



# Visitation Academy Weekly Newsletter October 5, 2022



Dear Visitation Parents/Guardians,

**Visitation Academy is celebrating October, the Month of the Holy Rosary.** Today, the entire school community circled the inside of the church as each grade level lead a decade of the Rosary. Pictures will be posted. How powerful to hear all our students praying together. The intentions of all our families were included in this Rosary.

*By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.*

*The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary give us "thumbnails" of the life of Christ and his Mother.*

**As unbelievable as it may sound we have been in school for a Month now!** We are very happy with how everyone has settled in. I hope you are all "liking" us on Social Media and enjoying pictures from our new 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Lab, MakerSpace Room and other educational/fun classes!

**Please make sure you are adhering to our school dress code.** I receive many emails and inquiries. Our Dress Code is located on our website and in our School Handbook. I have copied portions of the Dress Code for your review below. I appreciate the cooperation of all. Teachers will be monitoring students and sending home Dress Code infringement warnings.

**DRESS CODE** - A "Dress Code" is an important standard for Visitation Academy. It must fit appropriately, be clean and worn with pride. Here at Visitation Academy, we place emphasis on forming students into the Christian leaders God calls them to be by emphasizing the importance of a well-rounded individual; **an individual focused not just on physical appearance, but on the human, intellectual, spiritual, and apostolic impact** he or she has on those around them. School uniforms help us in this mission.

**Studies have shown:**

- 1. School uniforms have a positive impact on students' mental health. Uniforms reduce anxiety about appearance and promote self-confidence through a feeling of belonging.**
- 2. Uniforms help maintain a safe and effective learning environment. Visitors can be easily identified**
- 3. School Uniforms Help Promote School Spirit. A feeling of unity and togetherness is inspired when our students are dressed in uniform.**

### **Pre-K3 and Pre-K4**

Visitation Academy uniform gym suit will be required. Gym suit consists of sweatshirt and pants, shorts and t-shirt. Sneakers will be worn each day of attendance. Flynn and O'Hara can assist you in purchasing the uniform gym suit and shorts, which they supply to the other grades.

### Kindergarten through Grade five:

- Girls must wear blue uniform blouse, blue plaid jumper and **blue knee socks or navy-blue tights**. The uniform sweater or **uniform fleece** may be worn on cold days. Navy flat front slacks are also available.
- Boys must wear blue uniform pants, blue shirt and uniform tie. (**Polo shirts may be worn all year**). The uniform sweater or **uniform fleece may** be worn on cold days. **Shirts must be tucked in and uniform belt worn**. Navy or black socks must be worn with the winter uniform.
- Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students must wear blue or black lace-less shoes for safety.
- Students in grades 4 & 5 have the option of wearing lace-less or laced shoes. Flat laces preferred.
- Students may wear "Spirit Wear" on Friday. Any **Visitation Academy t-shirt** with gym sweat pants.

### Grades six, seven and eight:

- **Girls** must wear gray uniform skirt, white blouse and blue knee socks or tights. (**Polo shirts may be worn all year**). The blue uniform vest, sweater or uniform fleece may be worn on cold days. Navy uniform slacks are available and must be worn with sweater or vest. All blouses must be tucked in. Girls' skirts cannot be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Hair accessories that detract from the uniform are not permitted.
- **Boys** must wear the grey uniform pants, white shirt tucked in so belt is visible, a uniform tie, and gray or dark crew socks. (**Polo shirts may be worn all year**). No white socks. A dark or grey belt must be worn at all times. **Only the uniform fleece pullover or Navy Vest with school logo may be worn on cold days. NO SUBSTITUTES.**
- Students may wear "Spirit Wear" the first Friday of each month. Any Visitation Academy t-shirt with gym sweat pants.

***SUMMER UNIFORM – Summer uniforms may only be worn until Oct. 28, 2022. The building does get cool with the weather so please dress children accordingly.***

**EARRINGS** – Only one set of small earrings may be worn to school. No body visible piercings, no dangles, no large hoops, no tattoos or any jewelry that distracts from the uniform are permitted.

**GYM UNIFORM** – Uniform sweat pants, gym shirt and sweatshirt with the Visitation Academy logo and "Spirit Wear" t-shirts and sweat shirts may be worn. During warm weather, the uniform blue knit shorts and the gym shirt may be worn with sneakers and **white crew socks**.

**HAIR STYLES** – To meet the standards of Visitation Academy all students are expected to have a hairstyle that is neat and appropriately trimmed. **Boys' hair must be above the ears, eyebrows, and shirt collar. Fad hairstyles such as design shaving (logos, other), coloring of hair; frostings and highlighting are not permitted. This applies to both boys and girls.** Only plain hair bands (brown, beige, navy, black or clear colors) plain clips, or Flynn and O'Hara hair bands are allowed. Large, sparkly or distracting bows and hairpieces are not permitted.

**JEWELRY** – Students are not permitted to wear good jewelry to school. Our insurance does not cover loss or theft. Conservative and religious jewelry is allowed in moderation. Fad, costume, and/or large pieces of jewelry are not permitted. Inappropriate jewelry will be given to the teacher and claimed after school.

**MAKE UP** - No face or eye make-up, false nails or eyelashes are permitted. Students will be asked to remove any nail polish. No artificial eyelashes or long nails.

*Just a few reminders and Announcements...*



**SCHOOL PHOTOS!** – October 6<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 1 – 7 will be in full winter uniform. ***PreK3 and PreK4 students may wear their own outfits. PHOTOS ARE GRADES PREK3 THROUGH GRADE 7 ONLY. GRADUATION PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ON JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>.***

**PAUL EFFMAN BAND PROGRAM** - Band Classes begin on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents who registered should be receiving emails from the Paul Effman Band Company with details and schedules. Please contact the school if your child will be going to Aftercare after Band class.

**Vendor Fair** - *We are asking each family to post five fliers in different locations in your hometowns. Fliers may be posted at dance schools, karate schools, supermarkets, libraries, convenient stores, etc. Fliers will be sent home Monday with the oldest child of each family. For families that participate, your children will be given a choice of either a free cotton candy or pretzel at the event. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

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## **“Final Dress Rehearsal, an interactive murder mystery dinner theater event”**



Join us for a “who done it” dinner mystery put on by our Middle School students....

**When?** *Friday, November 4, 2022*

**Where?** *Visitation Academy auditorium*

**Time?** *Dinner begins at 5:00pm; show begins at 6:00pm.*

**Price?** *\$40.00 per person, drinks not included. Please bring a dessert for the dessert sharing table. Cast and crew do not eat with their families, and do not pay for their meals.*

*You may reserve a table of 8 or indicate another family with whom you wish to sit.*

*Reservations are being accepted on our website under Mrs. Flager’s home page 8A. Payment can be made through the website.*

*You may also order boosters for your child by emailing your booster to [dmonticello@visitationacademyparamus.org](mailto:dmonticello@visitationacademyparamus.org). Payment for Boosters can be sent to Mrs. Flager. The file can be either Word or PDF format. Just indicate if it will be a full or half page booster.*

*Full size is 8"L x 5"W and the cost is \$20.00*

*Half is 4"L x 5"W. And the cost is \$10.00*



See your children in action!

Praying the Rosary for the Feast of the Holy Rosary!



The 4th grade is learning about forces and motion. They are building rollercoasters to see where they get the energy to go up and down hills and through loops. Stay tuned for the final result!



Visitation Academy's girls' Volleyball team started their season off with a doubleheader against Corpus Christi gold team and Corpus Christi blue team. Visitation won both games in straight sets. They start off the season with a 2-0 record! Next game is Friday October 7, 8:15pm at St Leos, Elmwood Park.



**Visitation First Grade students visited the Maker Space to work with Dash Robots!**

Students were broken into 3 groups and took turns attaching Legos to Dash's head to design a hat. They learned how to turn on Dash and connect him to their group's iPad via Bluetooth. Then each member took turns using the Go App on the iPad to move Dash, make him light up with different colors, and have him make silly sounds. Students had fun while learning and working cooperatively.

**When Mrs. Serra picked up her students after class, a student said, "If you were a kid, you would have so much fun!"**



PreK-4 students visited the MakerSpace and worked in groups using Legos and the Dash Robot. Each group member used their Legos to create a 2-color structure. Then, each child took turns using the Dash Go App on the iPad to move Dash, make him turn his head, and have him make different sounds. They identified the color of their Legos and then changed Dash's lights to the same colors. Finally, the group members worked together to attach their Legos structures together to create one large structure. Each child had a turn trying to move Dash to reach the structure.



## 8th Grade Technology Students worked in the Tech/Engineering Lab on a



programming/coding activity using the Google Apps Script. Their task was to program a progress bar for use in a slideshow. The progress bar consisted of a shape that had to duplicate and fill in with color on each slide as the slide show advanced. Students viewed the Google Applied Digital Skills videos' steps and reviewed the following skills and concepts learned in 7th grade:

- \*Function a procedure or routine. Inside the function, is where the variable is programmed.
- \*Variable a container that stores values.
- \*For Loop A "for loop" runs code repeatedly using different values.

As students worked on each line of code, they ran each

step of their program to be sure it executed correctly. If students had errors in their program, they called upon their team members to help them identify and debug the code.

**Visitation's 4th & 5th Grade students prepared a page sharing their excitement about our new school year using Google Docs: Skills used: \*Inserting a header \*Changing the text size, font and color \*Using bullet points \*Searching, inserting and formatting images**

Tyler 9/23/2022

- 4th Grade will be great because...
- I can see my friends.
- I can go to specials classrooms.
- We can switch classes.
- We get class jobs.
- There is band and choir.
- We can use a library.
- We are going to learn how to play the recorder.
- We go to the gym in the morning.
- No masks!
- We can use the science lab.



Charley 9/23/22

5th grade will be great because . . .

- I have my 3rd grade teacher for 5th grade.
- We will be switching classes for social studies and science.
- We can do groups in our classrooms now.
- We can learn new things in 5th grade.
- We get to celebrate all different seasons like Halloween and Christmas.





# **PAINT and POUR**

*When: Friday, October 14, 2022.*

*Time: Doors open at 6:15pm. Painting begins promptly at 7:00pm.*

*Join us for a great evening painting your choice of glassware!  
Come with friends for a great ladies night out or attend as couples for a  
fun date night! Instruction from a professional artist,  
choose from many designs!*

*\*Raffles and a 50/50!*

*\*Bring your own refreshments.*

*\*Coffee and cookies served.*

*\$45 per person includes event admission, and glassware of choice, all art supplies  
and 5 raffle tickets for fabulous prizes. Earn 20% credit toward your obligation  
for each event ticket purchased.*

*This event is for adults only. If you have any questions please  
contact [kusielewicz@gmail.com](mailto:kusielewicz@gmail.com).*

*Registration forms are on our website!*

Visitation Academy  
222 Farview Ave, Paramus NJ

# Holiday Market

Kick-off to Christmas  
Vendor & Craft Fair



Sunday November 20, 2022  
11:00am - 4:00pm

**OVER 60  
LOCAL  
VENDORS!**

**ONE STOP  
SHOPPING**

Holiday gifts and  
Thanksgiving Treats  
all in one place.

**FREE  
ADMISSION  
& PARKING**

Handmade Crafts, Jewelry,  
Candles, Christmas Decor,  
Candies, & more!



*Come with family & friends  
and get in the holiday spirit!*

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