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ST. PAUL SCHOOL EMPHASIZES MANNERS IN SPECIAL CLASSES

OWOSSO—The practice of manners isn't a lost art...yet, but it isn't what it used to be. Parents and schools recognize that children need opportunities to practice the mannerly behaviors they are taught. St. Paul School of Owosso is giving its kindergarten through eight grade students that chance in special etiquette sessions February 20 and 27 that will address introductions of oneself and others, how to properly address adults, and phone etiquette.

Principal Merry Jane Robertson is teaming up with Okemos-based Protocol Consulting Group, L.L.C., to offer the classes. She said she decided to emphasize manners in special sessions because she wants students to practice respectful behaviors with their classmates and to distinguish that behavior from how they should respectfully interact with adults. The sessions will also address telephone etiquette.

Encouraging civility one polite action at a time, Julie Duke of Okemos, a principal partner in Protocol Consulting Group (PCG), said children's courses put students in everyday situations and provide them with plenty of activities to practice appropriate behaviors.

The pre-school/elementary program features an "utterly charming" cat puppet named Catherine. Catherine tells stories about how she became a well-behaved cat and asks her audience to act out the behaviors with her.

The PCG principals, Donna L. Ullrich of East Lansing and Duke of Okemos share an interest in promoting civility and respect in all walks of life.

Their interest, Duke says, has been gained after years as professional communicators in public relations, development, sales, and management positions.

Duke and Ullrich are certified protocol and etiquette consultants by the two most prestigious programs in the country. Duke is certified through the Protocol School of Washington® and Ullrich by the Etiquette and Leadership Institute®.

St. Paul Church is located at 718 W. Main Street, Owosso, 989-725-7766.

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EDITORS: WE WILL BE WORKING WITH K-4 GRADES FROM 8:30 A.M. UNTIL 12:30 P.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20; GRADE 5-8 AT THE SAME TIMES FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27. CHARMING PHOTOS/VIDEO ARE TO BE HAD OF CHILDREN SHAKING HANDS, MAKING INTRODUCTIONS AND PRACTICING PHONE ETIQUETTE. OTHER CLASSES MAY PROVIDE PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL. WE CAN PROVIDE PHOTOS AS WELL UPON REQUEST.

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