

St. John's Preschool Newsletter

Hello All,

We officially made it through our 1st school year! Thank you ALL for choosing our program and supporting our vision. We would not be here without your faith in our school. We enjoyed our summer with lots of water play and messy art and crafts. Our last day of the summer program will be August 21st. We will have a picnic style lunch to end our summer program and bring in the new academic school year. A huge shoutout to our children! They were able to adjust and adapt to the new changes during this pandemic. I am grateful for them teaching us to go with the flow and still find ways to make sure we are having fun learning and building memories this summer.

The new school year starts August 25th and I am ready to begin! A curriculum will be followed and supplemented with children's interest and teacher offered activities.

We will continue to follow the Contra Costa Health Departments guidelines with updates posted in the COVID corner and Remind App. Thank you all for being understanding as these guidelines are in place for us to remain open, safe and healthy.

Please be mindful that if there are any anticipated schedule changes to notify me as soon as possible. This will ensure we maintain ratio's and have the staffing available to meet your needs.

We are welcoming our new teacher Ms. Julie to our school. She has an inviting smile (underneath her mask) and can-do attitude. We are excited to have her get to know you all and build a relationship with our children.

Please join me in welcoming a few new families to our wonderful community. We are excited to have you and look forward to a wonderful learning adventure together.

With love,

Ms. Shonece

Calendar of Events:

- END OF SUMMER PROGRAM AUGUST 21ST
- STAFF IN SERVICE- SCHOOL CLOSED AUGUST 24TH
- NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS AUGUST 25TH
- \$120 SUPPLY FEE DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST

COVID CORNER

We are currently operating under Contra Costa Health Department Guidelines. All updates will be communicated via Remind App.

- New updates: as of July 7th
 - Adults and Children to wear masks while on site.
- Maintain social distancing
- Use hand sanitizer
- No extra items from home
- Travel Policy
- Updated Health Policy

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me via the App, email or by phone.

Dear Families of St. John's Preschool:

As you all know we have been in the midst of a health crisis that has caused the human family on a world-wide scope to modify behaviors of social interaction. This time has been fraught with complications and with fear and with challenge. You have each been affected by this COVID crisis and have been forced to modify your own families actions and activities.

Here at St. John's Episcopal Church and Preschool we are governed by multiple authorities. We follow the guidelines and directives of these authorities and rely upon them to keep us safe and updated on best practices and current policies. They typically complement one another in their policy decisions and directives. For this we are grateful.

The licensing board, the county health department, the state and the diocese have all mandated the policy of wearing masks, physical distancing, hand washing, diligent cleaning protocols and stable groups. Though these policies have felt terribly burdensome, we feel good about our responses and I am especially appreciative of the way that Ms. Shonece has handled this challenge. Her dedication and consistency have added a level of safety for you and your child and for the school and for the church where the school is located.

The policy of our diocese is governing for us and that policy is clear. All people, who come onto our property for any reason must wear a mask and maintain the proper physical distancing guidelines. Hand cleaning solution is available. Temps are taken. No one can enter into the buildings, which are being cleaned constantly, unless authorized.

I hope that I speak for all conscientious people who are trying their best to maintain these protocols that choosing to not follow the proper guidelines potentially exposes others to a virus for which we have no cure. We each may feel "fine" and that's great! Our feeling fine is not a guarantee that we cannot spread this virus unknowingly. I don't know about you but I would be devastated to think that I caused anyone else to contract a virus that is potentially fatal.

This letter is to establish, for the record, that a mask must be worn at all times while on the grounds of St. John's Church and Preschool. Anything short of that is a violation of the multi-layered policy directives that we are all subject to. Following the health guidelines helps to keep the school open for you, to keep Ms. Shonece safe and well, to keep the other children and families safe, and frankly - it's the right thing to do.

I appreciate your faith in us to keep your child safe and happy, especially during this time.

Peace, Audrey+



AUGUST 2020 SNACK MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Oatmeal Bananas Ritz Crackers String Cheese	4 Biscuits Jam Veggie Sticks Juice	5 Pancakes Milk Ritz Crackers Apples	6 Cereal Milk String Cheese Apples	7 Graham Crackers Cream Cheese Cheese-Itz Apples
10 Cereal Milk Cheese-Itz Oranges	11 Waffles Pears Veggie Sticks Pears	12 Oatmeal Apples Ritz Crackers String Cheese	13 Pancakes Milk Goldfish Cheese	14 Tortilla Roll Ups Granola Bars Apples
17 Biscuits Pears Animal Crackers Orange Juice	18 Graham Crackers Cream Cheese Granola Bars Oranges	19 Cereal Milk Goldfish Pears	20 Cinnamon Bread Apples String Cheese Apples	21 Waffles Apples Wheat Thins Oranges
24 SCHOOL CLOSED	25 Banana Pancakes Milk Ritz Apples	26 Cereal Milk Wheat Crackers Cheese	27 Muffins Pears Granola Bars Oranges	28 Cinnamon Toast Bananas Animal Crackers Pears
31 Pancakes Milk Goldfish Oranges				

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AUGUST 2020 LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pasta Meat Sauce Corn Pineapples Milk	4 BBQ Chicken Quinoa Corn Peaches Milk	5 Turkey Cheese Sandwiches Green Beans Apples Milk	6 Baked Beans Peas Pineapples Milk	7 Cheese Quesadillas Peas Peaches Milk
10 Bean & Cheese Burritos Corn Pears Milk	11 Chicken Quinoa Green Beans Pineapple Milk	12 Chicken Nuggets Peas Pears Milk	13 Mac N Cheese Green Beans Peaches Milk	14 Chili Cornbread Applesauce Milk
17 Sloppy Joe Mix Biscuit Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk	18 Meatballs Quinoa Corn Pears Milk	19 Bean and Cheese Burritos Peaches Milk	20 Chili Mac Pears Oranges Milk	21 Tex Mex Quinoa Corn Pears Milk
24 SCHOOL CLOSED	25 Turkey and Cheese Pinwheels Carrots Pineapple Milk	26 Chicken Cheese Enchiladas Green Beans Peaches Milk	27 Hot Dogs Potato Chips Fruit Salad Celery Sticks Juice	28 Sunflower Butter Jam Sandwiches Green Beans Apples Milk
31 Stroganoff Corn Pears Milk				

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