

# **Classroom PSR Parent Meeting**

## **September 6, 2017**

### **PLEASE READ!**

Welcome to our Classroom PSR program! It is a joy and honor to share in your family's faith formation journey. Here are our goals!

- To support YOU in your efforts to raise a strong, Catholic family;
- To assist YOU in teaching our Catholic faith and helping to develop/nurture your child's relationship with Jesus Christ ~ a relationship that is real and "owned", not simply imitated.
- To encourage YOU to participate regularly in weekend liturgies, parish life, prayer and service in order to model our Catholic experience far beyond the minimal experience of a Parish School of Religion program. It has been said that "Catholic Mass IS the classroom; PSR is merely the homework".

**Whether you are a returning parent or just joining Holy Angels and our PSR program, thank please take a few moments to read through this important information.**

**Please turn in "Emergency Medical Authorization" forms on the first day of PSR!**

Catechists/Aides ~ Our team of volunteer Catechists and Aides lovingly donate their faith, time, and creativity to teach children in our PSR programs. The Diocese of Cleveland requires that ALL volunteers have background checks and receive special training in protecting God's children.

**THERE ARE NO SNACKS OR TREATS PROVIDED DURING PSR sessions because some students may have life-**

threatening food allergies. Please help us keep everybody safe by finishing afterschool snacks at home or in the car!

**Call (440) 708-0787 to report ANY Email changes** to avoid missing important announcements and information! We use Robly.com for large-group email distribution. **If you are not receiving emails about PSR, you might be unsubscribed from ALL emails from Holy Angels so please visit Robly.com to subscribe again!**

Our PSR textbook series is “Alive in Christ”, published by Our Sunday Visitor. Visit their website at <http://www.aliveinchrist.osv.com/family> for excellent resources to help your child learn more! Preschool and Kindergarten students use the “Allelu!” series, also published by Our Sunday Visitor. The “Alive in Christ” series features 7 Units, each with 3 chapters on the following topics: Revelation; Trinity; Jesus Christ; The Church; Morality; Sacraments; Kingdom of God

**Classroom PSR students given textbook and FILE FOLDERS 1<sup>st</sup> day. Bring BOTH TO CLASS EACH WEEK.**

Each “Alive in Christ” chapter has a perforated “Chapter Review” page with “Family & Faith” on back. These will come home each week after classroom PSR to share with parents specific information on lessons and so students can review at home. Ask your child “What did you learn today at PSR?”

We want your child to have a very successful, happy learning experience in our PSR classrooms. Please call Jeannie to share ANY information that might help US teach your child, such as any behavioral issues, medical situations, allergies, etc. so that we are aware and can make adjustments if necessary. Please be assured that this sensitive information is kept strictly confidential.

**We only have ONE hour of PSR instruction time so please make every effort to arrive and retrieve students on time!**

For any absences, please notify the Religious Education office at (440) 708-0787, ext. 215 (Julie) or 207 (Jeannie), Parents are responsible to review missed materials at home. The syllabus for grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> is available on website, [www.holyangelschurch.com](http://www.holyangelschurch.com).

Drop off and Pick up – Students will be dismissed to ADULTS ONLY, to and from the classroom spaces; students are NOT permitted to leave unattended for their safety.

Behavior: Occasionally a student may display behavior that interferes with the learning for the rest of the class. Persistent disruptive behavior which cannot be corrected may result in removal from classroom PSR program, OR a parent may be asked to remain in class with child. Once again, we only have ONE HOUR to teach so any disruptions really interfere with our ability to get through lesson. Catechists will review “class rules” on our first day and as necessary in positive, loving terms to promote respect, cooperation and harmonious learning!

Snow Days/Emergency Cancellations: We follow Kenston School District for cancellations due to inclement weather. IF school is open but weather deteriorates throughout the day, PSR may still be cancelled, by 2:00 pm that day. Emails will be sent, and **TEXT notifications of important announcements/cancellations will also be sent to parents using REMIND.com.**

**Follow these directions to sign up for Remind.com:**

- \* Text the message @2ghf93 to the number 81010 (or use 937-619-7428).**
- \* You will receive a text response confirming that you are signed up to receive messages for 2017-2018 Classroom PSR from Miss Jeannie via Remind.**
- \* Please be aware that this is NOT a “group text” and you will not be able to respond.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Our annual “PSR Service Project” will be determined and announced. The goal is to teach our children to be good stewards, spreading the Good News and being Christ’s hands and feet to those in need.

“Praesidium – Called to Protect” is a program we are required to offer students by the Diocese of Cleveland. The date of this training will be announced.

*Parents will cover front pages: The Church Year Feasts and Seasons*

**Unit Assessments: Either in class (OR emailed home to FHS/PIF parents to be completed and returned); class will review answers together to provide opportunity for further instruction as needed. Assessments will not be “graded” and no child will ever “flunk” PSR! We are using it as a tool to evaluate progress and new understanding of concepts, and to further discussion if students need help.**

*Call the Religious Education Office at (440) 708-0808  
for any further information:  
Jeannie Daunch – Ext. 209 or Julie Karpowicz – Ext. 215*

*We are excited for an AWESOME, faith-filled year with you  
and your family! Many blessings to you.*

