



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart CCD Program

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Dear OLSH CCD Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the close of another CCD year. This has been a year of many changes and unusual circumstances and despite all the challenges, I feel as if we have grown in faith and community with one another. As we look ahead to 2020-21, my hope is for all families to return next year with enthusiasm and joy ready to learn more about God, to praise and thank Him for all the wonderful gifts that we receive from Him, and realize and feel the great love He has for all of us.

The instructional and spiritual formation of our parish children is an important part of our parish life. Together, as parents and catechists, we bring the face of Jesus to our children. I am blessed to be working with all of our OLSH families sharing our Catholic faith with your children - our students.

The days and times of our CCD sessions will be **Tuesday afternoon, from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM, for grades 1,2,4,5,6; Tuesday evening, from 6:30 until 8:00 PM, for grades 1,2,4,5,6,7, and Learning Support, and Wednesday evening, from 6:15 until 7:45 PM, for grades 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7.** On the registration form, please choose the session that you prefer and circle the appropriate grade. Class assignments will be handled on a first come - first serve basis. Classes will be capped at 20 students in order to keep all classes at a manageable number of students. Once a class reaches that capacity, that session will be closed.

We are also piloting a Partial Homeschool Program this year. We will accept a maximum of 20 families this year into this Program. **To be eligible for the program, you must be an actively participating Catholic, attending Mass weekly.** Students must be entering the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grades. Students preparing to receive their sacraments are not eligible to participate this year. Participants must complete weekly assignments and return them electronically each week. Weekly assignments are due: 9:00 PM Sunday Evening

- Must attend (3) Thursday classes - November/February/April; Dates TBD
- Must attend CCD Fall Confessions, CCD Advent Prayer Service, CCD Spring Confessions, CCD Stations of the Cross during one of the existing CCD sessions on Tuesday or Wednesday.

If you are interested in this program, please call the office at 215-822-9020

Our CCD classes for the 2020-21 year will begin on September 15th and 16th. On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, there will be an open house / meet and greet from 6:30 to 7:30. Parents are welcome to come in, walk through the class spaces in both the school and the church and meet the catechists. First grade parents and anyone new to the CCD Program are especially encouraged to come.

For the first week of classes, parents will bring their children directly to their son or daughter's classroom.

Please return your completed registration form to the CCD office as soon as possible. The Registration fee is due with the return of the registration form unless you have called the CCD office to make payment arrangements. For questions or concerns regarding the registration policy, please do not hesitate to call or email the office at 215-822-9020 or olshccd@comcast.net. **As always, I strongly urge all families to participate in the Scrip Program. Even minimal participation pays at least one child's full fee. Please read the next paragraph carefully.**

We will continue to participate in the Parish Scrip Program. **By purchasing Scrip (Gift cards) at face value, you are able to earn money that will go towards your registration fee.** Scrip cards are available for grocery stores, gas purchases, Wawa, department stores, Amazon and other online sites, and restaurants. I urge you to participate in this program. Scrip costs nothing to join and you spend no more money than you would normally spend doing everyday things such as grocery shopping and buying gas. Rebates are given back to the Scrip program and shared with you to pay your CCD registration fee. **We have many families who have completely paid their registration fee using their Scrip. Again, it is free money!**

Scrip is sold after or before our Sunday Masses. (After the 8:00 AM Mass, before and after the 9:30 Mass, and before the 11:00 AM Mass. It is also sold after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening.) Scrip can also be ordered online by Monday evening and be available for pick-up on your child's CCD night. To join or to ask questions about the program, please contact Lorri Resuta at olshscrip@gmail.com

Please review the registration instruction sheet and your completed registration form. Please return your registration form as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Although, we will be accepting registrations, no registrations will be processed from September 14 to September 17, 2020 in order to compile and finalize class lists for teacher use on the first day of CCD.

May your family be blessed with God's peace and may His many blessings fall upon you and your family.

Blessings to you and your family,
Joanne Roberts