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June 23, 2020

Welcome St. Catherine's Preschool Parents,

We hope you and your families are all healthy and safe.

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 to the 2020-2021 school year.

I would like to introduce myself and Natalie Dawkins, our School Administrator, to our new families. I am incredibly blessed with two wonderful children Lindsey and Jeff. Lindsey and her husband, Preston, are both graduates of Georgia Tech University. They recently moved back from New York City where they both received their MBA's from Columbia University. In August, we will welcome their beautiful blessing of a new baby girl. I will be a grandmother for the first time. My son Jeff graduated from Reinhardt University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business. He recently received a second degree in Education. Jeff is the Operations Manager for Aussie Kids. I am proud to begin my 25th year as Director of this fantastic preschool.

Natalie has been a strong member of the St. Catherine's Preschool team and begins her twenty sixth year here. She and her husband Ricky have been married for 34 years and have three great boys, Adam, Eric, and Daniel. Each are graduates of St. Catherine's Preschool and Southern Polytechnic/Kennesaw State University. Adam holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering and works as a Controls Commissioning Engineer for Bastian Solutions. He celebrated his three-year anniversary with his wife Chelsea this summer. Eric also holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering and works for Minigadgets, Inc. as Director of Engineering and celebrated his two-year anniversary with his wife, Brandi, in August. Daniel earned his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and currently works for UPS as a Special Projects Industrial Engineer Supervisor. They have been active members here at St. Catherine's Catholic Church for over 25 years.

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

Now it is time to pull out your calendars and mark some very important dates. Due to the adjustments needed to be made due to Covid-19, and in keeping with the safety regulations set by the Centers for Disease Control, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Bright from the Start, and the Archdiocese of Atlanta, our Parent Orientation Night will be set up slightly different. On **Wednesday, August 19th** we will have Parent Orientation. We will meet by ZOOM at 2 different times of 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. At this ZOOM meeting, you will be introduced to our administrative staff, specials teachers and given a summary of our school year. We will review new procedures put in place by the guidance of the State, CDC, and the Archdiocese of Atlanta. For example, with a touchless thermometer, all staff and students will have their temperature taken daily; our class sizes are already lower than the state guideline of 20, one class on the playground at a time, disinfected between sessions. If going to specials, one class at a time in the hallway; students will not share supplies, such as pencils, markers, crayons, etc., lots of hand washing and disinfecting throughout the day. Guidelines are sure to change between now and the beginning of preschool. Closer to the start of preschool we will send out an updated guideline for preschools as they open for the 2020-2021 school year.

After the beginning presentation ZOOM meeting, you will be given the opportunity to meet your child's classroom teachers for the first time by ZOOM. 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.

Another huge date to mark on your calendar is **Thursday, August 20th** 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 by ZOOM. Attached is the specific time for your child's Meet and Greet. Also attached is an age specific supply list with pictures of the supply items needed. These are the items your child will need to start the school year. Please make sure that your child has these items with them on the first day of school. The first day of school will be **Monday, August 24th** at 9:00 a.m. for all classes except the 5 Alive class, which will begin on Monday, August 24th at 8:00 a.m.

We are very excited to be able to offer a Before and After School Program for qualified students in our preschool. Information on this program is attached.

Another important part of our amazing preschool is our Volunteer Committees. 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, fill out the attached form and return it to your child's teacher in their preschool folder. 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!!!

With the new guidelines, copies of your child's birth certificate and immunization form (#3231) must be on file before the first day of preschool, August 24th. Many of you have

already submitted these documents. If your child's immunization form has expired, we will need an updated one. If you are unsure, please contact the preschool for an update.

Our preschool newsletter is 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 scan and email 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 be aware of our website at www.scspreschool.org, Instagram, and you can find us on Facebook @stcatherinespreschool or St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Preschool. These are wonderful sources of information.

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 through ZOOM. 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

Karen Pickens
Director

Natalie Dawkins

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School Administrator

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Parent Orientation by ZOOM

6:30 p.m.

Sylvia Spotts – 5 Alive

Deb Bates – 3's

Vicki West – K4's

Brandi Schulze – 2's

Trish Shipman – WEE's

7:30 p.m.

Jean Esposito – Early 5's

Mika Fiorentino – 3's

Julie Akers – K4's

Erika Weaver – 3's

Trish Shipman – 2's

(Parents, you will receive an email specific to your child's class, letting you know your child's teacher and the ZOOM link specific to you)

Meet and Greet by ZOOM

Thursday, August 20, 2020

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

All 2-year-old classes

All K4 Classes

Early 5's Class

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Wee 2's class

All 3-year-old classes

5 Alive Class

2020-2021 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)
- 1 – Play-doh (4)pack
- 1 – 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 – roll of paper towels
- 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)
- 1 – Jumbo ELMERS glue sticks
- 1 – CRAYOLA So Big Paint Set (4 color set)
- 1 – 8 count CRAYOLA JUMBO Crayons – classic colors
- 1 – 4 pack Play-doh
- 1 – boxes (80+ count) of baby wipes
- 1 – can shaving cream – non-menthol
- 1 – box of quart slider zipper baggies (Great Value brand is great)
- 1 – package 6" paper plates – uncoated
- 1 – package 9" paper plates
- 1 – roll of paper towels
- 1 – large bag of cotton balls
- 1 – box (200 count) tissues
- 2 – 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

3 Year Old Classes

- 1 – pair of FISKAR 5" blunt tip kid's scissors – Ages 4+
- 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 washable watercolor sets
- 3 – Giant ELMERS glue sticks
- 1 – (8 count) CRAYOLA "Write Start" colored pencils (@school box)
- 1 – 4 pack Play-doh
- 1 – boxes (80+ count) of baby wipes
- 1 – package 9 oz. clear hard plastic tumbler cups
- 1 – box quart slider zipper baggies (Walmart's Great Value brand is awesome)
- 1 – package 6" paper plates – uncoated
- 1 – package 9" paper plates
- 1 – roll of paper towels
- 1 – box 200+ count tissues/Kleenex
- 1 – poster board (white) 22" x 28"
- 2 – 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 – reusable water bottle with name on it to be brought to school each day



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)
- 2 – box (24 count) CRAYOLA CLASSIC Crayons (thin, not washable)
- 2 – (8 color) CRAYOLA washable watercolors set
- 3 – Giant ELMERS glue sticks
- 1 – (12 count) CRAYOLA Colored Pencils – (not erasable)
- 1 – 4 pack Play-doh
- 2 – ream 20 lb. (500 sheet) 8 ½ x 11 multiuse copy paper
- 1 – boxes (80+ count) of baby wipes
- 1 – box of sandwich slider zipper baggies (Walmart's Great Value brand is awesome)
- 1 – box of quart slider zipper baggies (Walmart's Great Value brand is awesome)
- 1 – package 6" paper plates – uncoated
- 1 – package 9" paper plates
- 1 – roll of paper towels
- 1 – package self-adhesive Velcro dots
- 1 – NEW TAN pillowcase standard size – 100% cotton. Please no zippers.
- 1 – seasonal change of clothes (please include socks) in a labeled zip lock bag
- 1 – reusable water bottle with name on it to be brought to school each day

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 set
- 3 – Giant ELMERS glue sticks
- 1 – (12 count) CRAYOLA colored pencils (not erasable)
- 1 – 4 pack Play-doh
- 2 – ream 20 lb. (500 sheet) 8 ½ x 11 multiuse copy paper
- 1 – boxes (80+ count) of baby wipes
- 1 – box of snack size zip lock baggies
- 1 – box of quart slider zipper baggies (Walmart's Great Value brand is awesome)
- 1 – package 6" paper plates – uncoated
- 1 – package 9" paper plates
- 1 – roll of paper towels
- 1 – package self-adhesive Velcro dots
- 1 – poster board (white) 22" x 28"
- 1 – NEW TAN pillowcase standard size – 100% cotton. Please no zippers.
- 1 – seasonal change of clothes (please include socks) in a labeled zip lock bag
- 1 – reusable water bottle with name on it to be brought to school each day

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 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 proving 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.
3. 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.

WEE TWOS SUPPLY LIST 2020-2021..pictures



40 gr./1.4oz.



Non-menthol



6" uncoated



9"



20 lb/500 sheets 8.5x11

TWOS SUPPLY LIST 2020-2021, pictures



40 gr./1.4 oz.



4 oz./each can



Non-menthol



zipper top

6" uncoated



9"



20 lb/500 sheets
8.5x11



self-adhesive

THREES SUPPLY LIST 2020-2021 pictures



5" blunt tip (4+)



22 gr./ .77oz.



NOT washable



6" uncoated



9"



200+ count



Zipper top



22" x 28"



20 b/500 sheets 8.5x11



25 count

FOURS SUPPLY LIST 2020-2021, pictures



5" blunt tip. (4+)



NOT washable



22 gr./77 oz.



NOT washable



20 lb/500 sheets 8.5x11



Zipper Top



Zipper Top



6" uncoated



9"



Self-Adhesive



TAN pillowcase (100% cotton/standard size)

FIVES SUPPLY LIST 2020-2021, pictures



Fiskar 5" blunt (4+)



NOT washable



22 gr./ .77 oz.



NOT washable



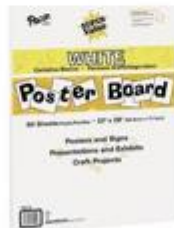
20 lb/500 sheets 8.5x11



6" uncoated



9"



22" x 28"

Tan pillowcase (100% cotton/standard size)



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: xxxxxxxxxx

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 monthly.

VOLUNTEER CO-CHAIRS: xxxxxxxxx

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: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

LIBRARY COMMITTEE - This committee is designed for volunteers who could inventory books and organize the Library, pending new guidelines.

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: xxxxxxxxxx

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: *Karen Devine and Whitney McPhee*

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: _____

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

VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON: *XXXXXXXXXX*

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

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