



## ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES

### *News and Notes*

*Mrs. Lelia Pappas*



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Dear Academy Families:

I apologize for the lateness of this News and Notes but I have been under the weather with bronchitis for the past week so I'm sorry this did not get done sooner. Please forgive me. There are a bunch of important things that I want to bring to your attention.

As a new Administrator you come into a school and have the chance to review policies and be sure they are up to date. The law is always being updated for safety and the Diocese has required that anyone who comes in to the school for more than one time must register and be cleared with a background check. To make this happen they have set up a website to register at: [Virtusonline](#). There are three steps. The parent/volunteer must read and agree to the Code of Conduct, sign up for a Protecting God's Children Class and finally have a criminal background check completed. When you go to **Virtusonline** on a computer- the Code of Conduct comes right up. You then will be presented with many options for the Protecting God's Children classes. This class discusses how to be observant for child predators and is a very informative 2 hour class. After you have chosen your class you proceed to the Fastrax which is the criminal background check. This whole process doesn't take long but it is now critical for any class parents, volunteers or anyone who wants to come into the school on a regular basis. I will be more than happy to assist anyone in completing the process. I know it could seem tough but in this day and age the safety of our children is first. We don't want to put our children at risk in any way.

This process goes hand in hand with us asking that no one enter the school without a purpose. You have been so cooperative in the morning with not walking in and I truly appreciate that. I know if you reflect on this request for the evaluation of anyone who will be working with your children you will understand. Please, again, I will assist anyone with this process. It does not cost anything but it saves worry!

Ok, enough on the challenging things! God is so good to us and He continues to bless us each day. The staff is awesome and we are looking forward to our **Halloween Happening** a week from today. Just a reminder....tickets are on sale until Thursday at 3PM for \$13. per child. After that date, they go to \$15. per child. The staff is all talking about their booth for that evening so it promises to be great fun! I can't wait to see it in action. All are welcome so plan to spend the **next Friday with us!**

Thank you to all those families who came out for the rosary this week! Keep praying to Mary to help our country and our world. She is a great source of strength. I want to publically thank our Sister's for all their efforts here at the Academy. Sr. Margaret Rose and Sr. Mary Ann are gearing up for the Christmas play. Sr. Anne quietly works behind the scenes for the good of all the children.

This Sunday we have our **First Communion Enrollment Mass at 10:15** so join us to honor those children preparing to receive the Eucharist in May!



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We have dates for our two big fundraisers: **Tricky Tray: Fri April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019** and **Blingo: Friday, May, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019! SAVE THE DATES.** Have a great weekend! Fall is here and I love this time of year. Pumpkins, leaves, sweaters and crisp air. Be sure your children are dressed warmly as we go outside each day for 20 min. Enjoy!