

Our Lady of the Annunciation



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Faith Formation 2009/10

Dear Second Grade Parents/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2009/10 *Faith Formation Program* at OLA. This year of Sacramental preparation will be one of the most important and memorable years you and your child will experience. We ask you to put the following important dates on your calendar:

***** First Day of class: Tuesday Sept. 29, 2009*****

Drop-off is at the side "circle" entrance between 8-8:10 AM

If you walk your child into church, park in the parking lot.

DO NOT LEAVE unattended car in the "circle"!!

On the first day we have special opening prayer and class roll call, in the church, please join us from 8:15-8:30 AM.

Parent meeting : Wednesday October 28, 2009 7- 8:30 PM. This is the only parent for the year and includes a classroom open house At least one parent is required to attend. The children do not attend this meeting.

Reconciliation will be celebrated with a morning retreat (8:45 AM) followed by the Reconciliation Service (11:30 AM) on Sat. Jan 30, 2010. Includes parent involvement.

Parent/Child First Eucharist Workshops will be held Saturday March 13th and Sat. March 20, 2010 sign-up for your 2 hour time slot will take place on Jan. 30th after the *Reconciliation Service*.

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday May 1, 2010. We offer two celebrations: 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Selection of Mass time will take place when you come to the Workshop in March.

Family prayer time and regular attendance at weekend Mass are the most important elements in the Faith Formation of your child/children. We encourage you to be faithful to these as you enter this Sacramental year. Remember *Liturgy of Word* for youth in grades 1-4 takes place at the 10 AM Mass each Sunday, throughout the school year.

We the Catechists in the *Faith Formation* program at *Our Lady of the Annunciation* desire every child to have the opportunity to learn and grow in their faith in a safe, relaxed and caring environment. It is with this goal in mind we have created a "Code of Conduct" for our program. We ask you to review the guidelines of this code with your child prior to the first day of classes. You will find these on the back of this letter.

We look forward to sharing this sacramental year with you!!!

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Mary Lou Slome, RoSann Zeunges, and Cathy Vesterby***

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******* OLA CODE OF CONDUCT *******

Each child is expected to show respect for the Catechist, our bus driver, his/her peers and for church property. When traveling on the bus children are expected to remain seated with quiet conversation. Children are expected to walk quietly to and from the bus and inside the church. Should we need to speak to your child about any of the above a call will be made to your home. If possible we will have the child make the call, explaining the reason they were asked to leave the class. Our time with your child is short, we want each child to feel the welcoming love of the Lord and our staff each time they enter our parish center. Please help them understand the importance of observing these simple guidelines.

Expected Behavior for Classroom and all parts of our building

- 1. Respect for Teacher.**
- 2. Respect for peers.**
- 3. Respect for Church Property and classroom supplies.**
- 4. Walk to and from the bus and inside the church building.**

Expected Behavior for our Bus

- 1. Respect for Driver .**
- 2. Be Seated at all times .**
- 3. Talk Quietly .**
- 4. Respect bus as part of church property.**

Expected Behavior for Outside Parish Center

- 1. Arrive on time * No Loitering Outside the Church.**
- 2. Smoking, Drugs and Alcohol use is Prohibited**
- 3. Respect for Adults, Peers and Church property**
- 4. No running or skate boarding.**