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# REGISTRATION— 2010/11



**It's that time of year again!!  
Registration for next year  
will soon be underway.**

**Parishioners will again have enrollment priority.** Enrollment forms will arrive in the mail to parish families the week of April 12.

**Parishioner enrollment forms due April 30.**

**Non-parishioner enrollment will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Payment must accompany enrollment forms.** Due to the dual enrollment process for parishioners and non-parishioners, and our space limitations, *we will not be able to accept enrollment without payment.*

**A waiting list will be established** once we have filled all available classrooms. Payment will be returned to anyone on the waiting list. If additional space becomes available, we will fill from this list.

**Preschool and Kindergarten** classes will be offered on Sunday mornings only. One classroom will be available on Wednesdays to accommodate the Pre-K children of Wednesday catechists.

We work very hard over the summer to put together classes with a good balance while keeping them a manageable size for our volunteer catechists. Sometimes, even one additional child can make a class difficult to handle. Therefore, we need to know in advance of any special requests and *will not* be able to accommodate changes to class lists once classes begin.

**Thank you for your help with the continued success of our programs!**

## **Rachael Kroog presents: A Very Touchy Subject-Part 2— April 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Parents and students will attend *in place of classes* that night.**

St. Patrick's students, along with their parents, will soon have an opportunity to attend a wonderful presentation on Safe Touch. Our archdiocese has requested that every child enrolled in a Faith Formation program in the archdiocese be given formal instruction on this very important subject, and Rachael's presentation meets part of that requirement in a very creative way.

Moving beyond "stranger danger", Rachael takes a fresh, child friendly approach to the difficult topic of safe touch. Empowered with fun, positive messages, safety skills and interactive music that build self confidence and self esteem, kids will be taught hot safety tips and then given the chance to demonstrate their knowledge after watching different role play scenarios. The focus of this session will be on different tricks used that threaten children's safety and how to recognize them. Children will be encouraged to pay attention to their surroundings and the people in it and to always keep themselves safe by having a trusted adult close by.

**Families with students in Grades K-3 will be attending from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Families with students in Grades 4 and 5 will attend from 7:00-8:00 PM. Please go directly to the small hall upon arrival.**

For families with children in both age groups, parents should decide which presentation works best for them and attend it, keeping in mind that the earlier presentation will be geared to younger children but the content will be the same. Brenda will be sending an email to families just before March 28 asking which session they plan to attend.

*"Rachael Kroog's presentation, "A Very Touchy Subject-Part 2," had our kids dancing, shouting, laughing, and learning about how to keep themselves safe all at the same time. The focus was on fun, not fear, as kids embraced their "Kid Power" and saw how to use their God-given gifts of their minds, their feelings, and their two feet to walk away from a bad situation. One of my favorite parts of the show was towards the end, when Rachael talked about all of the wonderful, healthy, and sometimes silly ways that parents and loved ones show kids affection; this had the kids giggling and ended the night on a very positive note."*

*Desire' Sobiech - Formation Coordinator, Church of the Risen Savior, Burnsville*

## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



Great fun for children age 4 to 12.

June 14-18, 2010

9:30-12:00

\$ 35.00 per child

It's time  
for  
VBS!

Go to [www.stpatrick-edina.org](http://www.stpatrick-edina.org) and look for the High Seas link to register and volunteer.

Get your kids ready for a swashbuckling adventure through God's Word! Send them to *High Seas Expedition* where they'll discover that God shows his powerful love through scripture and "explore the mighty Love of God" every day. Not only do kids experience amazing Bible adventures but they'll also watch for God in everyday life through an activity called God Sightings. Kids will discover that God is active in our lives and that His fingerprints are everywhere.

Each day during camp the children will take part in fun Scripture-themed activities where they see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible point crafts, team building games, lively songs and tasty treats are just a few of the High Seas Expedition activities that help kids connect their faith to real life.

Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us each day at 11:45, because that's when we'll be having the "Floating Finale" —a daily celebration of God's Love you won't want to miss!

For more information and to register your child, go to [www.stpatrick-edina.org](http://www.stpatrick-edina.org) and follow the link to St. Patrick's *High Seas Expedition* website.

**PARENTS— Don't let your kids have all the fun! Join in by sharing your time and talents with the children of our parish.** There is no time like VBS time at St. Patrick's! The kids are happy and excited and their energy is contagious! We have many junior high and high school kids helping as crew leaders. Watching them build relationships with the children of the parish is priceless. And, though our teen leaders do a lot of the work, we need your help too. We are looking for:

**High Seas Expedition Station Coordinators:** Using a manual and working with Brenda, the coordinator plans activities for one area of camp. During camp, the coordinator meets daily with Assistants to explain the day's activity and set up for the day. *Tuition will be waived for children of camp coordinators.*

**Station Assistants:** Help in one or more areas one or more days a week during camp. *A parent or guardian of each camper is asked to volunteer as an assistant at least one day during camp.*

**For more information and to volunteer,** go to [www.stpatrick-edina.org](http://www.stpatrick-edina.org) and follow the High Seas Expedition link or contact Brenda at 952-941-3164 or [bmclennan@stpatrick-edina.org](mailto:bmclennan@stpatrick-edina.org)

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### JOIN THE FAMILY EVENTS GROUP FOR 2010/11

- Have you enjoyed the Family Dinners this year?
- Would you like to see them continued next year?
- Are you interested in additional family event nights? Games? Movies?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider joining the Family Events Group. We'd love your help to continue putting on these community building events for the families in our parish.

Contact Brenda at:  
[bmclennan@st.patrik-edina.org](mailto:bmclennan@st.patrik-edina.org)



Wednesday,  
April 28.

End of Year Spring B-B-Q

**\$10 per family**

(included in Family Pass)

Tickets will be sold before classes on  
April 14 & 21.

Available to help prepare, serve or clean-up?  
Contact Brenda at 952-941-3164 x104 or  
[bmclennan@st.patrik-edina.org](mailto:bmclennan@st.patrik-edina.org)



### First Communion 2010

Our second graders will celebrate their First Communion on the weekend of May 8 or 9 at the 5:15 and 11:00 Masses. *The children and their parents will be attending an evening of final preparation on Wednesday, May 5.* We will be gathering for dinner at 6:00. After dinner there will be time to hear from Father Greg, make First Communion banners and participate in a rehearsal for the big day.