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#### **Information for You!**

### **Ignatian Family Fun Day**

Parents, the first day of school is quickly approaching! This year, we are beginning the year with the **Ignatian** Family Fun Day on Sunday, August 25. We invite all families to attend Gesu's regular 10:30am Mass. Following Mass, the families of Gesu are invited to participate in our **Ignatian Family Fun Day**. We will gather in the Social Hall for a light meal and a discussion of what the Ignatian principles mean to their child's education and how that extends to family life.

We hope to conclude our Ignatian Family Fun Day between 2pm and 2:30pm so that everyone can have time to finish preparing for the first day of classes on Monday, August 26. On Monday, August 26, classes will meet from 7:55am to 11am for all grade levels.

Please note: The Ignatian Family Fun Day event is for parents and children to enjoy together. This is not a "drop off" event as parents and children will be working and sharing together.

Please click the link to RSVP by Wednesday, August 21 for the event: https://forms.gle/8Q6NN8UgcvTv7f9u9



#### **Back to School Night**

Join us on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 5:30pm for Gesu's Back to School Night! Meet your child's teacher and learn important information that will help your child be successful and have a great school year.

We will also hold the Used Uniform Sale that evening (see information below) as well as selling new gym uniforms in the Main Office.

We will see you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!



#### **Used Uniform Sale**

The Gesu Parent Organization (GPO) is proud to host the annual **Used Uniform Sale** Thursday, August 15 from 5PM to 7PM and August 22 from 5:00 to 5:30PM and after the welcome back assembly.

All items are \$5.

Gently used items can be donated during summer office hours or at the sale.

Contact Susan Laing at <a href="mailto:selaing@gmail.com">selaing@gmail.com</a> or 313-610-9294 for more information.



#### **School Shoes Reminder**

The following information is taken from the Gesu Parent Policy Handbook regarding uniform shoes:





"Black Dress or Casual shoes. Please note: No boots\*\*, sandals, platforms, clogs, open toe shoes, high heels, wedges, or roller shoes. Athletic shoes may be worn on scheduled gym days. Athletic shoes should be solid black or solid white low or high-top athletic shoes.

#### **Gesu School Footwear Requirements PK and K:**

Rubber sole athletic shoes only

\*\*Boots may be worn for outside activities during cold or wet weather. Students cannot wear boots such as Timberland or Doc Marten-type boots as their uniform shoes.



#### **Birth Certificates**

All families who are new to Gesu OR current families who do not have one on file must present a **copy** of your child's birth certificate to the Main Office to be filed with your child's school record. Current families who are missing this documentation were contacted at the end of last school year regarding the need to submit this documentation. If you were not contacted then you do not need to submit any documents. Original birth

certificates may be brought into the office for a copy to be made. We will not retain original certificates.

If you have any questions, please call the Main Office during regular business hours.

### **Protecting God's Children/VIRTUS Training**



Gesu School is hosting an in-person "Protecting God's Children/VIRTUS" session in the school's Social Hall on Thursday, September 12, 2024 from 6pm to 9pm. "Protecting God's Children" is an interactive workshop for anyone who has contact with our children, as a staff member or parent volunteer. The program seeks to help adults be aware of signs of abuse and how to protect our children from harm. The Archdiocese of Detroit requires any parent or community member who will serve in any school volunteer role be certified in the VIRTUS program. This means anyone who wants to chaperone a field trip, supervise a school activity such as fun night, or serve as a monitor for the lunchroom or playground MUST be VIRTUS certified. Anyone who was certified before January 2020 must be recertified. The certification is valid for four years. The Archdiocese is allowing the school to host an in-person session in September so that we can have parents or community members who are certified and ready to help our students throughout the year.

The training is **free** and there will be a meal served the evening of the session.

Please register here:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg 0.cfm?theme=0



#### **Immunizations**

Students are required to provide an updated immunization record if they are due for new or additional doses of immunizations. Copies of updated immunization records may be submitted to the Main Office. The city of Detroit offers no/low cost immunizations to families through Vaccination for Children Providers. A list of providers may be found

here: <a href="https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-health-department/programs-and-services/influenza-flu-shots/vaccination-children-vfc-providers">https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-health-department-programs-and-services/influenza-flu-shots/vaccination-children-vfc-providers</a> Be sure to call any provider listed prior to visiting their clinic. If you are not a resident of the city of Detroit, contact your local health department for information regarding vaccination clinics in your area.



Enjoy the rest of summer!!