

Friends,

Here is information concerning **two events at SES about which you may have interest!** The one is for anyone who will have any need or desire -literally- to enter into our school, beyond the Main Office. In a new school year, we will be sure that any adult who is in our building has all the necessary clearances on file. The second is about uniform swap days.

Therefore:



Event #1 : You are **welcome to attend** the Safe Environment Training at Saint Ephrem - **if there is still available space**. **Regardless**, please read and copy the following information for your convenience; it is also on our school website under "Parents".

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

If a parent or other adult wishes to volunteer their time working in our school in any capacity, they are mandated by the Archdiocese to have the following clearances and training in place before they will be permitted to enter the school building:

1. **Safe Environment Training:** The Protecting God's Children session will be held at St. Ephrem on Saturday, August 12, 2017, from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Pre-registration is required at www.virtus.org. If this day is not convenient, the website lists other dates and locations where the training is scheduled around the Archdiocese.
2. **Technology Addendum:** In July, 2011, Technology training was added to the Protecting God's Children session. Any adult who attended a session prior to that time must complete this component of the training. Please contact school to obtain an Information and Communication Technology brochure. Once the brochure has been read and a signed Acknowledgement form returned to the school, the Technology Addendum requirement will be fulfilled.
3. (*) **Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers:** This form can be obtained at school.
4. (*) **PA Criminal Background Check:** Can be obtained online at: <https://epatch.state.pa.us>. Indicate you are applying as a volunteer, and the fee will be waived. A report will print out immediately. This clearance is valid for 5 years.
5. (*) **PA Child Abuse History Clearance:** Can be obtained online at: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/Home>. Indicate you are

applying as a volunteer, and the fee will be waived. Within 14 days, the applicant will receive e-mail instructions to log on and print out their report. This clearance is valid for 5 years.

6. **Mandated Reporter Training:** This training must be taken on-line at: <https://childyouthprotection.org/learning/login/index.php>. When completed, a Certificate will be issued.

When all clearances and training have been completed, all paperwork **must be returned** to the school office, at which time a volunteer will be permitted in school.

(*) If an adult will be a **ONE-TIME ONLY volunteer (chaperoning ONE trip per school year)**, they are only required to have the **Disclosure Statement, PA Criminal Background and PA Child Abuse Clearances**.



Event #2. Used Uniforms - "Shop for Free Days!"

Uniforms -winter, summer, PE- will be set up **outside the gym in the Marian Center** for anyone who may have interest in looking for usable items.

You are welcome to come up, browse, and take any item you can use...starting AFTER MASS on **Saturday, August 5. The doors will not open until @ 6pm when the Celebrant has concluded the Saturday Evening Mass.**

All items will remain in that location **up to and including after the LAST Mass on Sunday, August 13!** The doors to Church are open from 7:00 am to @ 4:00 pm daily. You are welcome to enter the Marian Center that way.

We are **NOT** asking for any money but if you wish to make a donation, there will be a locked canister in front of the Blessed Mother Statue. Any monies collected will go into our **first Mission Collection of the year!**

P.S. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Lauff Family who are volunteering Service Hours to make this exchange possible! May God bless you all - and - happy shopping!

Blessings and prayers!
Sister Shaun