

# Sacred Heart Preschool



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## Dear Parents,

September went by so fast. The children and teachers had a great first few months. Everyone is doing so well. Center time has officially started and the children are enjoying all the activities. We have been working on child-appropriate activities, listening skills, self-help skills, feeling safe with us, following directions in a group of peers and being kind to our neighbors. Remember to look on our bulletin board each week to see what the children are doing. When picking up your child, ask them how their day went and what they did in school. Most of them will say "I don't know" so promoting is needed. This helps with communication skills, sequencing, speech, memory and bonding.

## Reminders

Make sure your child is getting here on time so it does not disrupt the other students. It also helps with learning routine and adjusting to the day. If circumstances arise, let us know and we can help.

Be sure to give your children lots of hugs and encouragement at home, just as we do while they are at preschool. A child needs to feel loved and important which will help build self-esteem.

This month we will begin introducing curriculum for all ages; Preschool-Transitional Kindergarten. Only the children who are eligible (age wise) to enter Kindergarten next fall will be assessed. **In order to participate in all of the other Kindergarten activities, (fashion show, portfolios, graduation, ETC.), your child must be graduating with us and going onto Kindergarten in the fall. Please refer to the handbook for more explanations if needed.**

### Friday's Children School Mass:

Starting in October, Miss Theresa-Staci's and Miss Jennifer's classes will be attending Sacred Heart School children's mass once a month on Fridays. They will be going with their grade school buddies (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade) and teachers. The calendar will tell you which class is going on which day, although changes do come up. Make sure children are on time, especially because they will be eating breakfast earlier to be on time for mass at 9:00 am.

\*Please, make sure that when dropping off and picking up children you close the gate behind you.

\*When signing in/out make sure you write the time & your full name or we will call you to come back. This is a state regulation and we can be fined if not signed.

\*If it is your child's birthday and you would like to celebrate and bring something for the children, it must go through the teachers or myself. NO SWEETS (cupcakes, cakes, fruit punch etc.). A few things you can bring: muffins, Jell-O squares with whip cream, sliced fruit, string cheese, small packs of crackers, veggies with dip. **NO NUTS of any sort, it could be life threatening.** If you still choose to bring something on the "no list" then we will be more than happy to send them home 😊 We encourage the children to also donate a book to the library with their picture inside. The teacher will read the book that day and then the book is left for your child's classroom. We frequently come across books dated back to the 80's and we treasure all of them.

**\*Please bring an extra set of clothes in a Ziploc baggie in case of "accidents" (water, paint, mud, etc. (especially if you're in Miss Theresa's class 😊). Please make sure blankets, pillows, sweaters and jackets have names on them.**

Most children don't remember which one is theirs and we do get duplicates. Please take home jackets daily. We always collect many jackets left a stray for months, which we eventually donate to the thrift store because nobody wants them anymore.

\*Take a few minutes to check your child's cubby and file box. Check for wet clothes or blankets to take home.

\*Regarding illness, refer to the handbook for directions on when a child should not come to school. Green mucus means they are ill.

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## Share Time

Share time begins this month. This activity is implemented to teach and boost communication skills, the importance of respecting others by listening, and being able to answer questions (who, what, where, why, and how) at the appropriate times. All of this is practiced in front of their peers

because public speaking is an obstacle they will all face. When you bring a share toy, please give it to a teacher or put it in the basket labeled with the teacher's name. Make sure the child's share item (1) has their name on it. When you pick up, make sure the item goes home. Please refer to attached list to see when your child can share.



## Finding your name

When the children enter their classroom, their names will be on the table. Help your children find their name and place it next to their picture. Being able to identify their name and picture as well as their classmates, is an important skill.

*"Tell me and I forget,*

*Teach me and I may remember,*

*Involve me and I learn"*

## Halloween Parties

We will be having parties on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. The children are encouraged to wear orange and black colors. **DO NOT** send children to school in costumes (even the happiest of costumes have scared children). If you would like to bring treats to your child's party, you may bring whatever you like because it will all be sent home to be checked by their parents because of

allergies. Please be sure that it will fit into the children's Halloween bag (the size of a lunch bag). There will be no share on party weeks and we will try and get pumpkins donated again this year. If a parent would like to help in the classroom, please check with Miss Debbie first. We can only allow one parent per classroom because of limited space and state law. You also need to be

fingerprinted and you need to complete the diocese in-service before helping in the classroom. If your child is not scheduled on the party days unfortunately they **cannot** come. We will make sure they have a Halloween bag when they come to school on their next scheduled day.

## Fundraiser

Our cookie dough, candy bar and Costa olive oil fundraiser will be in November. Packages will be given at a later date.

**-Please do not park in front of the yellow gates on Cooper Street. This is not a loading or unloading zone.**

**-Our Sacred Heart Preschool t-shirts & sweatshirts sale has started! This is NOT a fundraiser, it is optional. We have attached an order form for all those interested. These are t-shirts and sweatshirts that say "Sacred Heart Preschool Mini Mustangs" available in navy blue.**

Thank you all for your support and dedication to our preschool.

God Bless,

Miss Debbie