

Ideas for Promoting the Church School

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Publish a **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER** every 4 to 6 weeks during the school year that is distributed to everyone in the parish informing them of the activities in the classrooms. Steps to begin:

- ❖ **Select an editor**, who is not on the staff, and has computer skills.
- ❖ **Select a name for the Newsletter**, possibly by announcing a contest with a prize. Have a committee select the 5 most appropriate names entered and then have each student vote by secret ballot.
- ❖ **Provide the editor with articles** from the staff, the parish priest and the students.
- ❖ The **editor can sit in on the classes** and report.
- ❖ Each issue can **focus on a different theme or a different grade** level. Be creative!
- ❖ Use **stories and artwork done by the students**.
- ❖ Consider **involving older students** as reporters. They can interview parishioners at coffee hour.



ADVERTISE CLASS TOPICS for the Junior and Senior High classes.

- ❖ Mail letters to the parents and students.
- ❖ Utilize the Weekly and/or Monthly Bulletins.
- ❖ Post short-term class schedules and upcoming class topics on a Bulletin Board.
- ❖ Use posters to "advertise" coming events.

A YEARLY CHURCH SCHOOL MONTAGE [PICTURE COLLAGE]



Option 1 – Class: Use photographs of individual classes in progress and special events taken during the school year.

Option 2 – Church School: If your Church School is smaller in size, make one collage using photographs of each class and special events.

Option 3 – Church School: Regardless of the size of your Church School, take a photograph of each class then frame them in one large frame.

Frame and permanently mount each year's collage in the hallway outside the classrooms. In years to come the students will be able to look back on their Church School years and remember teachers and classmates.

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