



IMPORTANT DATES

10/1: Tuition Due
 10/20: No School/No CAS
 10/31: Beggar's Night

FAMILY FUN

10/19-10/20: Halloween Spooktacular in Dublin! [Halloween Spooktacular](#)
 10/27: Halloween on the Green! [Halloween on the Green Worthington](#)
 10/31: Trick or Treat from 6:00-8:00



OCTOBER 2023 NEWS

TUITION

Reminder that tuition payments are due on the first of the month, September through May. The next tuition due date is October 1st. Auto-pay will run on October 2nd. Please be aware that there will be a **\$25 charge** for any payment that is not received by 6 PM the last day of the week when payment is due. The complete late payment policy is available on page 18 & 19 of the Parent Handbook.

Payments must be made online through our Parent Portal at family.daycareworks.com

We accept credit cards in addition to ACH transactions. Contact our office at info@careafterschool.com if you would like to pay by money order.

DID YOU KNOW?

Care After School is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, while Worthington Schools are governed by the Ohio Department of Education. While Care After School strives to maintain consistency for the children, we must always adhere to the ODJFS guidelines. Although the regulations set forth by both agencies have the best interests of the children in mind, sometimes the rules seem inconsistent. According to ODJFS guidelines, children must wash or sanitize hands each evening when they leave CAS. Please help us encourage your children before they leave. We appreciate your patience and support.

LATE PICK UPS



Care After School understands that sometimes unavoidable circumstances arise. Inclement weather, traffic snags, and unexpected work delays are just a few of the things that can affect our daily commutes. Please remember to have a back-up plan in place for the times you are unable to pick your child up from CAS by 6:00 pm. In order to avoid the late pick-up fee, consider asking a neighbor or another CAS parent if they are able to help. Although no child would ever be left unattended, CAS staff members have responsibilities in the evenings, and are not scheduled to stay past 6:00 pm. A fee of \$10 will be assessed for each 5 minute increment, or portion thereof, after 6:00 pm. For example:

6:01 = \$10
 6:06 = \$20

Please see page 19 of the Parent Handbook for additional details about our late pick-up policy and fees.

HOMEWORK

CAS offers 20-30 minutes in a quiet space, where children can work on their homework. CAS is not an extension of the academic school day, and cannot check homework for accuracy or completeness, however, a staff member is available to help children with general direction.

Although a quiet space is only provided for 20-30 minutes, children are always permitted to continue working on homework throughout the day.

KEYPADS

CAS appreciates the commitment made by Worthington Schools to keep children safe before, during and after school. **Please keep the code to the keypad confidential**, sharing only as needed with those designated to drop off or pick up your child. Please do not share the code with your child.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The benefits of planning a weekly family night

1. It makes family time a priority.

Sometimes all the things on our to-do lists prevent us from just slowing down and enjoying our kids. Planning a weekly family night is an easy way to become more intentional and enjoy more quality time with your family.

2. It makes children feel connected.

Kids love family night not only because they are fun but also because it brings them closer to their parents. A family night is a perfect opportunity to have fun together and connect!

3. Family nights will become precious memories.

Kids grow up so fast! A weekly family night is a tradition that will bring you many happy moments that will become precious memories as the kids grow up.

PUMPKIN SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

LET'S MAKE THIS FAMILY NIGHT A COZY, PUMPKIN-Y, TASTY ONE!

Start by preparing your taste buds with this warm pumpkin cider:

- 1 1/2 cups pumpkin puree (canned)
 - 4 cups apple juice
 - 1 Tbsp orange juice
 - 3 Tbsp pure maple syrup
 - 1/2 tsp cinnamon
 - 1/2 tsp [pumpkin pie spice](#)
1. Place all ingredients into a crockpot and whisk well.
 2. Heat over high heat until the mixture begins to steam, then turn crockpot to warm.
 3. Serve warm.

Once you're sipping on your new favorite fall drink, grab your pumpkins and start carving! (or drawing). Who has the scariest design? Who's pumpkin is the happiest? Don't forget to set a candle inside for a festive glow.

Next up, try this simple pumpkin spice fudge: [Pumpkin Fudge](#) This tasty treat won't last long!

Now that the weather is changing in its unpredictable Ohio way, make sure your lips are protected with your own, homemade, pumpkin spice lip balm! All you need to do is melt 2 tablespoons of petroleum jelly in the microwave, then stir in 3 tablespoons of pumpkin pie spice. Spoon the mixture into a little tin and let it cool. Now you have your own pumpkin-y lip balm!

