



# APRIL 2019 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 Duck on a Bike, Over in the Garden and The Tiny Seed.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<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 1 & 2 ~ Mixed Up Monday & Topsy Turvy Tuesday!** Dress silly for April Fool's Day!
- April 2 ~ LaxKids Demo in the morning**
- April 3 & 4 ~ A visit from the Dentist!**
- April 5 - 9 ~ Old Monmouth Candy Distribution**
- April 9 & 10~ Picture Days!!** Don't forget your smiles!
- April 12 ~ Summer Camp Enrollment Ends-** Please return your forms by 4/12
- April 17 & 18 ~ A visit from the Ocean County K-9 team**
- April 17 & 18 ~ Easter Parties & Easter Egg Hunts.** See next page for details.
- April 19- 26 ~ Our Spring Break ~ School will re-open on MONDAY, April 29.**

*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 ~ 2019-2020 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 3<sup>rd</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!!

# Picture Day

is Coming in April!

Pictures will be taken in the morning, on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to view and purchase the pictures (digitally), right here at the center at pick up *that same day!* Purchases made that same day, will receive special packages and deals! If your child does not attend school on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, you can bring them in on one of these mornings, to have their picture taken, and purchase prints (please inform us of your timing).

## Budding Artists Gallery



In celebration of The Month of the Young Child, NJAEYC (the NJ Association for the Education of Young Children), along with The Ocean County Library, will be displaying artwork from local preschools and child care centers, during the month of April. Displayed in the atrium, will be beautiful works of art from the areas Budding Artist's.....including all of our Pre-K 4 students (from Mrs. Stecher & Mrs. Murray's classes) from Holy Cross!

Stop by the Ocean County Library, Toms River Branch between April 9 and April 28<sup>th</sup>, to see the fabulous artwork!!



## Summer Camp Program...



Don't forget to register your child for this year's fun and fabulous Summer Program! If you are interested in our summer program, please send in your registration forms by **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. You can register for just one or two weeks.....or all four! As always, you all have been given the information first.....On April 15<sup>th</sup>, I will open up our program to new and outside families. If you have any questions, call the office at (732)255-3112.



## Easter Parties & Egg Hunts



April 17 & 18, the children will have an Easter Party and an Easter Egg Hunt, with their class. There will be a sign-up sheet outside of each classroom, if you'd like to bring something in for their party.

We are asking that each child bring in 12 *filled* plastic eggs, *in an egg carton*. The teachers will hide all of the eggs, and each child will find 12 eggs, put them in their egg carton, and then bring their carton back home, with the 12 filled eggs that they have found! Your child's teachers will be sending home a list of ideas, for filling your plastic eggs

~ If your child does not attend school on either Wednesday or Thursday, please see your child's teacher about which day would be better for them to attend the class party and Easter Egg Hunt

~ If your child normally leaves school at 11:30, once again, 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.



## 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!**

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

- ❖ 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 \$1,400.00* to be put toward new items for our classrooms!!
- ❖ To Mrs. Don, for being a wonderful addition to our staff! As of April 1, Mrs. Don will no longer be here at Holy Cross. We wish her well and will miss her!

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

