**THURSDAY TIMES**

**PRINCE OF PEACE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!We hope that all of our children and families enjoy this special holiday with your children. We will be celebrating this year with individual parties in the classrooms and special treats. The children will not wear costumes to school this year. Regular uniforms are required. We hope you enjoy the special time with your children, especially being on a weekend!**

**CALENDAR REMINDER…School is CLOSED on Monday, November 1st in observance of All Saints Day. Enjoy the long weekend! Our next set of off days for the school is Wednesday, November 24th through Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Wednesday is observed as Professional Development Day for staff and the holiday weekend follows.**

**THE PARENT ASSOCIATIONinvites all parents to the next meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd @ 6:30 p.m. These meetings have been moved to the first Wednesday of the month to accommodate the school and holiday schedules for planning purposes! Numerous agenda items will be discussed but planning for the annual SANTA SHOP will take place. Come find out how you can help! This is one of the biggest events of the year for the students and there are numerous opportunities to help!! Winter fundraising will be discussed and FISH FRY planning will continue. COME JOIN THE POP COMMUNITY PA!**

**LAST CALL FOR THE WINTER COAT DRIVE. All forms are due into the school office tomorrow! If your child needs a new winter coat, the “Esther’s Coat for Kids” drive will supply any child with a brand-new coat. Please fill out the form and return it tomorrow in the red folder. Coats will be distributed within a few weeks. Please note size and gender and if you have any special notes. For example, my child loves red! Please don’t be shy, the Kenkel family who started this wonderful initiative, loves to help everyone!**

**LAST CALL FOR CARNEGIE VIDEO/PERFORMANCE CLASS.Our new session with the Carnegie Arts Program starts next Wednesday! If your child is interested in this fun opportunity to create their own music video from start to finish, please return the form to the school office by tomorrow!**

**A NOTE FROM MS. REBECCA WELLS…OUR MUSIC TEACHER….**

***Dear Parents,***

***We have been working very hard to recreate a beautiful children’s Choir. We are a Choir School! Your children are learning the basics of serving as Choir at Mass and doing an excellent job. We invite all of you to Mass each week on Wednesday mornings at 8:45 am. to enjoy the liturgy and the celebration of mass as well as our children participating with song and prayer.***

***We are currently starting our practice for our Christmas presentation of the short Messiah and Christmas carols with Continuo Orchestra. Because I teach at St. Cecilia Catholic School and Prince of Peace, I would like to join forces and form the Children’s Choir. We will perform two concerts, one at each church the first full week of January. On Saturday, January 8th we will perform at St. Cecilia Church and on Sunday, January 9th, we will perform at St. John’s Church. Both performances will be 1:30-3:00 p.m. All children from both schools would attend. Family and friends alike are invited!***

***We are requesting one rehearsal (with more info to follow) during the Christmas Break. ALL STUDENTS IN BOTH SCHOOLS are being trained, Pre-K-8. Michael Ronstadt, cello/concertmaster of string trio; Ms. Wells, harpsichord will both be directing.***

***These concerts will be free and open to all! Please join me in this wonderful opportunity for your children. Music is such an important part of our lives and curriculum for the students. We ask for your cooperation and support as we move forward. I look forward to this wonderful time of the year and having the opportunity to work with all of your children.***

***God Bless,***

***Ms. Rebecca Wells***

***Music & Liturgy***

***Prince of Peace Montessori/St. John Church***

***St. Cecilia School/ St. Cecilia School***

**VIRTUS UPDATES…..**

**ALL coordinators had the opportunity to attend a meeting this week to receive all the updates and changes with the VIRTUS program. As most of you know the Virtus program is mandated in the Diocese of Covington for all staff, coaches, volunteers and anyone working within the school and church system.**

**A few changes have occurred to the program and I just want to take a moment to review some of those with you.**

* **No changes have occurred in the steps you take to become VIRTUS trained. You still need to complete registration on the website, attend a class/training, complete a background check and turn in paperwork to your school or church.**
* **Monthly bulletins are mandated. They are a quick read with one question to answer. They come out by the 5th of every month and you have one month to complete them. \*\*\*If you get behind, your account will be suspended. \*You will know this when your icon is red under Training bulletins.**
* **Try your best not to read the bulletins on I-phones and I-Pads. For some reason, the system does not register your training. You will think you have completed it but it does not go through. Always attempt to read the bulletins on computers or lap top devices.**
* **The website has changed and become more user-friendly with significant icons that will help you navigate the site.**
* **Resources are listed for your convenience.**
* **You will begin receiving monthly courtesy email reminders from** [**system@pub.virtus.org**](mailto:system@pub.virtus.org) **for your convenience to complete your monthly bulletins.**
* **Unless an account is inactivated, all Training Bulletin Tabs will automatically turn green on all accounts during April, August, and December. You can catch up at that time by reading all your unread posted bulletins. You are compliant going forward if you read each new posted bulletin within 30 days.**
* **Before leaving the Virtus website, always remember to click the word Logout located in the upper right-hand corner of your Virtus account screen. This will ensure your connection is properly closed and your VIRTUS account is updated.**
* **THE ARCHDIOCES OF CINCINNATI stopped using Virtus July 12, 2021. The Diocese currently has 1,047.00 accounts that had been linked for bulletin purposes between the Diocese of Covington and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. These users will now have to log into their VIRTUS accounts with their user ID and password for Covington and read their monthly bulletin. They will then have to log into their Virtus account for the Archdiocese and meet their requirements. They are using a new program called “Safe Parish.”**
* **VERY IMPORTANT…Cincinnati Bell sold their security line out to a third party. This third party is blocking all communication from covdio.org to use fuse.net or zoomtown.com. There was an email sent out to users from google. You may want to change your email address or know that you will need to go into your account.**