

ST THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY BOARD
GENERAL MEETING 10/28/09

Updates:

Enrollment is at 586 students, new registrations are still coming in and expected to close at approximately 600 students. We have 50 different classes and 74 volunteers.

We are in need of: Tuesday/A: hallway monitor for 4:15. Wednesday/A aide in grade 1, 4:15 and possibly 2 more teachers.

Our Sacrament class has 78 CCD children and 23 St. Therese children

New this year is a special needs Sacrament class. This class is taught by a certified special education teacher. We currently have 3 students enrolled in this class and can accommodate up to 6 students.

New Make Up class: If students left the CCD program and wish to return to CCD we have a year long class in order to get the student up to where they should be in the program. This is a condensed curriculum consisting of mixed grades and ages. Currently we have 6 students enrolled in the program.

Policy clarifications:

Our handbook states that 3 classes is the maximum a student can miss. We only meet for 14 classes which consists of 21 hours of instruction time. Therefore, if a student misses 3 classes, the parents will receive a phone call and an extra credit project will be assigned. Please note that missing 3 classes does not mean your child fails the class.

Tuition costs can be waived in part or in full based on familial situations. The only thing that Fr. Davis will ask in turn is that the family attends mass. We have 19 children who have had fees waived/reduced this year.

Advent Mission Project:

Parents will be receiving an email regarding our mission projects this year. The classroom teachers will also discuss the projects with the students.

Projects:

We are collecting new board games and new blankets for Catholic Charities. Deadline for donation is 12/16.

We are asking students to bring in homemade Christmas cards. These cards will be distributed to residents of various Catholic Charities' programs. Deadline is 12/16.

It is our hope that your child will choose at least one of these projects.

Community Service Opportunity:

Putting Faith into Action: On 11/14 @ 3:30 in the All Purpose Room, children in grades 4 - 8 can help wrap donated ornaments that will be distributed at the Senior Holiday Luncheon. You can sign up via email to franday129@gmail.com. Fran is also in need of donations of hard individually wrapped candy and tissue paper.

This is the first of several community service opportunities that will be offered to the students.

Christmas project for parish priests:

If you have an idea for a classroom Christmas project for our priests, please e mail Lori. Suggestions include a scrapbook with pictures of each CCD class and a prayer written by the class.

Please come to our next board meeting on Tuesday January 12 @ 7:00. This is a great forum for parents to offer input and suggestions on our CCD program. If there are any specific topics you would like to see discussed at this next meeting, please contact Lori.