

NOVEMBER 2018 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). *Suggested items would be; pasta, peanut butter, jelly, soup, cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned pineapple, cans of gravy, bags or boxes of stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gallons of juice, foil baking trays (please be sure that the items are not past their expiration date).....also, please no cans of corn, peas/green beans (pantry has plenty of these items).* 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.

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| November 1 st & 2 nd | ~ Election Day at Holy Cross (see below) |
| November 2 nd | ~ Last day to order Holy Cross Christian Nursery School Spirit Wear! |
| November 3 rd | ~ Rescheduled Date for Playground Installation |
| November 5 th - 9 th | ~ No School (<i>childcare open</i>) |
| November 12 th -16 th | ~ Scholastic Book Fair |
| November 12 th & 13 th | ~ Bring one non-perishable food item for the food bank (if you are able). |
| November 15 th | ~ "Paint Party" Fundraiser! (Space still available~see Mrs. G, if interested!) |
| November 22 nd & 23 rd | ~ No School - Happy Thanksgiving! |
| November 30 th | ~ A visit from Local Author, Kathleen DiMario 9:30 am (see below) |

** If you need childcare for your child on any days, when school is closed (the week of November 5-9), 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 20th, and Friday, December 21st at 9:15 a.m.**



ELECTION DAY 2018!



We will be having a mock election on November 1st and 2nd, 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!

Spirit Wear

There is still time to order your Holy Cross Spirit Wear! We're offering long sleeved and short sleeved t-shirts, as well as hooded sweatshirts with the Holy Cross logo. Everything is available in both youth and adult sizes. If you are interested in ordering, please be sure to have your order in by Friday, November 2nd.



Paint Party Fundraiser!

We are very excited to hold our 2nd Paint Party Fundraiser! Come join us for a fun night, and let your creative juices flow! We will be painting a beautiful holiday picture on canvas, under the direction of our very own, Mrs. Don! This is an **adult's** night out, and will be held in our back building on Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, and spots will be limited.....so, reserve your spot SOON!



Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our 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!

Author Visit!

And, speaking of the values of reading.....We are very excited to announce that local children's author, Kathleen DiMario, will be visiting our school on Friday, November 30. Ms. DiMario is a Child Psychology Professor at Ocean County College, and will be sharing her book, What Kind of Dog am I?, about an adorable rescue dog. If you would like to purchase an autographed copy of the book, forms will be coming home the week of November 12th. If your child does not attend school on Fridays, but you would like to attend the author visit with your child, please let me know.....we'd love to have you!!

♥ 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've already had some cold days, and remember that the consistent 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...

- ~ Everyone that supported our KidStuff coupon book fundraiser, or made donations to our playground fund! We raise over **\$1,000.00** for our school!
- ~ All of the parents that have volunteered to help us out with our playground installation!! We can't thank you all enough for volunteering your time on a Saturday, to make our playground even better for our children!! We could still use some help.....if you are available on Saturday, November 3rd, come on by at 8:00 (or whenever you can make it!!)
- ~ 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 the aftercare staff, to see if it is possible for us to retrieve it for you.

**** *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!!

