Disciplining with Grace

The message of God’s grace is one that we need to apply to parenting, especially when it comes to discipline. Parenting our kids with grace is parenting them the way God parents us – with grace. Through Jesus, God has made a way for us to become His beloved sons and daughters. He offers us His love and favor because of who He is and Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross, not because of who we are or what we do.

Raising children is hard to do, though. Thankfully, God accepts us as we are, but He doesn’t leave us that way. The greatest challenge we face as parents is disciplining our kids the way God disciplines us — with overwhelming love that puts their needs ahead of our own.

Try using the 10-year rule when disciplining your children. Children do plenty of things that get under our skin, and sometimes it feels like all we do is correct them. Behaviors that seem harmless now can end up becoming major character flaws later if not addressed. The “10-year rule” helps us tell the difference.

Here’s how it works: Imagine your child doing the same undesirable behavior 10 years from now. What does it look like then? What are the potential consequences if that behavior continues?

Here is one example. It might seem funny when your 4-year-old is sitting next to a pile of candy wrappers with chocolate on her face, telling you that she didn’t eat the candy. It’s a “cute lie” right now but add 10 years. Lying, deception and a lack of integrity come with a high relational price tag for your child. Dishonesty is a behavior that, no matter how small, should be addressed. Regardless of your child’s age, dishonesty needs to be corrected and truth should be rewarded.”

Proverbs 22:6 encourages, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” The 10-year rule helps us to identify and correct behaviors, which allow us to discipline our children in a path of integrity. If left unchecked, this same behavior may develop into poor character qualities as an adult.

To help raise your children or grandchildren with a biblical perspective, I encourage you get author Dr. Tony Evans’ book called Raising Kingdom Kids.

Protecting God’s Children: Required for All School Volunteers

Did you know that if you volunteer at either campus you are required to complete the Protecting God’s Children training? Classes are held at St. John’s Church Hall. If you have not done so yet, there are two trainings coming up in February.

The first option will be held on Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00pm
The second option will be held on Saturday, February 16, at 10:00am

Also, as a reminder, those who have already completed the main class must stay current on their monthly online trainings to remain in compliance with the program. Visit www.virtusonline.org to make sure you are up to date.

Please call St. John’s campus at 942-0955 to register. Please share these dates with anyone that you feel needs to know.
Bowl-A-Thon: February 9th, 2019
The Parish is hosting a Bowl-A-Thon in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus in Support of the Shepherd’s Godparent Home. The Family Fun Center is the location and this is happening on February 9th at noon.

The cost is $20.00 per adult and $10.00 per child. You will bowl three games, and there shall be T-Shirt prizes and gift cards for strikes on different colored head pins. Bring two non-perishable items for a chance to win $100.00 in Family Fun Center money. Chances on a $100.00 gift card to a restaurant of your choice. There will also be a dessert table. Please come out and participate in this wonderful fundraiser to help those babies and ladies flourish and blossom with life. The crew at the bowling alley are amazing hosts, and you shall be sure to have a fun time building community. Sign up at the Parish Office or call John at 735-4747.

2019-2020 ASCS Re-registration
Re-registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year! Forms were sent home with your child last week and are also available to download and print from the website. See "Registration" under the "Admission" tab. Please return completed forms to either campus office with the registration fee of $200 per family. If your form is received by March 15th, $100 of the registration fee will be applied to your tuition for next year.

The online application for tuition assistance is also available. The link can be found on the school’s website www.allsaintsmaine.org, under the Admissions tab, Tuition and Assistance, and “Grant & Aid Applicant”.

Dress Down Day and SJC Pep Rally - 2/15
On Feb 15th All K-8 Students at ASCS will participate in a donation dress down day to help raise money to purchase new uniforms for the Track and Field Team.

Student who dress down will bring a monetary donation to go towards ASCS athletic uniforms. St. John’s campus students will also have a pep rally to celebrate our sports teams this year. The cheerleaders will perform their winning routine at St. John’s campus. Students at St. John’s campus will gather in the gym at 1:45 pm to cheer together. St. Mary’s campus students will hot have a pep rally, but can show their support by wearing school colors as part of this dress down day (Pre-K - green, K - blue, 1st white, 2nd - green, 3rd blue, 4th - white. At St. John’s campus 5th grade students are encouraged to wear green, 6th – blue, 7th- white, 8th green. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting team spirit day and successful fund raiser for our new Track and Field uniforms.

ATTENTION ASCS PARENTS – CATHOLIC APPEAL
In order for All Saints School to receive the maximum rebate from the Catholic Appeal, St. Paul the Apostle Parish needs to reach its goal of $245,557. We are currently at 91% of our goal – $23,170 more is needed. With our average gift of $294, only 79 more gifts are needed to reach the goal. If you haven’t already given, please consider doing so this week. To donate online, please visit www.portlanddiocese.org/Appeal.

School Activities/Clubs
Robotics
Good luck to Robotics at their last qualifying meet this Saturday, at Monmouth Academy.
Cheering
Congratulations to ASCS Cheering for taking 2nd place at their competition on February 1st!

Volunteer Hours Available!
Consignment: We try to open the Consignment Shop twice a month but we need your help to do it. If you are available during the following times please sign up at http://bit.ly/ConsignmentSignUp or contacting either campus office.

2/12: 8-9:30am
2/28: 11am-1pm

The Attic: We are enjoying our new space at 54 Cumberland St in Bangor, and our shoppers are too. So much so that we could really use a few more volunteers on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons. You can sign up to help at http://bit.ly/AtticSignUp or contacting either campus office.

Saturdays 10am-12pm and 12pm-2pm
Wednesdays 12pm-3pm