



PREP News for September/October 2017

Welcome to the St. Nicholas Parish Religious Education Program 2017-2018!

The Archdiocese of Vancouver's theme for Religious Education this year is "**Care for Everyone in Our Common Home**". Pope Francis asks that we honour God by acknowledging His presence in all things and all people and by respecting the wonder of His creation. Thank you to our 30 teachers, assistants, and support volunteers who have taken up this 'proclamation of Creation challenge' and generously share the Gospel with your children in our PREP program this year.

September and October are very busy months for all families and it will take a few weeks to get settled into a routine. Please take a moment to review the Parent PREP Handbook and the newsletter (this month and every month going forward) to stay informed about what is happening in our program that may involve you and your child. On the back of this month's newsletter is the PREP calendar of events for the upcoming year. Please keep it somewhere handy and refer to it often. If you have any questions or concerns about the PREP program, please contact Jane Waldoock at ministries.snic@rcav.org or 604-513-0300.

Sacrament Years

First Communion Class Events:

Oct 17 -7pm Mandatory Parent Meeting Classroom 4

Confirmation Class Events:

Oct 10 - 7pm Mandatory Parent & Student Meeting - Classroom 4

Oct 13 Spirit Day Registration due

Safety Issue Reminder:

Please be extra cautious in the parking lot with pick up and drop off.

Park your vehicle in a stall before your children exit the car. Do not drop off in the laneways.

Vehicles are to circle in a **counter-clockwise direction (from the front of the church, toward the back of the lot and out by the gate)** to avoid collisions.

Do not park (unless you have a permit) in the disabled parking spots.

Children in Grades 1 & 2 must be picked up at their class location by a parent or guardian. The children will not be released into the foyer without an adult.

ALTAR SERVING

All students in Grades 4 and older are encouraged to be Altar Servers. This is a wonderful ministry to learn more about the Mass and serve Jesus in a special way. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jane Waldoock at ministries.snic@rcva.org. Fr. Edwin will be around to PREP classes in the coming weeks with sign up sheets.



ST. NICHOLAS YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR INVITATION:

Students (Gr 1 to 12), consider this a fun and meaningful way to participate at Mass! Students who enjoy singing or playing piano or another instrument are welcome. The YPC usually sing at 10:30 Mass the end of each month.

There will be two Saturday practices from 11 to 11 am. At the practices, help with adult supervision is needed and support from any adults with music education is also welcome. The practices this month are Saturdays, Oct 21 & 28; students will sing at 10:30 Mass on the 29th. Registration forms can be picked up in church foyer. For more information please contact Jacqueline at st.nicksypc@gmail.com