



# February 2020 Newsletter



Holy Cross Christian Nursery School

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## February Happenings at Holy Cross...

### "Love Is In The Air..."

February is always a special month, because we think of all the people we love! The children will be busy making fancy hearts and carriers to hold their many anticipated Valentine cards. On February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, each class will be having a Valentine Ice Cream Sundae Party! There will be a sign-up sheet outside of your child's classroom, for items that can be contributed to their party. On the day of your child's party, have them dress in red or pink (if you can) and please send in Valentine cards for all the children in the class. Parents of our **Terrific Twos, and Preschool 3 Year Olds** should sign their child's name on the inside of the card and *leave the outside envelope blank*. We do it this way so the children can take turns delivering their valentines to each classmate without the teacher's help. **Pre-K 4 Year Old children** should address the envelopes with their classmates' first names. These children have begun to recognize each other's names and will have fun delivering their Valentines by reading the names. (Of course, the teacher will assist them when needed.)

### What's Up in Community Sing...

For Valentine's Day, we will focus on "Filling Our Hearts with Love" and having a "Grateful Heart"! We will talk about feelings, about all the people we love, and how we can show love to one another. We will meet Mr. Groundhog and play a shadow guessing game. And we will learn our new February songs highlighting Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, and Presidents' Day.

### Mark Your Calendar - Important Dates

- February 1** ~ Mrs. G and Mrs. Reis will be attending the **Greater Toms River All About Kids Fair** from 10-1, at Ocean County Mall. Stop by and see us, it is always a great, fun, (and free) event!
- February 3** ~ Teachers will hang up their Valentine Party Sign-Up Sheet!
- February 7** ~ "In-House" Registration is over
- February 10** ~ Registration will open to outside Families
- February 13 & 14** ~ **Valentine's Day parties...** Wear red or pink...Bring Valentine cards for your friends. \*\* If your child normally leaves at 11:30, please pack a light lunch, and plan on picking them up at 12:00 on these days, so they may enjoy their party
- February 17** ~ **School Closed for Presidents' Day.**
- February 18** - **Summer Camp (and summer childcare) information will be going home this week**
- February 19 & 20** ~ **Vision Screening** ~ conducted by the Lions Club~ please make sure to return your forms as soon as possible

### Looking Ahead

- End of February** ~ Old Monmouth Candy Fundraiser information will go home
- March 25 & 26** ~ School Shows in the evening (more information to come)

## **Important Notice...**

It's Tax Time and you may need our tax ID number for your childcare deduction...

**Our tax ID # is 52 131 9755**

## **Weather and Health Watch...**

Weather, temperatures, and snow/mud permitting, the teachers (especially full day classes) like to take the children outside, even if only for a walk. We've had such a mild winter so far, that we've been able to take advantage of getting outside a lot! With this in mind, please dress your children for outside play (warm jacket, hat, mittens, a scarf and appropriate shoes for play).

'Tis the season to spread germs... *Please remember that your child 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!

## **Emergency Procedures and Lockdown Drills**

As you may know, we are required by the State of NJ Office of Licensing, to hold 2 Lockdown Drills (per session) per school year. We will be holding our first drills over the next week. The staff and I do everything in our power to make it as stress free and relaxed as possible for your children.....and we refer to it as an "Inside Drill" (as opposed to a Fire Drill, which would be an "Outside Drill").

Along with doing drills, it is always important for a school to be prepared for any type of situation that may arise! With that in mind, we are in need of some emergency supplies, that we will hopefully never need to use! ☺

If you are able to donate any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance!

Water Bottles  
Blanket  
Granola Bars  
Crackers  
Peanut Butter

Snacks (non- perishable)  
Paper Towels  
Coloring Books  
Anti-Bacterial Wipes  
Anti-Bacterial Hand Wipes

Baby Wipes  
Hand Sanitizer

**\*\*Our school could also use some spare clothing (for 2-5 year olds), if anyone has some to donate! \*\***

## **Spirit Wear**

Quite a few of you ordered our Holy Cross Spirit Wear in November, and we love seeing you and your children wearing your Holy Cross gear!! I have had some people ask if they could order something, but there is a minimum order amount. If you would have any interest in ordering a sweatshirt, or t-shirt for you and/or your child, please come see me as soon as possible. If there is enough interest, I will go ahead and place another order!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

- To the Pawsitive Action Team, for another fun visit, with Hopscotch!
- To all of our parents that have taken the time to have a conference with their child's teacher!

**HAVE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

