



February 2018 Newsletter



Holy Cross Christian Nursery School

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February Happenings at Holy Cross...

"Love Is In The Air..."

February is always a special month, because we think of all the people we love! The children will be busy making fancy hearts and carriers to hold their many anticipated Valentine cards. On February 13th and 14th, each class will be having a Valentine Ice Cream Sundae Party! There will be a sign-up sheet outside of your child's classroom, for items that can be contributed to their party. On the day of your child's party, have them dress in red or pink (if you can) and please send in Valentine cards for all the children in the class. Parents of our **Terrific Twos, and Preschool 3 Year Olds** should sign their child's name on the inside of the card and *leave the outside envelope blank*. We do it this way so the children can take turns delivering their valentines to each classmate without the teacher's help. **Pre-K 4 Year Old children** should address the envelopes with their classmates' names. These children have begun to recognize each other's names and will have fun delivering their Valentines by reading the names. (Of course, the teacher will assist them when needed.)

What's Up in Community Sing...

For Valentine's Day, we will focus on "Filling Our Hearts with Love" and having a "Grateful Heart"! We will talk about feelings, about all the people we love, and how we can show love to one another. We will meet Mr. Groundhog and play a shadow guessing game. And we will learn our new February songs highlighting Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, and Presidents' Day.

Mark Your Calendar - Important Dates

- February 1** ~ Teachers will hang up their Valentine Party Sign-Up Sheet!
- February 5&6** ~ "In House" Registration information and forms go home
- February 13 & 14** ~ **Valentine's Day parties...** Wear red or pink...Bring Valentine cards for your friends. ** If your child normally leaves at 11:30, please plan on picking them up at 12:00 on these days, so they may enjoy their party
- February 16** ~ "In-House" Registration is over
- February 19** ~ **School Closed for Presidents' Day.**
- February 20** ~ Registration will open to outside Families
- February 24** ~ Mrs. G and Mrs. Reis will attend the **Greater Toms River All About Kids Fair** from 11-2, at Ocean County Mall. Stop by and see us, it should be a great, fun, free event!

Looking Ahead

- Mid-February** ~ Old Monmouth Candy Fundraiser information will go home
- March 27 & 28** ~ School Shows in the evening (more information to come)

2018 -2019 "In House" Registration

We will start our "In-House Registration on Monday, February 5th. This is to ensure that all families within Holy Cross will have their 1st choice of classes and be guaranteed a spot for the 2018-19 school year. Once "In-House" Registration is complete, our classes will be open to families outside of our school that would like to register for the fall. If you know anyone that would like more information on our school or would like to schedule a tour, please have them contact me!

The dates for "In-House" Registration are as follows:

February 5 & 6: "In-House" Registration information and forms go home

February 16: "In-House" Registration is over

February 20: Registration is open to families outside the school

Important Notice...

It's Tax Time and you may need our tax ID number for your childcare deduction...

Our tax ID # is 52 131 9755

Weather and Health Watch...

Weather, temperatures, and snow/mud permitting, the teachers (especially full day classes) like to take the children outside, even if only for a walk. With this in mind, please dress your children for outside play (warm jacket, hat, mittens, a scarf and appropriate shoes for play).

'Tis the season to spread germs... *Please remember that your child should be fever and symptom free (vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) for 24 hours before they return to school.* Although a slight cough or runny nose is common, excessive coughing and/or discharge can spread germs quickly! We do appreciate a call or e-mail to let us know that your child will be absent, and a doctor's note is required to return to school following a contagious illness. It is important for everyone to do their part to help make our school environment as healthy for the children as possible..... Thank you so much for your continued cooperation!

Emergency Procedures and Lockdown Drills

As you all know, we held the first of our Lockdown Drills, now required by the State of NJ Office of Licensing. The staff and I did everything in our power to make it as stress free and relaxed as possible for your children.....and we referred to it as an "Inside Drill" (as opposed to a Fire Drill, which would be an "Outside Drill"). Everything went incredibly smoothly, and all of your children did a wonderful job listening to their teachers!

Along with doing drills, it is always important for a school to be prepared for any type of situation that may arise! With that in mind, we are in need of some emergency supplies, that we will hopefully never need to use! ☺

If you are able to donate any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance!

Small First Aid Kit
Back Pack
Bottle of Water
Tissues
Paper Towels

Sanitizing Wipes
Baby Wipes
Blanket
Dust & Filter Masks
Granola Bars

Crackers
Hand Sanitizer
Whistle
Plastic Tub (20-25 gallon)
(with cover)

Our school could also use a few yards of colorful, cute fabric, and some spare clothes (for 2-5 year olds), if anyone has some to donate! ☺

Thank You. Thank You. Thank You!

- To Joyce Jackson from the Ocean County Health Department, for coming to speak to our students about Dental Health
- To the Lay family, for their gracious donation to our School!
- Another thank you to everyone that supported our Scholastic Book Fair! Check out the awesome new rug that we got with our Scholastic Dollars!



Be on the lookout for our Summer Camp information coming out in March!

**HAVE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY!**

