

September 18, 2009

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Parents of M.W. Savage Elementary students who walk to 4:15 religion classes

**FROM:** Andi Little, Director of Faith Formation

**RE:** **Walking to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

Attached to this memo is a permission slip which confirms that you are permitting our Walking Volunteers to escort your child from M.W. Savage Elementary School to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for religion classes at 4:15 p.m.

We have three lead M.W. “walker” volunteers who will gather the children on Wednesdays when RE is scheduled at M.W. Savage. From M.W., the children will enter St. John’s to wait in the Media Center (library) until the 4:15 p.m. session begins.

In the Media Center, children will be allowed to do quiet activities such as read, finish homework, play quiet games and eat a snack if they brought one with them. They also are allowed to look at books in the library with the understanding they will return them when it’s time to go to religion classes, when they will be escorted to the Auditorium to wait with the other children.

It is our assumption that your child will be walking with us every week unless you let us know differently. **Please call if your child is ill or has an appointment** which prevents him/her from coming to St. John’s with the group. We’ll let one of our volunteers know.

In accordance with our parish and Archdiocesan risk management guidelines, the volunteers who walk with your children have completed a background check and will be attending, if they have not already done so, VIRTUS training.

Completed forms may be returned to the Religious Education Office by Sept. 23 by mail to: 12508 Lynn Ave. S., Savage, MN 55378. You also may put it in an envelope marked, “RE,” and place it in the weekend collection. OR please have your child(ren) bring it with him/her on Wednesday!

If you have any questions, please contact me at [alittle@stjohns-savage.org](mailto:alittle@stjohns-savage.org) or by phone (952)890-9434. Thank you!