



All Souls

**Update From
Director of Religious Education
Dr. Chris Rogutsky**

**News about the All Souls NYC
Religious Education Program
Friday, September 23, 2022**



Dear All Souls Families,

It was wonderful to see so many families this past Sunday. The first day marks new beginnings, new connections, and endless possibilities — it represents something of a rebirth.



Thank you to the All Souls RE teachers, facilitators, and other volunteers! I am so grateful for your passion, flexibility, and grace!! With gratitude for making all feel warm, welcomed, and wanted!

Thank you to the All Souls Families for entrusting your child or children to the RE program. This trust is a sacred and humbling responsibility. There is no greater privilege or responsibility that one human being can give to another than to surrender temporary care of their child.

Thank you to the children for getting up early on a Sunday to be a part of the RE community! I was impressed with your approachability, helpfulness, and true desire to be good to one another.

Thank you to those who participated in Week 1 in the Art of Community conversation with Marjorie Jean Paul. Beyond being informative and insightful, it demonstrated a strong desire to forge connections. That can only exist when participants approach a conversation with an open stance. Thank you for being vulnerable and authentic.

The launch of a new RE year offers an opportunity for new experiences, new relationships, new knowledge, and new skills for all of us, adults and children included. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to the RE program and I look forward to working with you and your children! Wishing you peace, Chris

Check out the Entire RE Fall Schedule Here



This

Week in RE!

We will have an RE check-in table in the Front Garden. Please stop there on your way in to find out about the day's events. With the ongoing construction, it is important that we communicate should a room switch, teacher substitution or some other change occur. Selfishly I would like to make sure I see everyone each week to say hello! I will also keep an old fashioned suggestion box, feel free to drop in your thoughts and ideas!

To view groupings, meeting times, special guest schedules and flyers with greater detail, [click this link.](#)

Sunday, September 25

10 am - 11 am

3-5 year olds-Religious Education

K-3 Grade-Religious Education

4-6 Grade-Religious Education

7-8 Grade-Religious Education

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

9-12 Grade-Religious Education

Fall Enrichment Activities

We are really fortunate to have some amazing enrichment activities available for our children.

10 am - 11 am

Dungeons & Dragons - High School Group

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Children's Choir - Ages 8 and Up

Adventure Game - Ages 6 and Up

Flash Point: Fire Rescue is a cooperative board game where you work as a team to save victims from a burning building. It takes only minutes to learn the rules and there's room for six players.

Yoga and Meditation - *All Ages **Begins October 2*

Sign Up Your Child For RE Classes!

We will be offering classes from Ages 3-18, including a high school group. **Please take a moment to register your child using this link.**

RE SPECIAL EVENTS AT ALL SOULS



SEPTEMBER 2022

11 MEET & GREET - 10:15 AM

SUN

18 BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

SUN During 11:15 Service (For Parents)

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Parents of children enrolled in the RE program are asked to attend this multi-week session drawing inspiration and conversation from the book, *Art of Community*, by Charles Vogel. This work will be facilitated by Marjorie Jean-Paul who is a senior independent school administrator in charge of Community Engagement, including Philanthropic programs, Parent and Alumni Relations and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives. She brings with her 25 years of experience working with groups of people to design programs around effective community engagement.



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Nothing Gold Can Stay

By Robert Frost

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.

So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.



Holiday/Social Justice Highlight

September 23: Shuki sorei sai Japan, Shinto On this Autumnal Equinox Day, the Japanese honor family ancestry, visiting ancestral graves and having family reunions.

Chichen Itza Festival Mexico During the Autumn Equinox, thousands gather at the Mayan Temple of Kukulcan to see the interplay of sun and shadow as it forms the impression of a long-tailed serpent leading downward to the stone head of the serpent Kukulcan.

September 25th – World Rivers Day

September 25th – September 27

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year and a time for reflection in the faith.

September 28th – National Good Neighbor Day

This Monday —

Walk on the High Line with Dr. Chris!



Monday
September 26th

11:00 am
(Schools Closed)

HIGH LINE

*Meet at the entrance on Gansevoort Street and Washington Street
(Northwest corner)*

The High Line is a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan's West Side. The High Line opened in 2009 as a hybrid public space where visitors experience nature, art, and design. It is free to walk the High Line.

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High Line Web site link
Scan the QR Code with your cell phone camera





Make a Corn Necklace!

The colors of the corn look so wonderfully rich and earthy and remind me of Autumn's bounty. When I look at corn kernels I see little jewels! This is a fun and easy project.

First, shuck the corn and collect the pretty colored corn beads in a bowl. The kernels need to be soaked for a day or

two to make them soft enough to work with. When they are nice and soft, thread a needle with strong thread and, using a wooden board to press on, thread the corn kernels along the thread. When the necklaces are long enough, tie the two ends together and wear your handmade treasure!

Honey Applesauce Cake Recipe!

On Rosh Hashanah, the Hebrew words "shana tova u'metukah," are said, which literally translates to may you have "a good and sweet new year." There are many

wonderful customs, symbols, and traditions associated with Rosh Hashanah. Eating apples dipped in honey is one of them. **Try this yummy recipe for Honey Applesauce Cake.**

Share Your Joys

Does your child or youth have an accomplishment, success story or milestone that you would like to share with our All Souls family? **Let us know** and we will post them here.

Calling All Artists!

Do you like the above art? Dr. Chris created it, but she would love to have some UU-focused art to feature in that space for the newsletter. Please have your child/youth **send their submissions to Chris.**



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