

Parish Religious Education Report
April 2012

Christian Beginnings Pre-school

Background:

- Christian Beginnings Preschool received the approval of the Maryland State Department of Education in the 1997-1998 School Year. The children receive age appropriate instruction in the areas of reading readiness, science, mathematics, social studies, and religion.
- All of the teachers have received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education with training in early childhood education. All of the teachers and their aides have undergone extensive background checks by the Maryland State Police.
- Three-year olds attend class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM and four-year olds attend class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Status:

- Staff
 - Director: Mrs. Marie Chrzanowski
 - Teachers:
 - Three-year Olds: Mrs. Cathy Bodenhorn
 - Four-Year Olds: Mrs. Dot Stein
 - Associate Teacher (both classes): Mrs. Rose Thompson
- Budget
 - Tuition income (\$65.47K) covered expenditures (\$65.46K) for 2010-2011 school year.
 - Tuition income (\$67.00K) will cover expenditures (\$66.53K) for 2011-2012 school year.

Results (Students Trained):

- Full capacity (24 3-year olds; 24 4-year olds; 12 per class) in 2010-2011 school year.
- Full capacity for 4-year olds and 83% enrollment for 3-year olds in 2011-2012 school year.
- Enrollment for 2012-2103 school year:
 - 3rd grade morning class: 67%
 - 3rd grade afternoon class: 8%
 - 4th grade morning class: 100%
 - 4th grade afternoon class: 42%

Issues/Future Actions:

- We were told we would get a large shed outside of the classroom, but we are still waiting for it. We had to move the extra preschool things to Marie's house and they were caught in the hurricane in August. The items are in storage and we should get them out soon.

CCD (Continuing Christian Development)

Background:

- The St. John Vianney CCD program provides a spiritual formation and instruction in the Catholic Faith. Like other pastoral activities, catechesis must be understood in relation to Jesus' three-fold message: to teach, to build community, and to serve.
- Those children who do not attend Catholic schools are encouraged to enroll in CCD. A two-year minimum of CCD instruction is necessary for public school children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Penance, and Holy Eucharist. Kindergarten through 5th Grades attend classes on Sunday from 9:30 to 10:45 AM or Monday from 6:15 to 7:30 PM. Sixth through 9th Grades attend classes on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

Status:

- Staff
 - Director: Mrs. Jan Pedone
 - Approximately 60 volunteer s (teachers/aides/admin)
- Budget
 - Tuition fully covers K-8 budget.
 - Cost of confirmation class (approximately \$20K) is shared between the families and the parish funds.

Results (Students Trained):

- Approximately 475 students were trained in the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years.

Issues/Future Actions:

- While the budget request for a portable projector was approved, the request for a laptop computer has been disapproved. Without the laptop computer, the portable projector cannot be used in the classrooms.