



March 2024 Newsletter

SPC PRESCHOOL

MARCH 1, 2024

Hi Parents,

March has arrived and spring is almost here! We have been blessed with so many "spring like" days this winter, enjoying some beautiful play time outside!

Reminder: Preschool starts at 9:30am, arriving after 9:45am is tardy. Preschool at 1pm. Late fees will be at 1:10pm.

Thanks to all of you for supporting the Book Fair! And thank you to the volunteers who worked the Book Fair, too! (FYI -we use the proceeds to keep our Preschool library well stocked - Thank you!)

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." – Emilie Buchwald

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY!

Thursday, March 7th: School Spirit Day!

Children should wear their SPC shirt!

We dismiss at 12:30 pm.



CARPOOL REMINDERS

- Please use patience while in line. Sometimes it's more difficult for a child to come to school or there might be several children in the car that need to grab their coats & bags before exiting. Please do not drive around a car that is still unloading. We do have children that get out on both sides of the vehicle and we want to keep all children safe.
- Please make sure your child is ready to exit your car. Make sure their shoes are on, bags & coats are in a place for them to grab or you to pass through the window.
- When pulling away from the carline, be sure to look both ways! Morning carpool, people can be walking in from the parking lot. Afternoon carpool, cars can be coming from both directions by the sidewalk.
- Please try to avoid being on your phone when you get to the front of the line. Sometimes, we might have a message to pass on or explain something that happened during the day.
- I know it's exciting to the children to sit up front, I am OK with it as long as they are sitting in the seat. Not in your lap or have their hands on the wheel like they are driving. This can be very dangerous for everyone.
- If your child is having a bathroom emergency, feel free to pull out of the line and walk your child to the bathroom. You can walk them back up to us at the front while you retrieve their tote bag from the car.





DONUTS FOR DAD



March 13th & March 14th

Our 3 year old, 4 year old & PreK Plus classes will welcome their dads or dear ones to Donuts for Dad.

Wednesday, March 13th: MWF 3's, M-Th 3's & M-Th 4's classes 8:45-9:15 am

Thursday, March 14th: TTHF 3's, M-F 4's and PreK Plus classes 8:45-9:15 am

We are so happy to have this yearly tradition of inviting dads (or another dear one) to the Preschool to enjoy some special time with their child. We choose this time of year to highlight and honor the Feast of St. Joseph, which is on March 19th. We look forward to welcoming our dads (or another dear one) to our classrooms. Please refer to information sent home with your child (only 3, 4 year old or PreK Plus classes), for information specific to your child's class.

Please note that this program is held BEFORE school hours, so if your child is not able to attend with a Dad or Dear One, they should come to school at the regular time!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 10TH



Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!



SPRING PICTURE DAY

March is the time we take our Class pictures (a group picture) and another round of individual pictures - wow, with this round of pictures, you can really see how much the children have grown this year!

The picture schedule is:

Monday, March 25th: MW 18's, MWF 2's, MWF 3's, M-F 4's and PreK Plus class

Tuesday, March 26th: TTh 2's, TThF 2's, TThF 3's, M-Th 3's and M-Th 4's

Look for information coming home, which will include information about sibling photos, too.



Our new Kindergarten Readiness program started at the end of February for our 4's and PreK Plus class and it was a HUGE success! Our big kids went to the "Preschool Cafeteria" and practiced going through a cafeteria line!

Our next one is March 6th



CATHOLIC SEEDS:

MARCH 12TH & MARCH 13TH

This month, the children will learn about St Joseph, in honor of his Feast Day on March 19th. The children will meet with Ms. Suzanne in the small St. Joseph "chapel" on the right side of the Sanctuary, where the St. Joseph statue is located.

God chose Joseph, the carpenter, to become the earthly father of Jesus and the loving husband to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Joseph loved Jesus and Mary very much and was their protector.

The children will also learn that their family is a special gift from God and chosen specifically for them.

Remember to pray to St. Joseph, the patron of families and ask him to protect your family and keep you safe, holy and happy.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Fr. Evan & Fr. Tamiru distributed ashes in the church.

Children will learn that Lent is a time of preparation and we have some special ways we prepare during Lent:

- Prayer: We pray to Jesus because He love us and we pray for other people (parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters or friends), too.
- Fasting: We can GIVE UP something we really like to eat or do (candy, pizza, playing video games), to help us think more like Jesus.
- Almsgiving: We can help others by cleaning up our toys, carrying a bag for grandma, sweeping the floor, to help us be more like Jesus.

In the spirit of Almsgiving, the preschool is hosting a Lenten Food Drive for our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry



PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING
Lent



For this season of Lent, SPC Preschool will have a service project to help the children with Almsgiving. Please send in the following item anytime before Easter. Items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

18 month: Box of Pasta

MWF 2, TTh 2 & TThF 2: Canned Green Beans

MWF 3, TThF 3 & M-Th 3: Canned Black Beans

M-Th 4 & M-F 4: Oatmeal OR Grits

PreK Plus: Mac and Cheese



SUMMER CAMP 2024

Registration for Preschool Summer Camp will open on Monday, March 4th



Camp Dates:

June 10 - 13

WE ARE ONLY OFFERING ONE WEEK THIS YEAR!

Please Note: Summer Camp days are

Monday - Thursday each week.

Time is 9:30am to 1pm

Children in our 2's, 3's 4's and PreK Plus classes are eligible to attend Summer Camp!

We have VERY limited spaces available, so return your registration forms soon!

This is first come, first serve.

See registration form for theme and other details!

The registration form will be sent home in your child's tote bag and a PDF of the form will be posted on the website under "Summer Camp"

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Teacher Appreciation Week

March 18th - 22th



Look for an email from your Room Parents with ways you can show your appreciation for our wonderful teachers, each day of the week. Be sure to check out daily Facebook posts for info, too!

Lists of the Teachers Favorite things will be posted on our under Parent Council.



LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

Good Friday is March 29th: SPC CLOSED

Spring Break is April 1st - 5th

Preschool will be CLOSED that week.

We resume classes on Monday, April 8th

We hope you have a relaxing Spring Break
AND a Happy Easter!



I am grateful for your beautiful children and the chance to be part of their lives every day. I appreciate your support of SPC Preschool! Please contact me if you ever have a question or a concern!

Warmest,

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