



Welcome Back Everyone,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new Director of Religious Education for the San José, Santo Niño and St. Patrick Parishes and Missions of San Juan Nepomuceno and Santo Niño de Atocha. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a great group of knowledgeable instructors and have an outstanding group of students with such a rich tradition of spiritual strength and academic excellence. During these past few weeks, I have had interactions with teachers and parish members. From these conversations, we are ready to get rocking with our faith and our love for Jesus. It is the goal of our instructors, congregation, priest, deacons, and me as DRE, that we provide the best possible academic and religious experience for you our students and your support team, your parents. I look forward to a fun filled year with a lot of learning and eagerness working with teachers and staff to provide a world-class religious educational experience for each you.

All the staff are eager and excited to begin with what promises to be a very positive and productive year together! This year we will continue to provide academic experiences for you, our students that are rigorous, relevant and build relationships. As your DRE, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors—teachers, students and parents—are excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of religious academic excellence in a positive, fun and nurturing environment.

Please also know that I highly value home/school communication here. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. Please do not hesitate to contact me if/when the need arises by email dre@ellvallecatolico.org, St. Patrick's Office (575)756-2926 or my cell phone (505)901-1266. I want and encourage our parents to stay in the know about their child's studies, assignments, assessments and school activities, as well as other events and happenings throughout their religious education experience.

Again, we welcome you all back to our wonderful, spiritual, professional learning community!

Blessings,
Edwinia C. Rivas
Director of Religious Education



AUGUST 25, 2019

TO: PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS

FROM: EDWINIA RIVAS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUBJECT: FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

CC: FATHER TED BUTLER

Registration for Faith Formation students' grades K-5 will continue to be held on Mondays, beginning, August 26, 2019 at San José Parish Hall from 4:15pm until 5:30pm and for the St. Patrick/Chama area students starting Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 3:45pm until 5:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Confirmation Students will be contacted by their respective Instructors as to the begin date.

Below is a list of very important items that you need to be aware of:

- a. There is a registration donation of \$20.00 per child which could be paid throughout the year. This money will be used to buy books and other materials that will be utilized in the religious education classes. *Second Year Confirmation Students will not be required the donation this year as it was collected last year.
- b. Faith Formation Attendance is very important so that your child can get the full aspect and fulfillment of the program.
- c. Bus Transportation will be provided at 4:00pm from the Tierra Amarilla Elementary School to the San José Parish Hall in Los Ojos, *but it will be the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to pick their children up promptly at 5:30 pm.* Walking Supervision will be provided at 3:30pm from the Chama Elementary School to the St. Patrick's Parish Hall, *but it will be the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to pick their children up promptly at 5:00pm.* In order for your child(ren) to participate with either the bus transportation or walking supervision to the respective locations, you must fill out the permission slip given in the registration packets and return them to Ms. Gloria Valdez, Edwinia Rivas or the Parish Offices.
- d. *Students must turn in an original baptismal certificate to your instructor(s), Ms. Gloria Valdez, Edwinia Rivas, or either parish hall office location, no later than November 1, 2019.* Those students that attended in San José/Los Ojos last year check with Ms. Gloria Valdez as you may have already turned one in.
- e. Father Ted Butler will be scheduling meetings for the parents/guardians throughout the year. A list dates and times will be given at a later date. Also, refer to the Sunday Bulletin for any Faith Formation announcements.
- f. A calendar will be sent out every month with snack assignments for the entire religious education students in their respective locations. Please keep in mind that some students may have food allergies.

If you have any questions on the above the information, please contact me at (505)901-1266.

Chama Valley Independent School District #19

2019-2020 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

(150 Instructional Days) Elementary: 8:15 am – 3:30 pm; Middle/High: 8:15 am – 4:00 pm
 (160 Staff Days) 7:45 am – 4:15 pm

JULY 2019							AUGUST 2019							SEPTEMBER 2019						
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	Aug. 12 th (District Staff Orientation) Aug. 13 th (First Day Students) Aug. 23 rd – Staff Development	Sept. 2 nd (Labor Day) Sept. 20 th – Staff Development
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OCTOBER 2019							NOVEMBER 2019							DECEMBER 2019						
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Oct. 14 th (Columbus Day) Oct. 18 th – Staff Development	Nov. 27 th (Veteran's Day Observed) Nov. 28 th (Thanksgiving Day) Nov. 15 th – Staff Development	Dec. 23 rd – 31 st (Christmas Break)
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JANUARY 2020							FEBRUARY 2020							MARCH 2020						
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Jan. 1 st – 2 nd (New Year's Break) Jan. 20 th (Martin Luther King Day) Jan. 24 th – Staff Development Day	Feb. 17 th (President's Day) Feb. 21 st – Staff Development Day	Mar. 12 th (March Break) Mar. 20 th – Staff Development Day
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APRIL 2020							MAY 2020							JUNE 2020						
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Apr. 13 th – 17 th (Easter/Spring Break)	May 1 st – Staff Development Day May 25 th (Memorial Day)	June 3 rd (Last Day Students) June 4 th (Staff Development) Snow Days will be made up on Fridays
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PO Box 6
Los Ojos, NM 87551
Phone (575)588-7473
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Santo Niño Parish
PO Box 160
Tierra Amarilla, NM 87575
Phone: (575)588-7473
Fax (575)588-7239

St. Patrick Parish
PO Box 36
Chama, NM 87520
Phone: (575)756-2926
Fax: (575)756-1251

ONE PER CHILD

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2019-2020

(Please *PRINT* using black or blue ink only)

Child's Name _____ Date of birth _____ Grade _____ Male _____ Female _____

Parent's /Guardian's Name _____ Parent's/Guardian' Name _____

Home Phone _____ Work or Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Work or Cell Phone _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Mailing Address _____
Physical Address _____
City, ST, Zip Code _____
E-Mail _____

_____ Registered San José Parish
_____ Registered Santo Niño Parish
_____ Registered St. Patrick Parish
_____ Registered at San Juan Nepomuceno Mission
_____ Registered at Santo Niño de Atocha Mission

Office Use: Donation of \$20 Paid On _____ via _____

Emergency Contacts

Primary Emergency Contact _____ Secondary Emergency Contact _____

Home Phone _____ Work or Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Work or Cell Phone _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, ST, Zip Code _____ City, ST, Zip Code _____

Medical Information

Hospital/Clinic Preference _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone Number _____ Insurance and Policy Number _____

Allergies/Special Health Considerations

I authorize all medical and surgical treatment, X-ray, laboratory, anesthesia, and other medical and/or hospital procedures as may be performed or prescribed by the attending physician and/or paramedics for my child and waive my right to informed consent of treatment. This waiver applies only in the event that neither parent/guardian can be reached in the case of an emergency.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date: _____

I give permission for my child to go on field trips. I release San José, Santo Niño and St. Patrick Parishes and Mission Churches and individuals from liability in case of accident during activities related to San José, Santo Niño and St. Patrick Parishes and Mission Churches, as long as normal safety procedures have been taken.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date: _____

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To: Dawn Salazar, Tierra Amarilla Elementary Principal
Lea Leyba, Chama Elementary Principal

From: Edwinia Rivas, Director of Religious Education

Re: Permission Slip to attend Faith Formation Classes **ONE PER CHILD**

Date: August 12, 2019

Faith Formation classes will start on Monday, August 26, 2019 at San José Parish in Los Ojos and on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at the St. Patrick Parish in Chama for grades K-5.

I _____, give my permission to (child's name) _____ to ride the Los Ojos Route School Bus every Monday afternoon during the 2019-20 school year, or to walk every Wednesday afternoon during the 2019-20 school year with the Instructors/Chaperones. Classes in Los Ojos will be from 4:15pm to 5:30pm at San José Parish Hall. Classes in Chama will be from 3:45pm to 5:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. If you have any questions, call Edwinia Rivas, D.R.E at (505)901-1266, or Gloria Valdez at (575)588-7489. Please sign and return this permission slip to San José Parish Office or St. Patrick Parish Office no later than September 16, 2019.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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San José Catholic Church

PO Box 6

Los Ojos, NM 87551-Phone #: 575-588-7473

FAX: 575-588-7239

Santo Niño Church-Tierra Amarilla

Santo Niño de Atocha-Cebolla

St. Patrick's-Chama

San Juan Nepomuceno-Canjilon



August 19, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are writing to you to inform you about a special class we will be teaching as part of your child's regular religious education in the upcoming weeks. The class aims to teach children how to be safe, protect themselves, and communicate any potential danger.

In the Church's desire to help you keep your children safe, the Archdiocese requires that all children and young people participating in religious education in any parish or Catholic school in the Archdiocese, receive instruction in protecting themselves and communicating potential danger to a parent or other responsible adult.

The document titled *Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal, Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, written by the Catholic Bishops of the United States, contains the following instruction: Dioceses will establish safe environment programs that will "provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children." The Archdiocese of Santa Fe, in order to comply with this instruction, has mandated that programs to educate children on how to be safe, protect themselves, and communicate any potential danger, be offered annually to children of all grades in Catholic schools and parish religious education and youth programs.

This instruction will take place during the regular religious education class time during the week of September 16, 2019. The materials that will be used for this instruction will be available for you to see in the parish office. (or There will be an opportunity for parents to view the materials that will be used for this instruction at a parent meeting on August 25, 2019. This meeting will also include some ideas for parents to help them keep the children safe and talk effectively with them about abuse.)

If, for any reason, you do/do not want your child/children to participate in this class, please sign the form below and return it to the Office. We will honor your request.



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If you have questions or any other concerns, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Edwinia Rivas at this number 505-901-1266.

Sincerely,



Fr. Ted Butler, Pastor

One form per child must be signed.

My child _____, **MAY** participate in the session for learning how to stay safe and protect himself/herself from potential abuse.

My child _____, **MAY NOT** participate in the session for learning how to stay safe and protect himself/herself from potential abuse.
NOTICE: Please do not send your child to religion class on Monday, September 16, 2019, if you choose **NOT** to participate in this session.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date