

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Holy Cross Christian Nursery School

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Welcome October...

There are MANY exciting things coming up here at Holy Cross in October, so please be sure to read through your newsletter carefully! September just FLEW by, and it has been wonderful to see the classrooms come alive with the presence of your children! 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 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 8th - No School- Columbus Day (no childcare available)

October 10th- KidStuff Coupon Books and/or order forms must be returned

October 27th- Tentative date for Playground Installation! Come help us install our new playground equipment! (see below for details)

October 17th- Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm. (see below for details)

October 30th& 31st - Halloween Parade, Parties and Trunk or Treat!

Fall Fundraisers...

By now, you have all received a plastic bag containing a "KidStuff" Coupon Book, an order form envelope and instructions for purchasing the book, taking additional orders and returning an unwanted book. Family-friendly KidStuff Coupon Books are filled with hundreds of national, regional and local coupons for all ages! Our school earns 50% or more profit for every book we sell! Families can save hundreds of dollars while supporting our school! Use just a few coupons, and you will easily save more than the \$25 cost of the book.....remember to keep your coupon book in your car! Most of the coupons are valid for 16 months!

We are also hoping to plan another "Adults Night Out" Painting Party in November. We held one in the Spring and it was a great success...and LOTS of fun! More details to follow.

There is never any obligation to participate in *any* of our fundraising efforts here at Holy Cross. We have tried to find fundraisers, or plan fundraising events that would be appealing to our families, but we certainly understand that not everyone is able to participate.....if you *are* able, we thank you, in advance! ☺

EXCITING PLAYGROUND NEWS!!

Just in case you haven't noticed the big, tarp covered mound in the back parking lot.....we've got a brand new piece of equipment for our playground! We can't wait for it to be installed, so that our students can start to enjoy it! The ground is scheduled to be leveled and prepared on October 1st, and our tentative date for installing the equipment is **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, starting at 8:00 a.m.**

We could use lots of helpif you are able to come out, please let me know, as soon as possible. It'll be a fun day, working together, to improve our playground for all of our students!

Back to School Night...

Back to School Night will be held on October 17th. At Back to School Night, all parents are invited to come and hear what a typical day is like, 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. 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 is **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17th.**



Fire Safety Month...

October is known as "Fire Safety Month". We did our first fire drills this week, and we will be doing fire drills twice a month throughout the year here at Holy Cross. During sing time in October, we will talk a little bit 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. The Silverton Fire Dept. will be coming to visit us later in the year.

Halloween Parties, Parades and Trunk or Treat...

Halloween is a very exciting and fun time here at Holy Cross, and we are all 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 9th, 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 Tuesday *and* Wednesday, 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 1st 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 \$5.50/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 \$7.50/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, so we don't worry about them....Thank you!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

- ~ *Thank you to Tricia Pomaro for helping out with our KidStuff Fundraiser!*
 - ~ *Michael DeMarco, for the help and guidance already given, for our playground installation!*
 - ~ *A great big thank you (as always!) to all of the wonderful staff here at Holy Cross Christian Nursery School.... for their never-ending devotion and flexibility!*
- We're off to a great start, and I'm looking forward to a wonderful year!!*

REMINDERS:

- ~ *Please label all of your child's items that are brought to school, so that it is easier for everyone to keep track of their things.*
- ~ *Please be sure to pack healthy snacks and lunches for your children! Also, be sure that all food is cut up (especially chokable items, like grapes and hotdogs), so that your children are able to eat them on their own.*

~We have quite a few families that have asked us NOT to post their child's picture on Social Media...when you are taking pictures of your children, at any of our events, please remember to be considerate of all of our families, and only post your own child's picture on social media.

~Please be sure that you are aware of the car seat laws here in N.J. You can get the most up to date information on car seat laws at:

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, 2018, to be able to return to preschool in January.****

THANK YOU!

