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Happy continued summer!

Ten minutes ago we yelled "timber" as one of the cypress trees in front of the preschool was dropped: the entire center was rotted. (Check out the video on Facebook!) Taking care of safety is just one example of how we are getting ready for a terrific new school year. We know you are thinking about getting ready, too, so here are a few things to know:

1. The emergency kit list is enclosed and will be the same as last year, in accordance with the Dept. of Catholic Schools' protocol. We are putting new practices in place for emergency planning and will upgrade the list next year. Stay tuned for more on how we are working to be prepared for any emergency.
2. PLEASE NOTE: Called to Protect (our abuse prevention program) has been replaced by C.A.S.E. (Creating A Safe Environment). EVERYONE (staff, parents, coaches, volunteers) must take a 2-hour class in order to work with children. Here is the link to the trainings, which are free: <https://www.archdpdx.org/child-protection-victim-assistance>
St. Ignatius will also be offering trainings throughout Sept. and October, so watch for that schedule to come out the last week of August. All training must be completed by October 31 in order to volunteer at any point this year. We hope to have 100% of our parents trained by that date.
3. Please see the enclosed brochure for details on our new Arrupe Enrichment Program, which is replacing aftercare this year. Gretchen Schissel, formerly the aide in aftercare is our new Coordinator and is excited to bring more dynamic programming to a community and justice focused experience for our kids. (So AWESOME!)
4. Finally, please note the attached dates of events early in the year. We will also be welcoming Jr. High students that are new to our school with a retreat on August 29. Invitations will be sent electronically to those families. And, of course, we look forward to seeing you at the Back to School Barbecue on Aug. 29.

See you soon! Blessings -

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