

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Holy Cross Christian Nursery School

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November Happenings at Holy Cross...

Thanksgiving & Community Sing Time...

Thanksgiving is just around the corner! During Community Sing Time this month, we will sing songs and hear stories about the first Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and Native American Indians. The children will help Mrs. G read a Native American Indian story that uses *symbols* to tell the story! We will also listen to the story Stone Soup and talk about how when everyone works together, we can help each other and accomplish a lot! On the days we listen to this story, we will be collecting food for the Food Pantry here at Holy Cross Church. If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item (see dates below). *Some suggested items would be; pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cans of gravy, bags or boxes of stuffing mix, cans of corn, peas/green beans, cranberry sauce, gallons of juice, foil baking trays.* We will also talk about the special things in our lives that make us feel thankful, throughout the entire month.

**** DON'T FORGET**~ All children under 5 are required to have the flu vaccine before December 31st. Please bring documentation to the office as soon as your child has received their vaccination. Thank you! **



Important Dates...



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

November 6 th - 10 th	~ No School (*childcare open)
November 13 th - 17 th	~ Scholastic Book Fair
November 13 th & 14 th	~ Election Day at Holy Cross (see below)
November 13 th & 14 th	~ Bring one non-perishable food item for the food bank (if you are able).
November 16 th	~ Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm. (see below for details)
November 23 rd & 24 th	~ No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

** If you need childcare for your child on any days, when school is closed (the week of November 6-10), we should already be aware of this, if you have NOT already let us know that you have childcare needs that week, please see/contact Mrs. G, A.S.A.P., to see if childcare is still available for your child!*

******Looking ahead, please note the times for our Family Holiday Sing-a-longs, in December:
Thursday, December 21st at 9:15 a.m.
Friday, December 22nd at 9:15 a.m.



ELECTION DAY 2016!



We will be having a mock election on November 13th and 14th, to teach the children here at Holy Cross about voting! We will be making the very important decision as to which is our favorite cookie.....Oreos or Chips Ahoy!! Each child will be offered one of each cookie at snack time and then they will fill out a voting ballot to choose their favorite! We will let you know at the end of each day which one was the big winner!



Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during the month of November! There will be lots of wonderful books to choose from just in time for Christmas! ☺

Reading to your preschool-aged child has numerous benefits: it builds strong relationships; it improves basic speech, communication and language skills; and studies have shown that children who are exposed to reading at an early age are more likely to do well in all facets of education. Our Scholastic Book Fair offers a great opportunity to pick out some books to share with your children! Plus, our school will receive a percentage of all sales, to purchase items for our school.....so, encourage your child's love of reading and support our school at the same time!

Back to School Night...

Don't forget, that we will be having "Back to School Night" on Thursday, November 16th. On Back to School Night all parents are invited to come and experience a typical day here at Holy Cross. There will be a session with the director, including a slide presentation starring the children of Holy Cross! You will also go to your child's class and listen to the teacher explain a typical day, while engaging you in some of the activities that your child experiences every day.

This event is for adults only so perhaps you can get a friend, relative or babysitter to watch your children. The evening generally lasts about an hour, and will start at **6:30 sharp**. If your child attends school on *Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays*, you will head to the Holy Cross Church Sanctuary for the first half of the evening, and then to your child's classroom. If your child attends school on *Tuesdays and/or Thursdays*, you will head to your child's classroom first, and then to the Sanctuary. If your child comes *5 days per week, or a combination of days*, please see your child's teacher, to see where she would like you to head first. We request that you do not use the evening to ask questions regarding your individual child. Individual conferences will be scheduled for January. The date for Back to School Night will be Thursday, November 16th.

♥ Each year, Holy Cross Lutheran Church offers assistance to families, by offering everything needed for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner! If you know of a family in need, which would benefit from this, please see Mrs. G.....all donations are kept confidential. ♥



Warm Clothes for Playground Fun...

We have had such a warm and beautiful fall, so far, but the colder weather is right around the corner! The children will continue to visit the playground throughout the year. Please dress your children in appropriate clothing for the colder weather, including sturdy shoes, hats and mittens. The children love to play outdoors and it is healthy for them to be out in the fresh air. We will keep the children in only if it is raining, snowing, sleeting or the temperature drops below 35 degrees Fahrenheit. If we can't go to the playground, the teachers will always try to use our gym space (in the back building), and will walk up there, using the covered walkway on the side of the church. **Please help us out and label all coats, hats, mittens, etc. with your child's name.**

A Special Thank You to...

- ~ Tricia Pomaro for all of her help with our KidStuff Coupon Book Sale!
- ~ Everyone that supported our KidStuff coupon book fundraiser! We raise over **\$1,000.00** for our school!
- ~ Everyone who made a donation of their time, or items for the Vendor Sale in October! Thank you also, to the families that came out to support our school, and the HC Youth Group....there were some wonderful vendors!! We raised **\$300** that day!

All money raised will go toward making improvements on our playground!

- ~ All of the families that will be participating in our Trunk or Treat event! We are all looking forward to a couple of fun days!!

PLEASE NOTE: Once school dismisses, at 2:00, there are days that our classrooms are used by various organizations in the community. Staff & parents no longer have access to these rooms, at these times. If your child has left something behind, in the classroom, please check with Mrs. G, or with Mrs. Palmer (in aftercare), to see if it is possible for us to retrieve something for your from the classroom.

**** *Parents, It is always a good idea to check the following website from time to time to be sure that none of your children's toys have been recalled. Go to; <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/recall/recalls.htm> to find a list of child related product recalls.*

HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!!

