition Prayer which can be found on the blue prayer tri-fold in your child's folder.**
  
- **If your child/children attended the Wednesday Class this past year:**  
Their class will be on Thursday, at 3:45PM for the 2020-2021 year, (Virtually, until further notice). Your child should study and memorize the Apostles Creed Prayer. You can find this prayer on the blue prayer tri-fold in your child's folder.
  - **\*\*As a result of Covid-19, we had to cancel First Holy Communion this past spring. It is Rescheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2020. Please refer to the September and October Calendar for In-Person Practices which will be held on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Saint Paul Church**
  - **Because of First Communion practices, Thursday CCD Classes will start on October 8<sup>th</sup>.**
  
- **If your child/children attended the Thursday Class this year:**  
Their class will remain on Thursday at 3:45 for the 2020-2021 year, (Virtually until further notice). Your child/children should study and memorize the Apostles Creed prayer. You can find this prayer on the blue prayer tri-fold in your child's folder.
  - **Because of First Communion Practices, Thursday CCD Classes will start on October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **How Classes will work:**

- **I will send a separate email concerning Registration, Fees, Books and Materials.**
- It is extremely important that your child be present for Virtual Classes each week so that they are well-prepared to receive their Sacraments and/or move on to the next level. If your child is sick, I will plan a make-up class. When absent, have your child/children do the next chapter so they are not behind when they return to the next class.
- Please refer to the CCD Calendar, which will be posted on our website each month, for any days off, holidays, special prayer services, meetings, etc. **Please Note: Due to Social Distancing and restrictions, some of our traditional events may need to be postponed or cancelled.**

I'm very excited about our CCD Program at St. Paul's and I am looking forward to working with your children. I'm certain that, with your help, the children will grow in their faith and love of God.

If you have any questions or concerns, **please email me at [trsmith803@comcast.net](mailto:trsmith803@comcast.net)**

God Bless You,  
Mrs. Theresa Smith