

June 14, 2018

Hello St. Catherine's Preschool Parents,

We hope you and your families are enjoying all the wonders that summer brings.

We are looking forward to seeing all our returning St. Catherine's Preschool families and very excited about welcoming our new St. Catherine's Preschool families.



I would like to introduce myself and Natalie Dawkins, our School Administrator, to our new families. My husband Ed and I have been married for 35 years and are blessed with two wonderful children. Lindsey and her husband, Preston, are both graduates of Georgia Tech University. They are currently living in New York City where they both recently received their MBA's from Columbia University. Our son Jeff, graduated from Reinhardt University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business. He recently received a second degree in Education. I am proud to begin my 23rd year as Director of this fantastic preschool.

Natalie has been a strong member of the St. Catherine's Preschool team and begins her twenty fourth year here. She and her husband Ricky have been married for 33 years and have three great boys, Adam, Eric, and Daniel. Adam holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering and celebrated his one-year anniversary with his wife Chelsea this summer. Eric works for Mini Gadgets and is engaged to be married this coming August. Daniel earned his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and currently works for UPS. They have been active members here at St. Catherine's Catholic Church for over 20 years.

We both feel truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful family of staff, teachers, parents and children.

Okay, it is time to pull out your calendars and mark some very important dates. On **Wednesday, August 8th** at 6:00 p.m. we will have Parent Orientation night in the church. At this meeting, you will be introduced to our staff and given a summary of our school year. After the meeting, you will be given the opportunity to meet your child's classroom teachers for the first time and their Specials teachers. The teachers will give a brief overview of the school year and answer any questions you may have. This meeting is very important for new families as well as returning families, so please plan to attend. This night is for parents only, so please make child care arrangements for this evening.

During this evening, there will be several other important activities to attend. In room 316/317 there will be many informative tables set up. One is the Information Table. This table will be set up for you to drop off any forms that we may need for your child's file, i.e. your child's immunization record. This form is #3231 and can be obtained from your child's pediatrician. A second important item we need for your child's file is a photocopy of his/her certified birth certificate. These two documents are required by the state of Georgia before your child can attend preschool. Lastly, we are asking for a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. Please note that returning students that have already given us these documents, will not need to submit another copy unless an updated immunization form (#3231) is needed.

Another important table to visit will be our Volunteer Committee Table. This is a great way for you to get involved in our St. Catherine's Preschool community. We have attached a form with information on each of our Volunteer Committees at our preschool. Our fantastic preschool could not be so awesome without YOU volunteering to help make it this way. If you are interested, please fill out the attached form and return it to the Volunteer Committee Table on Parent Orientation night. The committee chair will contact you within the first month of school to give you specific information about each volunteer group you are interested in joining. The good news, there is no limit to the number of committees you may sign up for!!!

We are in need of two very important committee chair leaders. The two committees are the Care and Concern Committee and the Photography Committee. If you are interested in chairing either of these committees, please contact me.

Other tables to visit on Parent Orientation night are our Spirit Wear table, Fundraising table and Precious Memories table.

Another huge date to mark on your calendar is **Thursday, August 9th**, for your child's Meet and Greet morning. This is the time that you and your child can meet his/her teacher for the upcoming school year. Attached is the specific time for your child's Meet and Greet. Also attached is an age specific supply list. These are the items your child will need to start the school year. You are welcome to bring these items in on Parent Orientation night, Meet and Greet morning, or on the first day of school. Meet and Greet morning is not a drop off day; the first day of school will be **Monday, August 13th** at 9:00 a.m.

Also in this packet is our Career Bank form. This is an important informational form that we are asking each family to complete. On **Wednesday, September 12th**, we will be hosting our third annual St. Catherine's Preschool Career Day. We will begin Career Day with our Early 5 students in a Career Day Parade. These students will dress up in the apparel of "what they would want to be when they grow up"! This parade will be followed by a presentation of parents and others who would like to share their careers with our preschool students. PLEASE list the careers of both parents and if you would be willing to share your expertise with the preschool.

Our preschool newsletter is named the Chit Chat. If you have a small business that you would like to share with our preschool families, please drop a business card by the preschool office or email it to preschool@stcatherinercc.org and it will be included in the Chit Chat. We have a "Company Collage" page in all issues of the Chit Chat. This gives our families a chance to share their businesses with each other.

Please also be aware of our new and improved website at www.scspreschool.org. This is a wonderful source of information. We are excited about our St. Catherine Preschool Facebook. We launched it last year with great success.

Our entire preschool staff is incredibly excited to get back and begin another fabulous year with your children! We look forward to seeing all of you at Parent Orientation night. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Thank you and keep resting in the joys of summer!

Peace and Blessings,

Karen Pickens
Director

Natalie Dawkins
School Administrator

A LOOK AHEAD.....

- ✚ Our annual Art Show will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018
- ✚ Our annual Super Hero Shuffle will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019

“Train a child in the way he should go.....and when he is old he will not turn away from it.”

Proverbs 22:6



ART SHOW



SUPERHERO SHUFFLE



Meet and Greet Schedule

Thursday, August 9, 2018

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

All 2-year-old classes

All K4 Classes

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Wee 2's class

All 3-year-old classes

Early 5's class



2018-2019 MASTER SUPPLY LIST
FOR ST. CATHERINE'S PRESCHOOL

Wee Two's Classes

- 1 – box jumbo Crayola Crayons – 8 ct
- 1 – Jumbo ELMERS glue stick
- 1 – CRAYOLA So Big Paint Set (4 color set)
- 2 – boxes (80+ count) of baby wipes
- 1 – can shaving cream – non-menthol
- 1 – box of snack size zip lock baggies
- 1 – package 6" paper plates – uncoated
- 1 – package 9" paper plates
- 1 – large roll paper towels
- 1 – package 200+ count napkins
- 2 – ream 20 lb. (500 sheets) 8 ½ x 11 multiuse copy paper
- 1 - seasonal change of clothes (please include socks) in a labeled zip lock bag
- 1 – child size cardboard shoe box (empty)
- 1 – 4x6 family portrait



2-Year-Old Classes

- 1 – box (8 or 10 count) CRAYOLA CLASSIC washable markers (fat not thin)
- 2 – Jumbo ELMERS glue sticks
- 2 – CRAYOLA So Big Paint Set (4 color set)
- 1 – 8 count CRAYOLA JUMBO Crayons – classic colors
- 1 – 4 pack Play-doh
- 2 – boxes (80+ count) of baby wipes
- 1 – can shaving cream – non-menthol
- 1 – package 6" paper plates – uncoated
- 1 – package 9" paper plates
- 1 – large bag of cotton balls
- 1 – box (200 count) tissues
- 1 – large roll paper towels
- 1 – package 200+ count napkins
- 1 – ream 20 lb. (500 sheet) 8 ½ x 11 multiuse copy paper
- 1 - seasonal change of clothes (please include socks) in a labeled zip lock bag
- 1 – paint shirt – TEACHER WILL SPECIFY WHAT TYPE NEEDED AT PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT.

3 Year Old Classes

- 1 – pair of FISKAR 5" blunt tip kid's scissors – Ages 4+
- 4 – LARGE ELMERS glue sticks
- 2 – boxes (8 or 10 count) CRAYOLA CLASSIC WASHABLE markers (fat not thin)
- 2 – box (24 count) CRAYOLA CLASSIC Crayons (Thin, not washable)
- 2 – (8 color) CRAYOLA watercolor sets
- 1 – (8 count) CRAYOLA "Write Start" colored pencils (@school box)
- 2 – boxes (80+ count) of baby wipes
- 1 – large roll paper towels
- 1 – package 200+ count napkins
- 1 – box 200+ count tissues/Kleenex
- 1 – poster board (white) 22" x 28"
- 1 – ream 20 lb. (500 sheet) 8 ½ x 11 multiuse copy paper
- 1 – pack of 25 sheet protectors
- 1 – seasonal change of clothes (please include socks) in a labeled zip lock bag
- 1 - paint shirt - TEACHER WILL SPECIFY WHAT TYPE NEEDED AT PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT



K4 Classes

- 1 – pair of FISKAR 5" blunt tip kid's scissors – Ages 4+
- 2 – box (8 or 10 count) CRAYOLA CLASSIC washable markers (thick ones)
- 1 – box (24 count) CRAYOLA CLASSIC Crayons (thin, not washable)
- 2 – (8 color) CRAYOLA washable watercolors sets
- 4 – LARGE ELMERS glue sticks
- 1 – ELMERS white school glue 8 oz.
- 1 – (12 count) CRAYOLA Colored Pencils – (not erasable)
- 1 – 4 count Dry Erase Markers
- 1 – ream 20 lb. (500 sheet) 8 ½ x 11 multiuse copy paper
- 2 – boxes (80+ count) of baby wipes
- 1 – large roll paper towels
- 1 – package 200+ count napkins
- 1 – box of sandwich zip lock baggies
- 1 – NEW BROWN OR TAN pillowcase – 100% cotton. Please no zippers.
- 1 – paint shirt – TEACHER WILL SPECIFY WHAT TYPE NEEDED AT PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT
- 1 – seasonal change of clothes (please include socks) in a labeled zip lock bag

Early 5's and 5 Alive Classes

- 1 – pair of FISKAR 5" blunt tip kid's scissors – Ages 4+
- 2 – box (8 or 10 count) CRAYOLA CLASSIC washable markers (thick ones)
- 2 – box (24 count) CRAYOLA CLASSIC Crayons (thin, not washable)
- 2 – (8 color) CRAYOLA washable watercolors sets
- 6 – LARGE ELMERS glue sticks
- 1 – (12 count) CRAYOLA colored pencils (not erasable)
- 1 – 4 count Dry Erase Markers
- 1 – ream 20 lb. (500 sheet) 8 ½ x 11 multiuse copy paper
- 2 – boxes (80+ count) of baby wipes
- 1 – large roll of paper towels
- 1 – package 200+ count napkins
- 1 – poster board (white) 22" x 28"
- 1 – NEW BROWN OR TAN pillowcase – 100% cotton. Please no zippers.
- 1 – paint shirt – *TEACHER WILL SPECIFY WHAT TYPE NEEDED AT PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT*
- 1 – seasonal change of clothes (please include socks) in a labeled zip lock bag

HELPFUL HINTS TO MAKE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WITH SUPPLIES A SUCCESS!!!

1. Please put your child's supplies in a large paper brown grocery bag marked with your child's name on the front.
2. Please do not send in a store-bought paint smock for your child's paint shirt.
3. Please use the brand names that we suggest. We have tried, throughout the years, many different types of supplies and the ones that we have suggested prove to be the very best for your child and his/her success. Walmart, Target, The School Box, and Staples carry most of these products. School Box has guaranteed all school supplies being readily available for our parents. You can also purchase many of the supplies on-line at discountschoolsupply.com.
4. Please realize that as your child needs replenishment of any of the above-mentioned supplies, a note will be sent home to you requesting what specific supplies are needed.

ST. CATHERINE'S PRESCHOOL PARENT VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

Listed below is a list of committees that our preschool has developed for our parents. We would truly appreciate any help that you can give our preschool. Please review these committees and if you feel that you can help on any of these committees, sign your name under that committee(s). Also, make a note of the days that you would be able to volunteer. Thank you in advance for all your love and support of our preschool!!!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – This committee is designed for volunteers who would like to help with setting up, breaking down and being a host/hostess during some of our special events such as Catholic Schools Week, Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dad, Graduation etc.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *Cassidy Foley*

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE (T.A.C.) – This committee is designed for volunteers that would like to help with giving our teachers a little sign of appreciation on a monthly basis.

VOLUNTEER CO-CHAIRS: *Victoria Ramirez and Melissa Love*

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

CARE AND CONCERN COMMITTEE – This committee is designed for volunteers who would be willing to be involved in sending cards for births, illnesses or deaths within our preschool families and provide a meal for those in need.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *xxxxxxxxxx (chairperson needed)*

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE - This committee is designed for volunteers who would like to be involved in building and nurturing the spirituality of our preschool.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *Suzanne Cumbie*

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

LIBRARY COMMITTEE - This committee is designed for volunteers who could come into the preschool library each week to resshelf books and organize the Library.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *Katherine Rintoul*

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK COMMITTEE - This committee is designed for volunteers who would like to organize and develop activities during Catholic Schools Week.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *Christine Bishop-Fink & Karen Devine*

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE - This committee is designed for volunteers who would like to be a part of welcoming new families to our preschool.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *Caroline Guarino*

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE - This committee is designed to take pictures at special school wide events, Halloween, Christmas, etc. to put into a DVD slide show for the end of the year events.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *xxxxxxxxxx (chairperson needed)*

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION & CAMPBELL SOUP LABEL COMMITTEE - This committee will compile and submit Box Tops and Campbell labels.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *Alison Pearigen*

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

NORTH POLE COMMITTEE - This committee turns our library into the wonderful North Pole for visits during the Christmas Parties.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *Kristy Baker*

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

THE PRESCHOOL MONTHLY CHIT CHAT WILL BE DESIGNED AND PUBLISHED
by *Lydia Milam*

PLEASE NOTE: THE YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED AREAS ARE ONES WHERE OUR PRESCHOOL NEEDS A VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING!

CAREER BANK FORM

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Would you be willing to share your expertise with the preschool? Yes _____

No _____

Email: _____