



## APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER



Holy Cross Christian Nursery School

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### **April Happenings at Holy Cross...**

Spring is here...we hope! We will go outside for walks to look for signs of spring and we can go to the PLAYGROUND on a regular basis! **Please make sure your child wears "safe" shoes or sneakers (no sandals please) and a coat or sweater for outside play.**

### **What's Up In Community Sing ...**

#### **"April Showers Bring May Flowers", Springtime, Earth Day & More...**

During community sing, we will focus on springtime and Earth Day. We will talk about recycling and we will hear a flannel board story entitled: Something Happens at Holy Cross Park. The story focuses on keeping our earth clean and on recycling.

Some fun stories we will hear throughout the month are Silly Sally, Over in the Garden and The Tiny Seed.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 a.m., we will have a visit from the Silverton Volunteer Fire Company! This is always an exciting day and the children look forward to ringing the fire bell, sitting in the fire truck, and seeing the ladder and hose. The firefighters will talk to the children about fire safety. Due to the busy schedule of the Silverton Fire Fighters, they are only able to make the visits to our school on the above dates and times. The children who do not attend school on Thursdays or Fridays are welcome to join us, *accompanied by a parent*, for a visit to the fire truck. Following the visit from the firefighters, it is a perfect time to talk to your children at home about fire safety, plan a family meeting place, change the batteries in your smoke detectors and have a fire drill.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 a.m, we will have a visit from the Ocean County K-9 team! We're very excited to see their demonstration! If your child does not attend school on Wednesdays or Thursdays, they are welcome to join us, *accompanied by a parent*.



### **Important April Dates...**

**April 3 ~ Chipotle Fundraiser from 4:00-8:00p.m., Chipotle located at 1258 Hooper Ave., TR**

**March 30-April 6: Our Spring Break ~ School will re-open on Monday, April 9**

**April 12 & 13 ~ Silly Sock Days!**

**April 12 & 13 ~ A visit from the Silverton Volunteer Fire Company 9:15 a.m.**

**April 18 & 19 ~ A visit from the Ocean County K-9 team**

**April 23 & 24 ~ Picture Days!! Don't forget your smiles!**

*Looking ahead.....we have so many important things coming up over the next few months! I feel like May and June will be here before we know it and I want to be sure that everyone has these dates on their calendars. More information will be coming on each of these events.*

**May 9 & 10 ~ Mother's Day "Teas" (in the morning)**

**May 30 & 31 ~ 2018-2019 Admission Packets (with further information about next school year) will be going home**

**June 18 & 19 ~ Graduation Days for our Pre-K 4's (in the morning)**



## Lights, Camera, Action... What a Show!!



Our Rising Stars did an AMAZING job at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Show! Thanks for being a wonderful audience.....your children were wonderful!! We are so proud of each and every one of them!!

**Smile!!**

## **Picture Day**

**is Coming in April!**

Pictures will be taken in the morning, on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to view and purchase (digitally), right here at the center at pick up times *that same day!* Purchases made that same day, will receive special packages and deals! If your child does not attend school on Mondays or Tuesdays, you can bring them in on one of these mornings, to have their picture taken, and purchase prints (please inform us of your timing).



## Summer Camp Program...



We are excited to have announced our dates and themes for this year's Summer Program! We've had a great response, but there are still spots available. If you are interested in our summer program, please send in your registration forms by **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. As always, you all have been given the information first.....On April 16<sup>th</sup>, I will open up our program to outside families. If you have any questions, call the office at (732)255-3112.



## Let's Get Those Muscles in Shape...

Before your child holds a pencil and starts writing, you may want to do the activities listed below to strengthen the muscles in their arms, wrist, fingers, and hands.

1. **Arm exercises:** Arm circles, throwing a ball overhand and underhand, and holding onto a bar and hanging.
2. **Wrist exercises:** Laying on tummy and resting chin on hands while watching TV and/or hearing a story and painting at an easel.
3. **Finger exercises:** Picking up things with ice tongs and tweezers, doing finger rhymes, doing puzzles, playing with any kind of snap blocks, painting with a big paintbrush, drawing with big crayons and/or markers, finger painting, lacing, stringing, sewing and buttoning.
4. **Hand exercises:** Playing with play dough, silly putty, clay, and kneading flour.
5. **When your child is ready to begin writing his/her name, PLEASE, teach them to use upper and lowercase letters and to start at the top!**

## HELP WANTED

*Holy Cross Christian Nursery School is searching for help in our childcare room. We are looking for someone that has a love of children and preferably some experience working with children in either a school, daycare or home setting. We are in need of someone that would be available from 2:00 p.m - 5:30 p.m, Monday-Friday, starting in September, and for some hours over the summer (these hours would be flexible and only until 4:15 p.m.). Anyone hired will need to complete some on-site, as well as local training, and must consent to a background check. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact Kathleen, in the school office; [732-255-3112](tel:732-255-3112).*

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank you To...

- ❖ Pastor Sue for accompanying us beautifully on the guitar for our Spring Show!!
- ❖ Al Jacobsen for making us all beautiful palm cross rings!
- ❖ To all of our wonderful teachers for all of their hard work, practicing for our show (the children were spectacular!) and decorating the stage (it looked beautiful!!)
- ❖ To everyone that participated in our Old Monmouth Candy Fundraiser.....we raised *over \$1,200.00* to be added to our playground fund!!
- ❖ To Kate Roche for helping with our Old Monmouth Candy Fundraiser!
- ❖ To Sarah Izbicki (Henry's mom) for coming to do yoga with our children!

# Have a Wonderful Easter and Enjoy Your Spring Break!!

