



Visitation Academy
Weekly Newsletter
September 15, 2022



Dear Visitation Parents/ Guardians,

Students are enjoying being back!!!

This first week back to a full-time schedule has been a fun adventure. Students are now moving to rooms that they have not seen since pre-Covid19. The younger students are finding the Computer and Makerspace rooms amazing, and Middle School students are looking forward to working on projects in the new Tech/Engineering Lab. Of course, all students enjoy passing to the essential classes like art, music, Spanish and of course lunch and recess. It is a joy to see smiling faces and students anxious to be here and participate in their classes.

***We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful,
for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.***

Bless us as we start this new school year with our friends and teachers...

Help us to learn to work together and to love one another.

Bless our school and our families and keep us safe.

In Jesus' name.... Amen

Just a few reminders and Announcements...

The HSA Ice Cream Social was a huge success!!! Thank you to the HSA and the numerous families who came to get to know each other better. Please check the school calendar on our website for more upcoming events.

PIZZA LUNCH STARTS THIS FRIDAY... The deadline for orders was Tuesday, Sept. 13th. Any questions or concerns please contact Jaime Torres at jpat0803@gmail.com

SCHOOL EATERY!!! Our lunch vendor information is on our website. Sign up and start ordering. School Eatery allows us to have foods from local area restaurants delivered safely and individually wrapped with your child's name and grade. Orders are made directly with School Eatery... and menus will change monthly. **School Eatery lunches are available Monday through Thursday ONLY.** Lunches are delivered from Mario's, Chick-Fil-A, Moe's, and Wendy's from Monday to Thursday each week. Please check out the information on our website for more details.

IF YOU ARE NOT ORDERING LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD, BE SURE TO PACK THEM A LUNCH.



SAVE THE DATE... Back to School Night! Tuesday, Sept 20th

***8th Grade Class Meeting 5:30 p.m.**

***ECC Back to School Meeting 6:00-6:30 p.m.**

***Main Back to School Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

The HSA will host a table and be available to answer any questions you may have.

FRIDAYS are SPIRIT WEAR DAYS!!! Bring out the school spirit and wear some of your favorite pieces. The HSA will be offering more Spirit Wear pieces for sale on our website in the VERY near future.

SAVE THE DATE... High School Expo.... September 27TH from 7pm --- 8:30pm in the school auditorium.

Visitation Academy will again be hosting the Bergen County High School Expo. Please come by if you are interested to see all the wonderful RCAN high schools represented and speak to their Admission Directors.

Drop-Off Procedures have been going very well in the morning... Thank you for your patience and in helping to keep all of our Visitation Academy students/ families safe in the parking lot.

A **Music letter** from Mrs. Bellini went out through School Messenger and via hard copy. The important take aways are as follows:

Instruments: 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade students will learn to read music and play the **recorder**. All students will be responsible for purchasing their own **"SOPRANO recorder"** and bringing it to class each week starting Oct.1st. **Grades 6-8 will learn to play the ukulele**. Students will be responsible for purchasing their own **"SOPRANO UKULELE and ukulele tuner"** and bringing it to school each week starting Oct. 1st. Few helpful websites to browse for ukuleles, and recorders:westmusic.com, Amazon.com, MusicK8.com, guitarcenter.com

Visitation Voices Choir: After school choir will be offered to **Grades 4-8** every **TUESDAY** afternoon from 3:00-3:45. Choir will be singing at each First Friday Mass and other Liturgical holidays as well as at the Christmas concert.

Band letter- Paul Effman will again be running the Visitation Academy Band Program, which is available to students in grades 3-8, with or without experience. Half hour small group lessons given after school on Wednesdays. **Please see attached flyer for more details.** [Paul Effman Band Flyer](#)
The deadline to sign up is this Friday, Sept 16th

Murder Mystery auditions were held Wednesday afternoon... I'm sure many are anxious to know who the cast members will be! The Murder Mystery Dinner will be held on Friday, November 4th from 5-7:30 PM in the gym.

Students running for **Student Council** positions will be giving speeches on Monday, September 19th after assembly. Elections will take place and winners will be announced on September 20th.

- Middle School will participate in Student Council. Each homeroom will elect two representatives, and meetings will be held about once a month during recess.
- Candidates for officer positions will make speeches during morning assembly (after lower grades have been dismissed) on Monday, September 19. Elections will be held the following day. Only eighth grade students may run for president, vice president, and treasurer. Any middle school student may run for secretary or religious affairs. Elected Officers will be announced in next week's Newsletter.

The staff at Visitation Academy are all looking forward to a wonderful and rich school year.... Thank you for your prayers, patience and generosity.

Please know that ***I am always available during school hours at 201---262---6067 or by email at principal@visitationacademyparamus.org and will respond promptly to your questions or concerns.***

Blessings to You & Your Family!

Mrs. Drew

CLASS PARENTS! WE NEED YOU!

Class parents are an excellent and necessary asset to the classroom, and we are in search of at least 2 parents to assist their child's teacher and the HSA during the school year. Class parents render special services to the teachers and students, and they are relied upon by teachers and other class parents. If you have multiple children in the school, you may only be a class parent for one child. Listed below are the mandatory responsibilities of a class parent; please read this carefully:

- Coordinate with other parents any items needed for class functions as requested by the teacher
- Forward HSA information via email to your class families promptly
- Assist Principal Drew with communication to class parents or with class events
- Assist in virtual events
- Assist, and volunteer for HSA gatherings/fundraising events when called upon

Other responsibilities may be added as the year progresses, depending on the needs of the teacher, the class itself, or the HSA.

You will be notified by Monday, October 4th. Class parents are chosen at random by the teachers. If you are not chosen but were interested, your name will be given to the selected class parents and to your child's teacher so that you may be called upon as an alternate to help out.

All volunteers, staff, and regular vendors who frequent an Archdiocesan school and are in the proximity of children, must pass a Sterling background check and complete a Protecting God's Children Workshop for certification. This is a mandatory requirement from the Archdiocese of Newark. To become a certified volunteer, please go to our website and complete the steps required.

<https://www.visitationacademyparamus.org/protecting-gods-children>

Please consider the opportunity to be a class parent. We realize the many demands placed on you and these positions are voluntary, so we ask that you ONLY sign up if you are available to fulfill the above responsibilities. Should you have any questions regarding class parent duties, please do not hesitate to contact the HSA at hsa@visitationacademyparamus.org



VOLUNTEERS: Cafeteria / Playground Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help out with Lunchtime duties for the 2022/2023 school year. This is to ensure our children have a fun and safe lunchtime experience. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the following form. Cafeteria and Playground Volunteers We know that time is very valuable so as a Thank you for volunteering, each individual that is able to assist us with this will get \$5 per day applied towards their Fundraising Obligation Fee.

Please be sure you have completed the volunteer process. Go to our website and complete the steps required to become a certified volunteer.

<https://www.visitationacademyparamus.org/protecting-gods-children> and then sign up to volunteer at <https://forms.gle/MpEvVSPJo4gVw3am9>

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!*

SHOP WITH SCRIP!!!!

Start earning towards your fundraising obligation the easy way with the new mobile app: RaiseRight by ShopWithScrip. RaiseRight is simply the right way to fundraise for our organization. Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands to earn on your daily purchases—right from your phone.

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New to The School or the RaiseRight Program? --- Here is short video on how it works:

https://youtu.be/MKV_BXUWIm8

Turn your shopping list into fundraising

- Discover new earning opportunities every day
- Narrow your search with categories that fit your everyday shopping needs |
- Easily browse brands offering bonus earnings
- Add brands you love to your Favorites for faster shopping
- Manage your gift cards in one place: your Wallet

Pick up right where you left off. Sign in with your same ShopWithScrip username and password. Access your gift cards right away. And check out with payment information already saved to your account.

****WHATS NEW****

Earn up to 15% on Back to School Rebates (lists all the brands offering the best rebates to earn more \$ for Back to School) <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/backtoschool>

Remember to subscribe to the "what's new" updates for bonuses and specials!

EMAIL SUSAN GUERRA WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

Susanellen.johnson@gmail.com

SCHOOL EATERY: The menu is NOW available online. Please be sure to order your child's lunch each day before 8 am.

Please sign up at <https://schooleatery.ahotlunch.com/login> and choose PARENTS CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP.

- You will receive an email to activate your account and will need a school code to add your children. [Your school code for the new software is VAP \(all caps\).](#)
- Select your student's grade and select DEFAULT for the classroom.
- To download our app (available on Apple iPhones), please search a hot lunch and enter schooleatery (all lowercase and no spaces) when prompted for the domain.

Once logged in, if you have any questions or need assistance, click on the Software Support option on the bottom left of your navigation panel or contact us by clicking the link to Chat with us.

We look forward to serving you this school year. Warm regards,

SCHOOL EATERY

EMAIL: schooleatery@yahoo.com