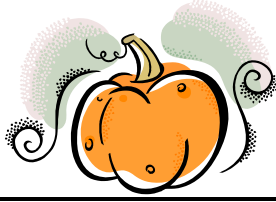


# OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



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Holy Cross Christian Nursery School

Director: Kathleen Governale

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## *Welcome October...*

September just FLEW by, and it has been wonderful to see the classrooms come alive with the presence of your children! I have loved getting to know all of the families and staff here at Holy Cross Christian Nursery School and I want to thank all of you for being so welcoming and understanding throughout our transition period! It has really meant a lot to ALL of us!

Beginning with a little chill in the air, October starts its magic - the leaves begin to change and the children start planning their Halloween costumes. This is a wonderful month for the children, and the teachers make a special effort to keep the excitement alive, with their innovative lessons and creative art projects.

## *What's Up in the Sing Room...*

October is a very busy and fun-filled month in the Community Sing Room! We will hear stories about beautiful red and yellow leaves, pumpkins, and Christopher Columbus. We will learn to use our manner words each and every day. We will talk about Fire Safety and learn how to "Stop, Drop, and Roll" and learn how to dial 9-1-1 when there is an emergency. We will be learning our Halloween songs, like "Black Cat" and "Five Little Pumpkins". *\*I always have copies in the office of our songs each month. Let me know if you'd ever like a copy of the songs.\** Whew ~ we will be busy!!



## *Important Dates...*



Please check your child's backpack on a daily basis for art work, and notices for important dates and information.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> - No School-** Rosh Hashanah (*\* childcare open*)

**October 10<sup>th</sup>- No School-** Columbus Day (*\* childcare open*)

**October 12<sup>th</sup>- No School-** Yom Kippur (*\* childcare open*)

**October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> -** Halloween Parade, Parties and Trunk or Treat!

*\* If you need childcare for your child on any or all of these days, when school is closed, please don't forget to let us know a.s.a.p. \**

## *Fire Safety Month...*



October is known as "Fire Safety Month". We will be doing fire drills twice a month throughout the year here at Holy Cross. During sing time in October, we will talk to the children about fire safety.

This is a perfect time to talk to your children at home about fire safety as well, plan a family meeting place, change the batteries in your smoke detectors and have a fire drill.

### *Halloween Parties, Parades and Trunk or Treat...*

I have heard that Halloween is a very exciting and fun time at Holy Cross, and I am looking forward to celebrating it with everyone! On the day of your child's parade and party, please bring your children in their costumes and drop them off at their classrooms as usual. Parents will then head over to the North Parking Lot to take pictures. We will parade the children out with their class, walk by the parents, so that the children can show you their costumes, then head to our Trunk or Treat cars!

During the week of October 11, the teachers will hang up a "Party Sign-Up Sheet" outside the classroom. This gives you an opportunity to bring in something for the party. If you don't get an opportunity to sign up for this party, please don't worry, there will be many other opportunities during the year! While the party is for the children and teachers only, you are invited to the Parades. We hope you can join us!

#### **Some important reminders:**

- ~ If you would like to participate in our Trunk or Treating, please see me to sign up for a spot for your vehicle.
- ~ If the weather does not cooperate we will hold our parades inside the school.
- ~ If your child attends school on both *Wednesday and Thursday*, you are welcome to attend both parades or just choose one.
- ~ If your child does not attend on *either* of these days, you are welcome to bring them to the parade.
- ~ If your child normally leaves school at 11:30, they are welcome to stay until 12:00 on these days for the class party.
- ~ Please just pack a light lunch on the days of the parties.

### *Tuition ...*



At the end of each month, you will receive a tuition invoice by e-mail. Some of you have chosen to also receive a paper copy that will be sent home to you in your child's backpack. Tuition is due the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month (any payment received after the 10th will be charged a \$15 late fee). Please check the information very carefully and contact the office (732)255- 3112, if any of the information is incorrect. Please remember, if you are using extended care on a *permanent basis*, you will be charged the \$5.00/hr rate and that will be included in your monthly tuition. If you are using extended care on an *as needed* basis, you will be charged separately at the end of the month at the \$7.00/hr. rate. Please place your payment in the tuition boxes at the end of the hall by the front door or in the childcare room, or you can mail your payment to: Holy Cross Nursery School, 1500 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753.

### *Attention: All Parents - Coughs, Sniffles & Runny Noses...*

Cough and cold season is already upon us! Please remember to call the school office if your child is sick or will be away and will be absent from school. Thank you.

## **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!**

*HUGE thank you to Beverly Hirseman and Lyn Fenwick from the Holy Cross Nursery School Board. Their guidance and help all summer long was unending (and they're still going!)*! Another great big thank you to all of the wonderful staff here at Holy Cross Christian Nursery School for their devotion and patience throughout the summer and the transition! We're off to a great start, and I'm looking forward to a wonderful year!!

### **REMINDERS:**

*Please be sure that your children are in the back seat of your car and in a car seat at all times. They must be in a booster or car seat until the age of 8 or 57 inches tall, you can get the most up to date information on car seat laws at:*

*[http://nj.gov/lps/hts/childseats/childseats\\_newlaw.html](http://nj.gov/lps/hts/childseats/childseats_newlaw.html)*

*At All Arrival & Pickup Times in the Parking Lot...*

*Please remember to never leave a child unattended in the car in the parking lot. If it is raining, or snowing (it'll be here before we know it!), or if you have a sleeping baby in the car, please let me know at the door. I'll be happy to accompany your child to their classroom, or if you are parked right by the door, I can watch your car for you.*

**\*\*Please return documentation for the influenza vaccine. All children under 5 in the state of NJ must have this completed by December 31, 2016, to be able to return to preschool in January.\*\***

**THANK YOU!**

