


Welcome, Parent and Students!

Holy Cross Preschool





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Classroom Community

- Our classroom rules help us get along with each other:
 - We are nice to others.
 - We play safely.
 - We keep our classroom clean.
 - We listen to the teacher.
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Bathroom Procedure

- Since we are lucky enough to have bathroom right inside of our classroom, I will allow students to go whenever they need to.
 - Students will give me a hand signal when they need to go and I will give them a nod or verbal okay.
 - During the first week of school, please send in an extra change of clothing in a gallon size Ziploc bag for your child in the event of an emergency.
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4 Year Old Classroom Schedule

This is what a typical morning in
our classroom looks like.




8:00 - 8:30	School starts, Unpack, and Morning meeting
8:30 – 9:00	Specials (Library, Gym, Music, Technology, Art)
9:00 – 9:20	Big Experience 1
9:20 – 9:40	Religion
9:40– 10:00	Snack and Bathroom break
10:00 - 10:20	Big Experience 2
10:20 -10:40	Handwriting Without Tears
10:40 - 11:15	Centers
11:15- 12:15	Bathroom break, Lunch and Recess






4 Year Old Classroom Schedule

This is what a typical afternoon
in our classroom looks like.







11:20 - 12:15	Lunch and Recess
12:20 - 1:00	Quiet Story and Rest time
1:00 - 1:20	Big Experience 3
1:20 - 1:45	Activity Time/ Small group
1:45 - 2:25	Centers
2:30 - 2:45	Pack -up and Dismissal









Curriculum

- Throughout the year, your student will be learning about:
 - Handwriting Without Tears program
 - Religion: We use the God made Everything religion series by Loyola Press
 - 4 yr olds – *God Made the World*: students learn that God made living things, including people, holy things, the earth, and other wonderful surprises.
 - Big Day Curriculum, encompasses ELA, (Reading, Writing, and Language skills), Math, Science, Social Studies, and Social Skills
 - Every four weeks we will be focusing our activities on a particular theme such as Ready for School, My Family, Our Community, etc.
 - During the different holidays, we will learn about what makes that particular holiday special.
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Snack





- Please provide ONE healthy snack and drink for your child everyday.
 - Also please pack with their snack **2** napkins and any forks/spoons needed to eat their snack with.
 - Pretzels are also available for purchase through the home and school every day. Information about how to order pretzels are in the school communication envelope. Students can only receive a pretzel if they have ordered it in advance.
 - Many times students do not finish their pretzel/snack or do not wish to eat their pretzel that day. If a few parents could send in a box of sandwich bags it would be much appreciated. Thank you!
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Lunch

- Hot Lunch is available for purchase. Orders are due the 1st day of school. Make sure you mark on the menu for yourself what days you ordered for your child. Menus and order forms are online about 2 weeks prior to the following month.
 - Suggestion for the 1st month of lunch ask your child if they liked the lunch they ate, therefore you can easily find out what lunches to order/not order the following month. Please note that milk is offered when ordering hot lunch.
- If you are not ordering lunch for your child on that day, please make sure to pack napkins, spoons, forks, and anything they would need to eat their lunch from home.
- Please do not pack anything breakable and send things that are easy to open.
- Students will have about 20 minutes to eat their lunch with a 5 minute “quiet time” at the beginning of the lunch period.



Volunteers





- I will be looking for volunteers to help out in the classroom throughout the year.
 - In order to volunteer you must have:
 - Child Abuse Clearance
 - Criminal Record Check
 - Training in Archdiocesan Safe Environment
 - Training in Mandated Reporting
 - Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification Form
 - For more information, please check out the school website Bulletin Board under *Safe Environment Instructions*.
 - I will be sending home a letter to see who is available for volunteering in late September/early October.
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Drop –Off Procedure

- School begins at 8:00 AM.
- Students can be dropped off at in the car line. If you are dropping off older siblings, they can walk in together.
- An adult will be in the front lobby of the school to greet your student. An older student will walk your child down to the classroom in the morning.
- Please call the office if your student is going to be absent or if you are running late for pick up.
- Any student who is dropped off after 8:00 AM will have to be brought into the school office.
- ❖ Please Note: **Pick-up/drop-off time is not the time to meet me for a conference.** I am willing to set up a separate time to meet if you wish to speak to me about any problems or questions.







Pick-Up Procedure

- **DISMISSAL:** Dismissal will be through the regular car line at the end of the school day. Any students attending CARES will be brought down to the cafeteria. Please send in a note stating which days your child is attending CARES.
 - If you have someone else pick up, please write me a note stating who is picking up. If your CARES schedule changes, please send in a change of transportation form.
 - ❖ Also, if you are late for pick up, I will bring your child to the school office and you can pick them up from there.
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Unpacking

- Students are in charge of unpacking/packing their own bag everyday.
 - I will ask them to check that their folder is empty in the morning or to hand me anything that you might have sent in.
 - Please try to check their folder every day when they get home to ensure that you have any information I might send home.
 - Communication envelopes go home to the eldest child in the family. They contain information from the school and are filled on Wednesdays. Please send them back ASAP so that I have them for the next time they are filled.
 - Kid's Stuff Books
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Supplies

Bring these items each day

- Daily folder
- Snack and lunch (unless you ordered hot lunch)
- Sneakers
- A smile



Don't bring these items

- Toys, rings, bracelets, or big necklaces from home – I do not want to get lost or broken.
- To follow school rules, please have your student refrain from having on nail polish or temporary tattoos.

Let's have a
GREAT year!

