



SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



Holy Cross Christian Preschool

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Welcome Back to Returning Families & Welcome to New Families!

Yay! September is finally here and I am so excited to see everyone! We have been extremely busy this summer, cleaning out, cleaning up and getting Holy Cross ready for your arrival! As a quick introduction, for those of you that haven't met me yet, my name is Kathleen Governale, but the children call me Mrs. G ☺. I have a degree in elementary education, and have been working with preschool children for most of my life! For the last 17 years, I have been working for The Giving Nest Preschool in Somerset County, and have been the director of their Bridgewater location for the last 5 years. It has been a pleasure meeting all of the families that have been coming in over the summer and the staff here at Holy Cross! We can't wait to get started ~ we are brimming with new ideas and anxious to fill our classrooms with smiling faces!

You will find that there are some changes in place this year at Holy Cross Preschool. Our goal at all times is to provide a safe, fun, loving and learning environment for your children, so please bear with us!

If you have any questions about some of the changes being made, please always feel free to come talk to me in the office.....my door is always open!

Team work: School - Parent Communication ...

I believe that communication between the school and parent is vital. Please check your child's backpack **daily** for any paperwork we send home and to see the wonderful things your child is creating at school!

From the Office:

You will receive reminders of activities, newsletters*, programs, and **Tuition Invoices** e-mailed to you each month. Please be sure to fill out the communication form that came home with this packet to be sure that we have your preferred e-mail address. If you do NOT have access to e-mail, please let us know, and we will be happy to send home a paper copy of reminders and invoices. Tuition payment is due the first of each month.

**I will be sending a Monthly Newsletter, which will highlight what we will be doing at Holy Cross during the upcoming month.*



Arrival and Dismissal...

I will open the doors each morning at 8:57 a.m. Parents and children can line up against the wall next to their respective classroom. All outside doors will be closed and locked at 9:10a.m. Classroom doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Teachers will be at the door to greet the children and bring them into the

class. Dismissal will proceed in the same manner. If everyone adheres to these procedures, we can hopefully eliminate some of the confusion in the hallway. If you arrive after our doors are locked you will need to ring the bell outside the door, and sign your child in.

The staff has been trained to have a “Quick” arrival and dismissal time, especially at the beginning of the school year. Most classes have 10 to 16 “Nervous” and “Anxious” children to get into the classroom at arrival time and 10 to 16 children that are looking forward to seeing their pick-up person at the end of the day. **If you have any questions or concerns, please do not address them at this time.** Please leave a note in your child’s backpack or come to the office and I will be happy to help you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lunches/Snack



Please be sure to pack your child a lunch that they can eat on their own. The teachers will be happy to help open containers or packages, but your child should be able to feed themselves. Keep in mind that all food should be bite sized or easy to bite into. Be sure to cut hot dogs and grapes in ½ , so that there is no choking hazard for your child. The children will be eating in either their classroom or in Room 5 (the Child Care room), so the teachers will NOT be able to microwave or refrigerate any lunches. If you have something that needs to stay cold, a small ice pack will do the trick. For anything warm, a small thermos container works great!

We will not be providing snack this year at Holy Cross. With many children suffering from different allergies, we felt it was best for parents to provide the food that each child eats. The state does not require a snack for children that are here less than 3 hours. Check with your child’s teacher to see if they will be having snack during their school day. If so, just put a little something extra in their lunchbox. Send in a filled water bottle or sippy cup.



Information from the Department of Health

Please note the letter from the Department of Health on the bulletin board by the front door. All information regarding vaccinations for preschool children can be found there. If we do not already have your child’s medical forms, please be sure to get them to us by the 1st day of school. *Flu shots are mandatory for preschool children.* Please bring us proof of vaccination as soon as it is received. This **MUST** be completed by December 31, 2016 for your child to return to school in January.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!
WE ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE ALL OF YOUR SMILING FACES and WE
WELCOME ALL OF OUR NEW FRIENDS AND FAMILIES!!!