

September 2024 Wings Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

September 1
September tuition due
Medical forms due

September 2
Labor Day-No School

September 3
Staff In-Service Day

September 4
First day of school for Ducklings & Tadpoles

September 5
First day of school for Chickadees, Bear Cubs, Little Angels

September 16
Lunch Bunch begins

September 23
Back To School Night 6:30pm

September 25 & 26
My Favorite Thing Day 3s
Teddy Bear Day 4s

September 27
Staff In-Service (NO CLASSES)

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From the Director:

If you are like me, you are in awe of how fast the summer came and went. It seems like just yesterday we were just releasing our butterflies out into the world as we said goodbye to our 4 and 5 year olds, who are now on their way to Kindergarten. A new school year is upon us and we are all very busy getting ready for all of our new and returning angels. Our mission remains the same...to provide a fun, loving and learning environment for your angels. As we move into the new school year, we are imagining the coming months with children playing with the toys and sitting around the tables, learning how to cut with scissors and write their names. Each one of your children has been thought about as we write their names on their table tags and class lists. We can't wait until we spend our days with them and watch them grow. It's a privilege to be with them and we thank you for entrusting us with your treasures from God.

"Children are a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3

Warmly,
Jennifer Bujno

Our motto, "Childhood should be a journey not a race," reflects our strong feeling that childhood is a precious gift that should never be hurried.



REGARDING TUITION PAYMENTS

In past years, the question came up about payment of tuition in light of extended absence from school. The policy of our Board of Trustees is that for all students enrolled in school, all 10 tuition installment payments are due, regardless of the number of days that the child attends in any given month, whether due to illness or vacation, or school vacations. (Your tuition is a yearly fee divided into 10 equal payments, each due by the 1st of each month).

Our expenses never stop, and we prepare for your child each day, whether they attend or not. When your child is ABSENT from school, for any reason, we save all papers, art projects, and other information and send it home on the next school day which they attend. THERE IS NO NEED TO PICK UP THE PAPERS, UNLESS YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE AN EXTENDED ABSENCE OF MORE THAN ONE WEEK OF SCHOOL.

Keeping Track of Dates

We have many special events here at Heaven Sent. Holiday celebrations, special fun days, school pictures, and conferences are but some examples. In order to keep our parents as fully informed as possible, we publish these things in at least four locations: in your weekly Friday updates, in the monthly WINGS newsletter, on our “coming up labels” and on your monthly calendar. Please take time to check out these locations in order to keep “in the know” about what fun things are happening.

Parent Participation Activities:

We enjoy having as many of our parents involved in our holiday celebrations (parties) as would like to be involved. It’s definitely a Heaven Sent “thing” to have the parents involved in our classes. We really want to see the return of grownups reading to our students and joining in during our free play class time. Beginning in October, we will begin to provide our beloved “Stay and Play” time for our 4s. This is a fun time where grownups can sign up to stay and play during the first half hour of school in their Heaven Sent angel’s classroom. During the second part of our school year, we will include our 3s in our Stay and Play activity as well as we hope to bring back our Story Time Readers. Further details on both will be coming soon!





FAQs about Birthdays here at school

Q: How are birthdays celebrated at Heaven Sent?

A: You will be notified at the beginning of your child's birthday month about what day we'll recognize it here at school. We try to schedule as close to the actual birthday as possible, and summer birthdays are scheduled as 1/2 birthdays or during the last weeks of school.

Q: What do we bring?

A: We invite you to send in a snack to share with the class that day. (You'll get suggestions on your reminder notice.) Please DO NOT send in a different snack for your birthday child than the one you send in for everyone else.

Q: Can I send in "goodie bags" for my child's class friends?

A: Please save those for your "at home" parties. We will not be able to use them at school. The only thing we need you to send in is a snack.

Q: Can I send in birthday invitations to be handed out?

A: No, thank you. You will be receiving a school directory with everyone's home addresses which you can use to mail out your child's birthday invitations. Or you can hand them out before or after school in the parking lot.

More Important News

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

Many studies show that there is nothing more important that a parent can do to encourage success in school than to read aloud to their children. As such, we are delighted to be a part of the Scholastic Book Club and Trumpet Club families. About once a month, throughout the year, you will be given brochures for books.

We invite you to look it over, order any books that you're interested in, and place your orders. **Ordering and payment are now done online, and we'll be giving you the code you'll need to order.** We're sure that you'll agree that the prices are terrific, and the books offered are among the finest for children.

And for every book that you order, Heaven Sent earns bonus points good for books and videos for our school library! (If these books are ever meant to be gifts-for Christmas or birthdays, please let us know, and we'll "sneak" it to you when the order comes in about 2 or 3 weeks after the closing date for orders.) If you choose not to order books, that's fine too! You may order (or not) at any time during the year.

SHOES SHOES SHOES!!!

We urge you to have your child wear sneakers or other shoes with a FLAT SOLE to school. We climb steps and play on the playground during school. Flip Flops and open shoes, including crocs, create problems when climbing, or when mulch from the playground gets into footwear. Children wearing flip flops, sandals, or shoes with a heel or open-backed shoes will NOT be permitted to play on any climbing toys on the playground.

FIRE DRILLS AND OTHER HOT TOPICS

We do have monthly fire drills here at Heaven Sent. They are scheduled at different times during the day so that your children will get used to emergency evacuation of the building. For the first several drills the children are told exactly what is going to happen, and when it is going to happen. Later in the year, we do keep it an unannounced drill. We also conduct two Lock Down drills during the school year as mandated by the state of NJ. Like the fire drills, we will tell the children exactly what is going to happen and when it is going to happen and later in the year they will be unannounced.