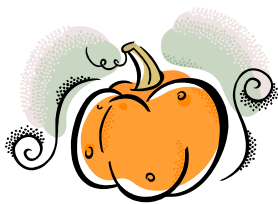


NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



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.

November 4 th -8 th	~ No School (<i>childcare open*</i>)
November 11 th & 12 th	~ Bring one non-perishable food item for the food bank (if you are able).
November 11 th & 12 th	~ Election Days at Holy Cross (see below)
November 13 th & 14 th	~ Speech Screening (see below)
November 11 th - 22 nd	~ Spirit Wear Sale (see below)
November 18 th -22 nd	~ Scholastic Book Fair
November 28 th & 29 th	~ No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

** If you need childcare for your child on any days, when school is closed (the week of November 4-8), 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. We will have staff here all week, from (at least) 8:30 am-5:00 pm, and we still have spots available. Let us know, if you would like to drop your child(ren) off for a few hours, or the whole day.*

****Looking ahead, please note:**

Family Holiday Sing-a-longs, Thursday, December 19th, and Friday, December 20th at 9:15 a.m.



ELECTION DAY 2019!



We will be having a mock election on November 11th and 12th, to teach the children here at Holy Cross about voting! It has come to our attention, that Cookie Monster's birthday is November 2nd! So, we have decided to keep our tradition of making the very important decision, of: which is our favorite cookie?? We will vote forOreos 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

Starting Monday, November 11th, we will be offering 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. Order forms will be going home the week of November 11th. We are asking for the forms to be returned by Friday, November 22, to be sure that we have them before the holidays.

Speech Screening

I am very excited that we will be offering a free speech screening for our students here at Holy Cross! Professional Therapy Associates, located in Brick, will be coming to our school on Wednesday, November 13th and Thursday, November 14th. They are offering this service, to all of our families, to identify whether your child would benefit from a more thorough speech evaluation. A permission form will be (or already has been) sent home with your child. We must have that back, for your child to be screened. If you have been at all concerned about your child's speech, I highly recommend that you take advantage of this free screening.



Scholastic Book Fair

We will, once again, 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!

♥ 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 as soon as possible.....all donations are kept confidential. ♥



Warm Clothes for Playground Fun...

We've had an absolutely beautiful first couple of months of school, but remember that the 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.**

Also, as the winter months approach, if your child is sick, please remember that they 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!

A Special Thank You to...

- ~ All of our parents that were able to make it to Back to School Night. We understand that it can be very tough to get here, but we had a great turn out, and it was wonderful to see so many of you!
- ~ Everyone that supported our KidStuff coupon book fundraiser.....if you have not returned your book yet, they **MUST be returned ASAP!**
- ~ All of the families that will be participating in our Trunk or Treat event this week! We are all looking forward to a couple of fun days!!

**** *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!!

