St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center

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Dear Parents:

I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-24 School Year, at St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center! We are looking forward to working with you on your child's education. We recognize that to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and the school. We know that a strong relationship with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success, and I want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

GUIDELINES - We ask you to take note of the following guidelines:

1. The school hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the morning sessions, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for full day sessions. Punctuality is very important. We ask that you make every effort to be in school on time. Daily attendance and punctuality are vital to ensure academic and social success. When students arrive late daily, they miss out on important learning activities and are disruptive to the rest of the class. We also ask that you be on time picking your child up, as the sisters have other commitments after school.

2. All children need to wear a **name tag** every day for the first two weeks.

3. Attached, you will find the school calendar as well as the Parent Student Handbook. **Tuition payments are due_the first week of each month.** If a check bounces, parents must pay the penalty charged by the bank.

Tuition fees for this year are as follows:

Nursery

3 half days \$280 monthly 3 full days \$400 monthly 5 half days \$350 monthly 5 full days \$450 monthly

Pre-K

5 half days \$350 monthly 5 full days \$450 monthly

Sibling Discount

If you have more than 1 child enrolled in our School, there is a 15% tuition discount for the 2nd child and a 20% discount for the third child.

4. Throughout the year a monthly newsletter is sent home with the children in their backpacks. Please **read these letters** carefully so that you may be aware of the school events.

5. All the children must be provided every day with a light snack and a drink. If your child is going to be in school all day, he/she needs to bring two snacks and lunch. Also, make sure your child has enough water for the day.

6. Coats, sweaters, hats, smocks, boots, lunch boxes, etc., must be labeled with your child's name.

IMMUNIZATION records must be in by the **first week** of school. The State mandates that schools do not accept any children without proof of immunization.

FIELD TRIPS/PARTIES - Every year we have some field trips and parties with the children; therefore, we ask you to place \$50 in an envelope, marked field trips/parties and write your child's name on it. This money is given to the class mothers to cover the expenses of the year's activities.

Our first field trip will be to **Meadowbrook Farm** (29 Old Myers Corners Rd. Wappingers Falls) for apple picking on Tuesday, **September 19.** We need to be at the Farm at 10:45 a.m.

Children will report to school at 8:30 a.m. and together we will begin our way to the Farm at 10:15 a.m. Children will be dismissed from the Farm. There will be no afternoon classes.

CLASS MOTHERS - To promote the spirit of cooperation between the school and parents we have assigned a class mother to each class. These mothers will assist the teachers on field trips, parties in school and other activities where help is needed.

The teachers, aides, and class mothers for the year 2023-2024 are:

Classes	Teachers	Teachers' Aides	Class mothers
Nursery (2-year-old program)	Sr. Mary Angela	Sr. Silvia	Mrs. Paula Glass
Nursery (3-year-old program)	Sr. Ana Maria	Sr. Rosa	Mrs. Jennifer Schwarz
Pre-Kindergarten	Sr. Nancy	Sr. Marta	Mrs. Victoria Fox

FUND RAISING - We usually have two funds raising during the school year. Our first fund - raising will be the selling of World's Finest Chocolate bars, which will begin on September 20th. Each family must participate in this fundraising, by selling a minimum of 2 boxes of chocolates, to help us raise funds for our School. There will be three top seller prizes. The first prize is a month's tuition. More information will be given in the next letter.

REMINDERS:

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1. Each student should bring 3 rolls of paper towels, 2 boxes of facial tissues, 4 rolls of toilet tissue and, if you can help us further, with any of these extra items, we will appreciate it greatly.

Hand Liquid Soap (small size), Hand Sanitizer, Fantastic, Lysol Disinfectant Spray, Hand and Face Wipes, Disinfectant Wipes, disposable gloves, or Garbage Bags (13-gallon size). These items are always needed. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

2. School closings due to inclement weather: The class mothers will notify you when we are closed or with delay. We follow Wappingers Falls School District.

Let us pray for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit upon us, as we carry out the very important task of educating our children. Thank you for entrusting your little ones to us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Marta González, OBT Principal