

***“Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my
salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.” Psalm 25:3-4***

Hello and welcome to St. Paul’s Church School for the 2007-08 school year!

Sunday, **September 9, 2007** is “*Start up Day*” at St. Paul’s – Creative Learning Class, Children’s Chapel, Church School, Confirmation and Nursery Care. New registration forms and a tentative church school calendar are enclosed with this letter. For the safety of each child, new registrations forms are needed for each child at the beginning of the new church school year. **Please return your registration form to the church as soon as possible so that we can plan our classrooms and purchase supplies accordingly.** Please read on to find some things old, some things new. Our Church School schedule runs as follows:

- ✍ **Creative Learning Class** (ages 3 – Kindergarten) starts at 9:15 in the Parish Hall and children are brought into the church at the Peace.
- ✍ **Children’s Chapel** (grades 1 and 2) starts at 9:15 in the Children’s Chapel, just beyond the church nursery room, and children are brought into church at the Peace.
NOTE: There is no Creative Learning Class or Children’s Chapel on the first Sunday of each month, Children & Youth Sunday. All children are encouraged to attend the service and are invited to sit at the altar rail for the special children’s sermon.
- ✍ **Church School** for ages 3 through grade 7 starts after the 9:15 service, approximately 10:30, and ends at 11:15. Classrooms are located on the second floor. Look for the banner with your grade hanging on the classroom door. Grades Pre-K and K-1 will be using a traditional curriculum, “Living the Good News”, staying with the same teaching team in the same classroom the entire year. Grades 2-3, 4-5 and 6-7 will continue using the “Workshop Rotation Method”, or WoRM, where the classrooms and teachers will change each week. Once again, for grades K – 7, every 3 weeks will be “Stewardship Sunday” with your Stewardship teacher. Adding Stewardship Sunday to the K-1 class is new this year, and we are very excited about this addition!
- ✍ **Confirmation 1**, (grade 9), starts after the 9:15 service, approximately 10:30, and ends at 11:15. Confirmation 2 will meet in the vestry room, 2nd floor. Please note that depending on the amount of children registered for Confirmation, and being mindful of the teachers’ schedules, we will consider an alternate class day and time – but we need your child’s information before we can explore this option. We will have a meeting of Confirmands and parents in early September to meet teachers and have a Q/A.
- ✍ **Where do the 8th grade children go?** As mentioned last year, the diocese has come out with a new Confirmation guideline in which children are to enter the 2-year Confirmation process in the 9th grade. It is our hope that the 8th graders will act as shepherds/helpers in the other classrooms or work as a helper in the Nursery. However, if they wish, they can continue with church school and attend the 6-7 grade classes. Please feel free to contact me about the best situation for your child.

Our Church School programs rely entirely on the time, talents and treasure of all of our parishioners – you don't need to be a parent to teach, we all have special talents to share. Please consider teaching a 3-week rotation this year – it is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know our younger parishioners. *We will have a special forum, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 16, showcasing all of the rotations and class dates for the year.*

This year in our WoRM classes, we will focus on stories of the bible – Samuel, Rebekah, Timothy, Mary Magdalene, Zacchaeus, to name just a few.

Your child's spiritual growth is so very important to us. Regular church attendance reinforces the lesson of the day and the gospel; regular church school attendance teaches the stories of the bible and sets them on a path towards a good foundation of knowledge of their faith and encourages them to be good stewards not only in church but in their everyday lives.

I can't wait to see all your smiling faces in September! Until then, I hope you are enjoying a happy and restful summer. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me any time – 259-3013 x14 (church) or 254-9279 (home) or via email at pampell@lycos.com.

“Miss Pam” ✍

Pamela Pellegrini, Church School Director

Don't forget to check out our website
www.stpaulsfairfield.org
for updates, ideas and information about church school and other child friendly
events and services happening at St. Paul's

Church School Wish List

- * Case of juice boxes
- * Pretzels (please make sure container states “nut free facility”)
 - * Lemonade or juice powder (i.e. country time, tang, etc)
 - * small size cups (6 or 8 oz)
- * Crayons – regular size and “chubby” for toddlers

Please note that we strive to keep St. Paul's “NUT FREE”
If you are making a donation, please check labels to ensure that the product does not
contain nuts, and was not produced in a facility that has nut products

cc: Rev. Ben Brockman
Rev. Nicki Kimes

St. Paul's Nursery Guidelines

Please note that the nursery is a "Nut Free Zone"

St. Paul's offers nursery care for children ages birth through 3 years during our 9:15 and 11:15 services. *Please note that children are invited to attend the nursery through age 3, as not all children are ready to attend church or creative learning classes by this age.* Please do whatever makes you and your child comfortable. Every child who attends the nursery must have a current registration form on file. All parents who register their child for the nursery will be asked to help out in the nursery at least one Sunday during the church school year (September through May). A list will be compiled alphabetically and a reminder card will be sent out prior to your Sunday in the nursery. Each Sunday a teen volunteer will also be present in the nursery to help out. All volunteers are asked to be in the nursery no later than 9:00 so parents may drop their children off and get settled in church. The church service is broadcast in the nursery. There are juice boxes and animal cookies or pretzels available for children to eat at the round table if they need a light snack. The table is wiped down with a disinfectant cloth before the 9:15 service. All sippy cups and bottles brought into the nursery must have the child's name on it. Also, each child attending the nursery must have a name label, also stating any known allergies. (These labels will be available in the nursery each Sunday). We also ask the adult and teen volunteers to wear a name label so that we can all get to know one another.

Please note that the adult volunteer is to stay in the nursery until all the children have been picked up by their parents, but are not required to stay through the 11:15 service. The teen volunteer, however, is to stay in the nursery in case any children come for the 11:15 service. If there are no children in the nursery by 11:30, the teen is then allowed to leave.

If you are unable to work in the nursery on a Sunday when you are scheduled, please contact another parent on the schedule to make arrangements for coverage, so that the nursery is not left unattended on any Sunday. When the volunteer list is compiled, I will mail it out along with the names and phone numbers of all volunteers. *Note that those whose name begins with A, B, C are going to be first on the list!*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church + Church School Calendar 2007-2008

Sept. 9		Stewardship Class	First Day of Classes!!! Church Picnic at 12:30
Sept. 16		Worm 1-1	
Sept. 23		Worm 1-2	
Sept. 30		Worm 1-3	
Oct. 7	C&Y	Stewardship Class	
Oct. 14		Worm 2-1	
Oct. 21		Worm 2-2	
Oct. 28		Worm 2-3	
Nov.4	C&Y	Stewardship Class	
Nov. 11		Stewardship Class	(Christmas at Sea Stewardship Project)
Nov. 18		Worm 3-1	
Nov. 25		##No class##	Advent Wreath Making
Dec. 2	C&Y	Worm 3-2	Advent 1
Dec. 9		Worm 3-3	Advent 2
Dec. 16		Stewardship Class	Advent 3
Dec. 23		##No class##	Advent 4
Dec. 24		##No class##	Christmas Eve – Creche Service @ 3pm
Dec. 30		##No class##	
Jan. 6	C&Y	Stewardship Class	Epiphany (Pot Luck Supper 6pm, Church 7pm)
Jan. 13		Worm 4-1	
Jan. 30		Worm 4-2	
Jan. 27		Worm4-3	
Feb. 3		##No class##	Annual Meeting
Feb. 6		#####	Ash Wednesday – Children’s Service at 4pm
Feb. 10		Stewardship Class	
Feb. 17		##No class##	Winter break
March 2	C&Y	Worm 5-1	
March 9		Worm 5-2	
Mar 14,15			Confirmation Retreat Camp Washington-A
March 16		Worm 5-3	Palm Sunday
Mar. 21		#####	Good Friday Service at St. Paul’s
March 23		##No class##	Easter Sunday
Mar 28,29			Confirmation Retreat Camp Washington - B
March 30		Stewardship Class	
April 6	C&Y	Worm 6-1	
April 13		Worm 6-2	
April 20		Worm 6-3	
April 27		Worm 7-1	
May 4	C&Y	Worm 7-2	
May 11		Worm 7-3	Pentecost Sunday
May 18		Stewardship Class	Last Church School Class
May 25			Ice Cream Social - Start summer schedule

- * C&Y – Children & Youth Sunday – No Creative Learning Class or Children’s Chapel on this day
- * Schedule may change – please check website, emails and church bulletin for updates!

✍ Saint Paul's Episcopal Church ✍
✍ Church School Registration Form ✍ 2007 - 2008 ✍

Child's Name _____ **Grade in Sept. 2007** _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Address _____

Town, Zip _____

E-Mail _____ **Telephone** _____

Birth Date ____/____/____

Is your child Baptized? Yes No

Does your child receive Communion? Yes No

(At St. Paul's, Communion is open to everyone who is baptized)

Would you like to receive information about your child being Baptized? Yes No

Would you like to receive information about your child and Communion? Yes No

I am registering my child for the following programs: (Please check all that apply)

✍ **Nursery Care** (ages birth through age 3)
please check service 9:15 _____ 11:15 _____

? Please note: All parents who register a child in the Church Nursery will be put on an alphabetical rotating volunteer schedule for the church school year (Sept. through May). One adult and one teen will be assigned to the nursery each Sunday. Nursery care begins at 9:00 am and continues until approx. 11:00. If a parent is not assigned for the 11:15 service, a teen will be available for babysitting.

✍ **Creative Learning Class for ages 3 through Kindergarten** - Class begins at 9:15 in the Parish Hall and the children enter Church at the Peace

✍ **Children's Chapel – grades 1 and 2** – class meets in the Children's Chapel, next to the nursery and enter Church at the Peace

? Please note: On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate Children & Youth Sunday. Creative Learning class and Children's Chapel is not held on this first Sunday. All children are invited to participate in the service, and are especially invited to come forward to sit at the altar rail for the special children's sermon.

✍ **Church School** * (age 3 through grade 7) * 10:30 - 11:15

✍ **Confirmation 1** (grade 9) * 10:30 – 11:15

✍ **My child is in the 8th grade – he/she would like to participate in the following way** (Shepherd, Nursery Care, attend 6/7 class, etc)

✍ over please ✍

Please contact me (parents) regarding:

- ☞☞ Helping with Creative Learning Class
- ☞☞ Helping with Children's Chapel
- ☞☞ Church School – teaching a WORM rotation
- ☞ Ways that I can help with Church School – donations, etc.

I am interested in receiving information about the following programs for my child:

- ☞☞ Choir (Grades 2 and older)☞
- ☞☞ Acolytes (Grade 4 and older)☞
- ☞ Youth Groups☞

If you are a newcomer to St. Paul's....

Have you completed a Newcomer Form?

- ☞☞ Yes☞☞☞☞ No
- ☞☞ Please send me a Newcomer Information Packet☞☞

Medical Care Information

Please note that St. Paul's Nursery & Church School are "Nut Free Zones"

Allergies **

Physician name and phone # to call in case of emergency

Please use this space to list any medical or other information that we should be aware of
