

July 14, 2017

Friends,

I hope that these summer weeks are going well for you and your family! This email contains **essential information** for any adult who is able and willing to **spend time** inside our school **with children** and/or any adult who will want to **volunteer** your services on a **class trip**.

Effective immediately, the following clearances will allow you to proceed beyond the Main Office for any and all reasons! **Unless each one is on file with Mrs. Ely in the Office, an adult will not be able to enter the school building [beyond the office area.] for any period of time.** We must submit all necessary documentation to the Archdiocese to be in compliance so as to guarantee the safety of everyone within the walls of Saint Ephrem School.

1. There are **still 29 of 75 openings** available for the **first required clearance: *Protecting God's Children Training for Adults***. There is a session scheduled to take place **HERE on Saturday, August 12 from 9 am to 12:30 pm**. Location will be announced upon your arrival that day! This is a **free training** BUT you must **register online at www.virtus.org**

There are always other sessions listed on the **Virtus website** in other locations **if you are unable to attend** or procure a space at **SES on the 12th**.

2. You also **need to obtain two other clearances**. Once you obtain them, please bring the originals to the Main Office. Mrs. Ely will make copies and create a file with your name on it. These clearances are **good for the next five (5) years** in the state of PA.

PA Criminal Background Clearance: <https://epatch.state.pa.us>
(No fee for volunteers)

PA Child Abuse History Clearance: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/Home> (No fee for volunteers)

In closing, I will start to send out "**Good News Grams**", starting in August! Be on the lookout for any and all communications from me via **email** or by going on **our website** for the same information!

May God bless each and every member of our SES Family!
Sister Shaun