

+ Saint Joseph the Worker Parish +

August 24, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year's Parent Meetings will be very important for our families. In addition to discussing our handbook, calendar, policies and procedures and Catholic Vision of Love curriculum, we will also spend a considerable amount of time on our safety and security implementations during the Covid pandemic. Your child's health and well-being is our top priority. We are doing everything that we can to ensure that families are safe coming into our buildings, while in our care and as they leave.

These are just some of the critical steps we are putting in place this year for everyone's safety:

- \*Both sessions will occur at St. Maurice in the school in order to assure safe distancing.
- \*No more than 10-12 students will be in each class (desks will be spaced 6 feet apart at all times).
- \*Temperatures will be checked for everyone entering the building.
- \*Resources will not be shared (all children will have their own supplies)
- \*We will follow all CDC and Diocese of Pittsburgh requirements for opening.
- \*Masks will be required of everyone at all times.
- \*Our learning facility will be sanitized after each session.

This year's Parent's Meetings are occurring one week before the start of our classes. This will give families an opportunity to receive our important safety information, tour the classrooms, experience the entrance and dismissal plans and meet our catechists. **Our Parent Meetings will occur on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 9AM and on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6PM. Both meetings will occur in Keane Hall at St. Maurice Church.**

The Catholic Vision of Love (CVOL) is the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Safe Environment for children in Religious Education and Catholic Schools. For our Religious Ed. students, the CVOL curriculum will be integrated into their classes. Throughout the year, the catechists will review age-appropriate lessons with the children to reinforce the Church's philosophies. These lessons will review, at the appropriate level, lessons on the Church's teachings on chastity, personal safety, internet safety and valuing the dignity of one's self and others. Each of our catechists has been certified to teach the Catholic Vision of Love and we will follow the Diocese of Pittsburgh's curriculum for each grade level. Feel free to view the foundations and curriculums at the Diocese of Pittsburgh's website: [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org) search for CVOL.

Please plan to attend this important Parent Meeting according to the time that your child attends Religious Ed. class. Both parents are encouraged to attend, but one parent must attend. Should you have any questions about the meeting, feel free to contact me at 412-351-6710.

Sincerely,

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