



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that our year is almost over. We wanted to provide you with some information regarding clothing as well as some important upcoming dates for First Communion. Historically, the girls have worn white dresses; some wear veils, some don't. We ask the girls not to wear gloves, or carry purses. They cannot receive Jesus with their gloves on, and the majority of them end up left in the pews. Our only requirements for the boys are no shorts or old sneakers. In the past, the boys have been split between the white suits, and the khaki pants with the blue blazer. Some have even worn just a dress shirt and tie. We are hoping to have a clothing swap during our Prep Days, but it will depend upon our inventory.

Our Prep Day will be on Tuesday, April 3rd in the hall. We ask that you plan ahead so that you can accompany your child throughout their regular, one-hour class time (3:00 or 4:30). Most teachers will be attending the Prep Day with their own 2nd grader, so it is important that you be there to participate alongside your child. The Prep Day is a special day to complete a project together, to review logistics for your child's actual First Communion, and to give you a sneak peak at our songs. If your schedule does **not** allow you to attend during their regular Tuesday class time, then please join us on **Monday, April 9th at 7:15pm in the hall with your child.** If you are planning to attend the Monday evening session, your child should not come to class on April 3rd.

Please take your child to Mass as often as possible. The more familiar they are with the Mass, the more comfortable they will be on their First Communion Day. We have found that removing anxiety about the day itself will allow your child to fully participate in their special day.

First Communions and Rehearsals

Please note: the time for Rehearsal is **15 minutes** earlier than our normal class time. This change has been made to accommodate spring sports. Rehearsals will be approximately **one hour.**

If your Communion date is:

Then your Rehearsal is at 4:15pm on:

April 28, 2018 10:00am at St. Mary's

Tuesday April 24th at St. Mary's

April 28, 2018 1:00pm at St. Mary's

Wednesday April 25th at St. Mary's

April 29, 2018 12pm at St. Mary's

Thursday April 26th at St. Mary's

May 5, 2018 10:00am at St. Mary's

Wednesday May 2nd at St. Mary's

May 5, 2018 1:00pm at St. Helen's

Tuesday May 1st at St. Helen's

May 6, 2018 12pm at St. Mary's

Thursday May 3rd at St. Mary's

Thank you,

Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Dowling