

Family of Christ Christian Preschool

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November Newsletter



FALL CONFERENCES

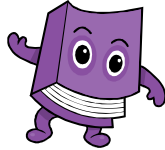
Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are taking place November 21 & 22. We appreciate the chance to get to know parents better, learn more about your child and discuss their progress in school. There has been a pre-conference form sent out prior which we request that you fill out and return before your conference. Also watch for a sign up sheet on the sign in/out carts to choose your conference time. If you do not pick up or drop off your child, please call to set up a conference.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on conference days, however there will be childcare available between 8:30am-3:30pm so that your children can play while you talk with the teacher. Please remember that you do not need to wait for a conference if you have questions or concerns about your child. Teachers can set up a time to meet with you before or after class or by phone.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

All classes will be doing a short program for parents during school. We realize that this may be inconvenient for some of you to attend, because it is during school time. We hope that telling you far in advance will enable you to take time off or reschedule plans so that you may attend. If you cannot attend, please let your child's teacher know in advance. Please also note that our spring program will be in the evening. Class 3 will be having an abbreviated program December 16th in room 100. Classes 2, 5 & 7 will have their programs on December 20th. (Class 2 at 9:20am, Class 5 at 10:45am, Class 7 at 1:15pm), Classes 1, 4 & 6 will have their programs on December 21st (Class 1 at 9:20am, Class 4 at 10:45am and Class 6 at 1:15pm) Mark your calendars now!!!



Book Orders

Online book orders for this month are due Thursday, November 10th. Other orders are due on Friday, November 11th. If you are placing a paper order, please write you child's class # on the order form. Thank You!

Online Ordering Information

Web address:

scholastic.com/bookclubs

Class Activation Code: GPVPL



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday December 6th

6:30-8:00pm

Mark your calendars!!! The Parent Association Christmas party will have cookies, crafts, and Christmas shopping. Please save your "white elephants" for the Parent Association Christmas Party. A "White Elephant" is a gift that you do not need or want, but that someone else may like. The Parent Association will be setting up a "Christmas Gift Shop." Each child will go in and shop for gifts for their family, which volunteers will help wrap. We also need donations of large gift bags. Collection boxes for your "white elephants" will be available soon! Please note...we sometimes run out of men's items particularly.



Preschool Family Breakfast

November 16 & 17

9:15 am

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast!

Preschoolers will be singing!!!

Parents will also receive an advent sticker and devotional book to share with their student.

Childcare will be available for younger siblings in our staffed nursery.

Sign up on your child's mailcart or call Mary @ (763)434-7337 ext 240.

(please note that there has been a change in the date of this event)

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you for all your support of our school. The Papa Murphy fundraiser has brought in \$115. Our goal for the school year is \$3500. We still 10 available Papa Murphy cards if anyone is interested.



COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Cookbooks will be available through November. Cookbooks prices are: \$12.00 for 1 or 2 for \$20.00. They are a great gift for the hard to buy for person on your list. There will be examples on top of your child's mailboxes. Every penny of cookbook

sales goes towards the preschool.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

Our Parent Association met last month for the first time. Sarah Shaughnessy, Jessica Ness, Darian Berglund, Laci Lapoint, Jeff Siegrist and Jenny Nistler attended. Thanks for all you do to help! The Parent Association plans our social activities and fundraising events. Some of the activities for the 2011-12 are:

FUNDRAISERS

Papa Murphy cards
School Pictures
Cook Books

Christmas Party (White Elephant Sale and New this year...Bake Sale)
Family Fun Night Raffle Baskets
Water Bottle and Water Bottle Cozies Sale
And possibly a student art sale or Perkins Fundraiser

SERVICE PROJECT

Christmas Collection for Alexandria House

ACTIVITIES

Conference meals for Teachers
Christmas Party
Happy Birthday Jesus Party after Christmas Programs
Family Fun Night and Dance
Grandparent Day
Ice Cream Social following the Spring Programs

Our next Parent Association Meeting will be November 9th at 7 p.m. when we will be planning the Christmas Party. Any parent/grandparent is welcome to join us at any meeting. Your involvement is appreciated!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Cold season has started. Please make sure that your child is washing their hands before they are coming in the classroom. It is ok if you are running late. By taking two extra minutes to do this, you will help cut down on germs in

the classroom and the chances of your child getting sick.

GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS

Grandparents are a wonderful asset in the life of a preschooler. In previous years, we have had grandparent volunteers in our preschool classrooms on a regular basis. This year, due to an overwhelming amount of grandparent interest, (parents would not even get the chance to volunteer) we have opted to have GRANDPARENT DAY, April 11th and 12th, 2012. Mark your calendars...more info to come. If you have ideas on how to make this a meaningful experience for your child and their grandparent, come plan with the Parent Association or speak to Mary Hiller.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Shelby Alldinger
Luke Babineau
Maria Guse
Naomi Knutson
Lawson Rainer
Will Schahn
Dylan Schroeder
Blake Stocke
Emery White
Corey Zahratka



SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Winter is coming and we wanted to remind you of our policy regarding school closings. If the weather causes school to be canceled, we will report it to WCCO. Furthermore, if Anoka Hennepin School District 11 is closed, we will be closed also. Please note that there is another Family of Christ, so look for **Family of Christ HAM LAKE**.

ITEMS NEEDED!

- *New or gently used gift bags for Parent Association Christmas Party
- *A few rolls of wrapping paper
- *Extra hats, mittens, snow pants and boots for those in the extended day class when they are forgotten.



OUTSIDE PLAY

We will continue to go outside as many days as possible before the snow flies. Please send your child in weather appropriate outerwear. Once the snow comes, our 2 ½ hour classes do not go outside unless your child's teacher notifies you. Our extended day class will continue to go outside daily unless there is rain, heavy snow or severe cold. If it is 15 degrees or less, extended day classes will be inside. So...for classes 6 & 7 send boots, mittens, hat, snow pants, coat...whatever is appropriate

for the day. We don't like to be cold!



NOVEMBER SNACK PRAYER "A Day's Grace"

I thank you now, dear Lord,
For my home and friends and food.
Help me to serve you all this day
And show my gratitude. Amen.

THANK YOU

Laurel Mohr, certified L.E.A.N. coach and mother of Bryson (class 7) taught our students about healthy eating this past week. Eating healthy is yummy! Thanks Laurel!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Oct. 29: Fall Fest 4:30-7:00pm
- Nov. 2 & 3: Chapel
- Nov. 4: Conference Questions
Due back to teachers
- Nov. 7: Preschool Board 7pm
- Nov. 8: Parent Association 7pm
- Nov. 10: Online Book Orders Due
- Nov. 11: Book Orders Due
- Nov. 16 & 17: Preschool Family
Breakfast
- Nov. 21 & 22: Parent/ Teacher
Conferences NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 23-25: Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 5: Preschool in Session – No
Anoka Hennepin
- Dec. 6: Preschool Family Christmas
Party, 6:30-8:00pm

Dec. 7 & 8: Chapel
Dec.: 16, 20, 21: Christmas Programs



A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR PROGRAM...MUSIC

Music is an important part of our curriculum. Although music is enjoyable and it is always fun to hear your little one singing, music is a vehicle for learning as well. Music teaches children to hear different tones and rhythms. It is also excellent for language development, as it is yet another way to expand children's vocabulary. Furthermore, concepts and facts can be taught and/or reinforced through music, such as a song about leaves falling down in fall or "stop, drop and roll." In this way, music provides an active means for children to learn and process ideas. As young children learn more songs, they are strengthening their memory skills as well.

MY CHILD

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd finger-paint more and point out less.
I'd do less correcting and more
connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch and
watch more with my eyes.
I'd care to know less and know to care
more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious and seriously
play.
I'd run through more fields and gaze at
more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I'd be firm less often and affirm much
more.
I'd build self esteem first and the house
later.
I'd teach less about the love of power
and more about the power of love.



*From the staff at Family of Christ
Christian Preschool, we want to
wish you a happy Thanksgiving!
We are very thankful that you
have gifted us with your child to
care for and teach. May God
bless your family!*