



October 2011



St. James' Nursery School News

Calendar of Events

10/3: AM Classes Only Closed and Full Day Pre-K 4's Class Delayed opening at 12:00 – In-Service Planning Time

10/11: 3's Bookmobile Visit

10/11: Parent Volunteer Training at 6:30 (please RSVP)

10/12-13: Chapel Times

10/13: Joe Corbi order forms start getting sent home!

10/14: Main Street MWF 3's and Pre-K 4's Bookmobile Visit

10/17 and 24: Presentations at St. James: Do you know what would happen to your child if you died without a will?

10/18: Nursery School Closed for Staff In-Service

10/19-21: Larriland Farm Trips for the 2's

10/27: CPR training at 6:30 PM

10/25 & 26: Gaver Farm Trips for the 3's

10/27-31: Halloween Fun!!

10/31: Corbi orders and payment due this week and no later than November 9



From the Director's Desk

As fall arrives I'm becoming excited about the holiday season getting closer and closer. We have so much fun and excitement to look forward to.

On October the 18 the Nursery School will be closed for our first in-service day. The staff will be attending a three-hour training on the use of sign-language in early childhood classrooms. Then following lunch we will hold staff meetings and work in the classrooms.

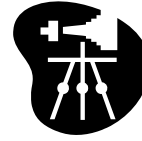
I want to extend an invitation to those parents looking for a way to participate in volunteering at St. James. I will need the assistance of several parents on November 14 and 15 to help unload pizzas and desserts from the Joe Corbi. Thank you to all the parents that will help by selling and buying Corbi's yummy products. We will begin sending home Corbi order information on October 13. Orders and payments will be due the week of Halloween and no later then November 9th.

Our staff is beginning again a new venture into obtaining further accreditation for our school. As I hope you already know, our school does hold national accreditation through NAEYC. We are now going to go through the Maryland state accreditation process. We hope to hold dual-accreditation by the end of next year. I will be calling on some parents to help with the completion of checklists and documentation needed for this process. If you are interested in learning more about what we are working on, please give me a call!

As always, I remain available to parents for questions or suggestions,

Pat

Irvine-Simon Photographers



Time to dress up! Each child's individual picture will be taken on *November 9, 10 and 11*. Finished pictures will be delivered approximately four weeks after picture day. The order process will be slightly different this year – we do not have the details yet to share with you. Additional orders for photos can be made directly from the photographer.

October Chapel Schedule

Chapel Time with Rev. Portia

October 12

Chapel Time with Ms. Pat

October 13

This month's chapel is "feeling safe when it feels scary". Please feel free to join us.



Halloween Information

As children become more and more excited about the holiday of Halloween, we want to ask parents for help on a few items. If your child's costume comes with a mask, please leave the mask at home on the day of St. James' parties. We are also asking that costumes be non-scary and 'friendly'. Also, please remember to leave 'weapons' at home.

Thank you for your help with this.

PORT DISCOVERY Children's Museum

Fall Fun at Port Discovery

The Wonders of Water – explore scientific concepts through experimentation.

Tot Trails exhibit - for birth to age 3 - brings outdoors indoors!

Wonderful Wednesdays - preschoolers and kindergarteners are the museum's focus.

Circle Time - for ages 3-5 may include stories, songs, puppetry, and creative drama.

For more information, go to www.portdiscovery.org or call Nora Moynihan, Director of Education and Community Enrichment at 410-864-2664.

CRAB FEAST – OCTOBER 21st

St. James' fourth annual Crab Feast will be held on Friday October 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM. Tickets are on sale at St. James'. The cost is \$35 per person for all you can eat crabs, steamed shrimp, corn-on-the-cob (donated by the Knills), Cole slaw, and dessert.



St. James' Basket Raffle and Silent Auction

The 5th annual St. James' Episcopal Church Basket Raffle and Silent Auction will take place during Mt. Airy Fall Fest, October 1st and 2nd, 2011 at the St. James' Thrift Shop, 234 S. Main Street in downtown Mt. Airy. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on

Saturday, October 1st and from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 2nd. Winning tickets will be drawn on Monday, October 3rd beginning at 9:00 a.m. Winners need not be present and will be notified by phone. There will be convenient pickup times on Monday at the Thrift Shop and Tuesday and Thursday during the day and evening at St. James' Episcopal Church, 1307 N. Main Street, Mt. Airy.

There will be approximately 50 themed baskets including American Girl Doll and clothes basket, a Maryland basket, an apple items basket, Pampered Chef basket, John Deere basket and many more. Silent Auction items will include jewelry, a handcrafted doll house, and gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses. Monies raised will benefit St. James' Episcopal Church and its outreach projects.

For further information or questions, please contact co-chairpersons:

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Do you really know what would happen to your child if you died without a will?

No one likes to think that they might die. When we're busy and overwhelmed by day to day concerns, it is easy to put things off for another time. There is always more time--right? And people worry about how much it costs to have a will drawn up. But do you really know what would happen to your child if you were in an accident and died tomorrow without a will? Perhaps you've told

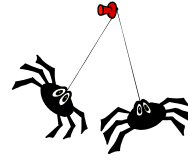
someone you'd like for them to take care of your child--but without a will, you cannot be assured that your wishes will be followed. Maybe you think your children would receive everything you have for their care--but without a will, do you know what happens to half of your assets? If you do not have a current will, you are invited to attend two very important sessions to learn what the reality is for your children in the State of Maryland. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end promptly by 8:30 p.m. There will be time allocated for questions and answers. **On Monday, October 17th**, a local attorney, Tim Barkley, will talk about wills and especially about the needs of young families. **On Monday, October 24th**, Tim May, former Judge of the Orphan Court, will talk about the Court and situations resulting from the lack of a will. Who will end up taking care of your child? What if there are family disagreements about what your intentions were? Please put these sessions on your calendar and encourage friends, family and neighbors to attend. It is open to any one in the community. It could make a huge difference in a child's life!

FYI!!

Remember that when teaching your child to write their name that they should learn to make the first letter (only) a capital and the following letter lowercase. Provide blank paper for your child to practice writing their name.



Preschoolers in the Kitchen



Chocolate Spiders!!

For a special Halloween treat melt some chocolate chips in the microwave. When melted add dry chow mien noodles and mix all together. Spoon onto wax paper and add 2 mini m&ms on each one for eyes. Leave in fridge to cool. Yummy spiders to crunch on!

A PRAYER FOR PARENTS

Help me to be a better parent.

Forbid that I should ever punish my children for my selfish satisfaction.

May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable and have the courage always to withhold a privilege which I know will do them harm.

Make me so fair and just, so considerate and companionable to my children that they will have a genuine esteem for me.

Fit me to be loved and imitated by my children.

-- Author Unknown --

Halloween Parades and
Trick-or-Treating!!
October 27th (TTh 3's and Pre-K 4's)
October 31st (MWF 3's and Pre-K 4's)

Trick-or-Treating with your friends is so much fun! It's even more fun when the children can actually trick-or-treat at their friends' homes. We would like the children to be able to experience this even if they don't live in the same neighborhoods! How you ask?? **With a little bit of imagination and parent participation!**

On the day of your child's Halloween Party, take your child into their classroom dressed in their costume (no masks or scary costumes, please) and drop them off as you typically do. After you have dropped them off, proceed to the parking lot area for a parade and a song or two. Remember your cameras!! But, the fun isn't over yet!

After the children have paraded around, sang some songs, and posed for pictures, we'd like to do a trick-or-treat activity. In order to make this work, we need you to work with your child at home (before the party day) to make your house out of a paper bag or shoe box (have fun, be creative). Fill your house bag or box with Halloween treats. **PLEASE NO NUTS, NUT PRODUCTS, OR PRODUCTS WITH TRACES OF NUTS.**

Please give out only a single item to each child. Some suggestions include: stickers, pencils, spider rings, a piece of candy, individual bags of pretzels/goldfish, etc.

Parents will line up in a row, with their houses filled with goodies, and the children will go "door-to-door" to trick-or-treat with their friends (Some classes will trick-or-treat in the inside hall – watch for directions that day!). After the trick-or-treating activity, the children will go back inside the classroom and you are free to leave until the end of class time or stay if you have signed up to volunteer.





Shop at Safeway to earn money for our group

Renew or sign up with your Safeway Club Card today!

Renew by Nov. 1

If you participated last year, renew so our group continues to earn contributions.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "YES RENEW!"
- Enter either your phone number, email, or Club Card number

OR

Sign up

Your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for our group.

- Go to eScrip.com
- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Enter your Club Card number

What's new!

Safeway wants to do what we can to help every child stay fit and have access to nutrition programs. So we are asking schools and groups that receive Safeway donations to allocate 20% toward fitness and nutrition activities.

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