**THURSDAY TIMES**

**PRINCE OF PEACE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**The Diocese of Covington is beginning its twentieth year providing a Safe and Environment Program in the Diocese of Covington. This is the Virtus training that is required for all staff and volunteers within our programs throughout the Diocese.A few reminders have been sent to the school and church coordinators asking us to share this information with all participants. Some are changes and some are reminders. We would also like to share that we were chosen as one of the schools to participate in the on-site audit conducted by the Stonebridge Group in the late fall and we passed with flying colors!**

**All parents are welcome to become Virtus trained in the near future. We have brought back the in-person training sessions which can be found on the Virtus website. The process is easy and only required one time if an individual stay current.**

1. **You will visit the Diocese website and review the Policies and Procedures for Addressing Sexual Misconduct.** [**www.covdio.org/safe-environment**](http://www.covdio.org/safe-environment)**.**
2. **Visit the Virtus website and register as a new member and choose POP school as your location and choose volunteer as your role.**
3. **You will choose a one-time class to attend at a Diocese location. One and done!!**
4. **You will complete a background check with a fee of $25.00 This is also a one- time step as long as your account stays active. You may request a copy of the form.**
5. **You will also need to request 2 pieces of paperwork from the school office: Volunteer/Employee Application Form and the Acceptance Form.**

**Once, all the paperwork is in and verified you will begin receiving monthly bulletins to your current email address. Please read the simple bulletin and answer one question and hit submit!**

**NEW CHANGES: With the new year, we have a few new changes to remember.**

1. **Users with fuse.net and zoomtown.com email address: Cincinnati Bell sold their security line to a third party. That third party looks at emails from covdio.org and virtus.org as a threat and the email does not get sent to the individual on monthly reminders. \*You will need a new email address for your bulletins.**
2. **Starting in 2022 the diocese will no longer have OPEN MONTHS in VIRTUS. Bulletins are posted on the first Sunday of every month. You have 30 days to complete each bulletin.**
3. **MY INFO Tab on the homepage, is the area for you to change email, physical address and contact numbers.**
4. **If you are interested in coaching any school team or assisting with a team, you must receive COACHES training entitled Play Like a Champion. This information and classes can also be viewed on the main Virtus website page. \*There are certain classes for elementary and high school level.**

**If your account becomes suspended due to the completion of training, please contact your school/church coordinator for assistance. Our coordinator is Mrs. Middendorf in the school office. Remember, once a person is more than 30 days past the first Sunday of the month, the account goes into suspension and the person may not volunteer until the suspension is lifted.**

**\*\*Please remember that a person who has been “inactive” and wishes to return to “active” status must submit another background check. You do not need to do another class. \*A person’s account will be inactivated if they are more than 12 bulletins behind or need to process their Selection background check.**

**Thank you for taking the time to read this information and encourage all parents to attend the training and become Virtus trained. The school enjoys your presence and we love the support at all functions.**

**REMINDER: Please returnregistration forms into the office. If you are interested in paying your fee at a later date, we will accept those over the next several weeks but we are trying to get numbers set for budget purposes and building planning. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the school or you have a sibling that you may be interested in enrolling, please let the school office know. This is the time that parents begin the search for Preschool and Kindergarten especially and the spaces are filling up.**

**\*Scholarship/Financial Aid applications are being accepted. Please visit the FACTS website and begin the process. Your 2021 taxes must be complete. Please remember all in-house families must apply by May 15th this year! No exceptions if you want to be considered. We appreciate your cooperation.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR STUDENTS ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT SCHOOL MASS. Rozlin Giles was blessed by Fr. Greer on Wednesday and received the sacrament of Baptism at the school mass. This was very special for Rozlin and her family. The preschool celebrated with her family and a special cupcake treat.**

**DID YOU KNOW THE SCHOOL RECEIVED 60 NEW CHROMEBOOKS AND SMART BOARDS THAT ARE ON WHEELS?? Ms. Cathy Cool has been working for weeks getting them all registered and set up for learning. The newest technology is wonderful. Each student will be working on a new Chromebook and teachers received new laptops! The word in the halls is… Preschool & Kindergarten had a dinosaur visit their smart board as they have been busy learning about the big creatures and it was very large!!**

**THE FAX LINE AT SCHOOL HAS BEEN REPAIRED.**When the new phone system was installed we had an issue with the FAX line. Many doctor’s offices will fax updated medical records and immunizations to the school. We apologize for the inconvenience but the problem has finally been corrected for your convenience. For your convenience, the fax line is listed on the website. Fax Line: 859-291-8632.

**UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSINGS:**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH…PROFESSIONAL DAY**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH- SUNDAY, APRIL 24THSPRING BREAK & EASTER**

**Please mark your calendars accordingly!**

**NEXT WEDNEDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE CHILDREN WILL ATTEND MASS AND RECEIVE ASHES. WE WELCOME ALL PARENTS TO JOIN FOR OUR CHURCH CELEBRATION THAT DAY!**

**ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH WE WILL CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK’S DAY! \*\* CHILDREN MAY WEAR GREEN ITEMS TO SCHOOL! How creative can you be? There could be prizes given for the most creative item!! Hats, socks, shirts, etc.!**

**WISH LIST ITEMS……Thank you for your support for the continued items sent in for the Wish List of classrooms. These items are typically essential items that the students use on a regular basis. The following items have been requested for this trimester.**

**PRE-PRIMARY & KINDERGARTEN: Please visit the Amazon wish list that Ms. Melissa has sent out to parents. Please email her at any time for the quick link! There are many items included…big and small!**

**MI (Ms. Roesel) Electric Pencil sharpener, fine-point dry erase markers, stickers and color chalk for in-classroom activities (Small boxes).**

**MII (Ms. Truitt) Bedding is needed for Hershey or school rabbit! We buy Pure Comfort Small Animal Bedding…QXBOW Blend.**

**MIII: Nothing is needed at this time.**

**AFTER CARE PROGRAM: Markers, scotch tape, coloring books, Baby Dolls for Dramatic Play.**

**MARCH MENUS ARE IN THE RED FOLDER!**