



September 2009



# St. James' Nursery School News

## Calendar of Events:

9/10: Parent orientation at Main Street in the upstairs church sanctuary for TTH 2's and 3's at 9:00 AM and 12:15 PM and at 1:15 PM at the Annex.

9/9: Parent orientation at the Annex in the upstairs hall for the Annex 2-day 3's at 11:00 AM

9/10: Volunteer Training Session at 10:00 in the Main Street Sanctuary

9/24 & 25: Bookmobile visits Main Street Pre-K 4's and MWF 3's

9/14: Parent orientation at Main Street in the upstairs church sanctuary for MW 2's and MWF 3's at 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM

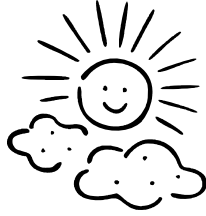
9/14: Volunteer Training Session at 10:00 and 1:30 in the Main Street Sanctuary

9/18: Parent orientation at Main Street in the upstairs church sanctuary for Friday 2's and MWF 3's at 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM

9/18: Volunteer Training Session at 10:00 and 1:30 in the Main Street Sanctuary

9/18: T-shirt orders and payments due

9/29: Bookmobile visits the TTH 3's



### *From the Director's Desk*

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to another wonderful year at St. James Nursery School. You will find that St. James has an outstanding program and staff and that we are eager to make you and your child feel welcome and at-home.

We are still moving through the process to gain accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). I am sending in our application for candidacy for accreditation by the end of the month. God willing, we will be approved for candidacy and evaluators from NAEYC will be coming to observe our school during this school year.

I encourage you to go to <http://www.rightchoiceforkids.org/> to learn more about NAEYC accreditation and what it means for St. James' Nursery School, its staff and the children we serve.

Additionally, we are now in the second year of the grant that our school received through the Maryland State Department of Education. This year we are working on implementing one of the state recommended preschool curriculums entitled, "Teaching Strategies: Creative Curriculum." The teachers and I will be examining the learning environments in classrooms and the management and planning techniques being used when

preparing for children's play and experiences in the classroom. The grant is providing us with funding to pay for staff training on the "Creative Curriculum" and for the purchase of materials and equipment needed in the environment to enhance learning centers and for the teaching of language and literacy.

Remember that communication is a key component in any undertaking! This is especially true in a preschool program. Please take time each month to read the school-wide newsletter and the classroom calendar/agenda sent home by your child's teacher. Also, check the classroom's parent board for any notes, sign-ups and other information on a daily basis. The wipe-and-write boards located near each classroom will highlight some of the experiences the children will be doing each day.

One advantage to a preschool program is that many of you will have daily contact with either the teacher or the assistant teacher. For those parents unable to pick-up or drop-off their child daily, please know that we remain available for any questions you may have. Sharon Hansen, the Business Manager and Assistant Director, and I are happy to answer any questions. We may be reached at the office number (301-829-0014) or by e-mail at [stjamesnursery@verizon.net](mailto:stjamesnursery@verizon.net).

Savor every day with your preschooler. As we all know, time goes so fast and they are young for such a short time. Here's to another productive and enriching year together,

### **Just a Reminder!**

When paying tuition each month, please mail it to us (St. James Nursery School, P.O. Box 416, Mt. Airy, MD 21771) or bring it to the Main Street Nursery School office. Please write your child's name on in the memo line of your check. We have a limited number of payment booklets available in the office, if you would like one.

Just a reminder that the second tuition payment is due on September 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a \$25 late fee for payments made after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### ***eScrip and Food Lion***

Great news!! Our eScrip families funded a donation of nearly \$800 for our school last year! If you are **already enrolled** in eScrip, please renew today! For new families, please register for eScrip on-line at [escrip.com](http://escrip.com) and choose St. James' Nursery School (group id# 155428931) to benefit from your purchases. Also, please send in your completed Food Lion Shop & Save form to the Nursery office by September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will enter your Food Lion card information on-line. Thank you!

### **Bulletin Board**

The Board of St. James' Nursery School welcomes all of you to another new school year. St. James' is a wonderful community and we are all excited to begin a new year. We hope we can work together to serve our children in the best possible way. There are many ways you can contribute as a family to St. James': For example, you can register your Safeway card with E-scrip, register with Food Lion's Shop

and Save Program, bring in your Campbell's food labels, volunteer to help at the school, or simply pray for your child's teacher(s) and the staff at St. James' as they guide our young children.

As part of the St. James' Family, we invite you to participate in all aspects of the St. James' community, even those outside of the Nursery School. During the month of September the Church will be hosting a Fall Plant Sale on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm; Sunday school begins on September 13<sup>th</sup> and is held every Sunday at 9:30am in the Nursery School classrooms, and a Sock Hop will be held on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm in the upstairs Parish Hall. Stay tuned for upcoming events as the year progresses. We also invite you to visit our Thrift Shop downtown on Main Street. Donations are always welcome and there are always wonderful items for sale.

The governing Board of the Nursery School is comprised of seven St. James' Church members: Natalie DelRegno (Co-chair), Aimee Winkler (Co-chair), Robin Kaizer (Secretary), Dianne Hadermann, Nancy Nanavaty, Denise Witmer, and Carolyn Etzler, who also serves as our liaison to the Church Vestry. A staff representative, Christine Pullen, and two parent representatives, Michael Demory and Amy Austin also serve on the Board. Together we make decisions about school policy, personnel, finance and strategic planning for the future of the school. We encourage you to bring any suggestions or concerns to any member of the Board.

Thank you for choosing St. James' Nursery School for your child's education. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

*Blessings,*

*The St. James' Nursery School Board*

### **CAMPBELL'S LABELS**

St. James Nursery School will continue to participate in the Campbell's Labels for Education program. Points earned through this collection will be redeemed for classroom materials. As we gear up for another school year, we ask that you save the product UPC codes/lids that can earn points for the school. (Please refer to the product list in your Parent Handbook!) Thanks for helping us in this fundraiser and thank you to one of our parents, Marlene O'Clery, for coordinating this collection again this year!!

### **Bookmobile Van!!**

We are very excited that the library will be able to come to St. James each month again this year to visit all of the 3's, Pre-K 4's and Pre-K 4/5's classes. When the van comes to the school, the van librarian will visit the classroom for a 15 minute story and song time. Then the children will go out to van to select a book for use in the classroom. These books will remain at the nursery school and will be available for children's enjoyment until the next Bookmobile Van visit.

### **Upcoming Dates for October**

**October 10/11:** Individual Picture Day

**October 12:** Fund Raiser Starts

**October 13, 14 and 16:** 2's Trips to Larriland Farm

**October 15/16:** 3's Fieldtrip to Clark's Elioak Farm

**October 21/22:** Pre-K 4's & 4/5's Fieldtrip to Summer's Farm

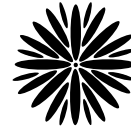
**October 28-30:** Halloween Parade's and Parties

### **Coming Up on Tuesday, October 20th!!**

Infant, Child and Adult CPR Training will be held at St. James' Episcopal Church and School at

6:30pm. This is a wonderful, one-night training opportunity that really gives you peace-of-mind. The trainer is great and makes the experience fun! Cost is \$50 per person. Make checks payable to HealthFirst and sign up in the office by Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Call Pat, 301-829-0014, for more information!

### ***Fall Plant Sale***



The St. James' Episcopal Church, will hold its second annual fall plant sale on Saturday September 12 from 9 AM until 3 PM in the circle in front of the church, rain or shine. The sale will feature all colors of mums, asters, and ornamental cabbage and kale. Profits from the sale will be used to pay for landscaping at the front of the church. For further information, contact Susan Winters at 410-489-9323.

### **Preschoolers in the Kitchen**



### **Apple Toast**

1 tablespoon butter  
4 slices white/whole wheat bread  
1 large apple, cored and thinly sliced  
1 tablespoon cinnamon

1. Set oven to broil.
2. Spread butter on one slice of bread. Place apple slices on buttered side of bread. Sprinkle cinnamon on top. Place bread on a baking sheet.
3. Place in preheated oven until toasted, about 2 minutes.

## Fund Raiser Coming in October



This year's fall fund raiser will be selling Joe Corbi's Pizza and Cookie Dough. Their pizzas and cookies are delicious and it is always nice to have an easy dinner in the freezer! These pizzas tend to sell themselves. We would love to see 100% participation in this fund raiser. Information on the pizza and order forms will be sent home the week of October 12. The money (checks payable to St. James Nursery School) and the order forms are due to back to your child's class by October 26 and no later than November 4. The pizzas, cookies and desserts will then be ordered and parents will come to pick them up on the 10 and 11 of November.

### **Important points to remember!**

\*\*If we have 100 people sell 11 kits, we will make \$6,000!!

\*\*For every 11 kits sold, you will earn one free tub of cookies.

Thank you, in advance, for helping with this fund raiser.

## **Annual Raffle and Auction at St. James Episcopal Church**

St. James' 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Raffle and Auction will take place at the St. James' Thrift Shop during Mt. Airy's fall Fest on Saturday and Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be drawn and winners notified on October 5<sup>th</sup>. During the week prior to Fall Fest (from the afternoon of Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> until the afternoon of Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>) the baskets and silent auction items will be at the church, and parishioners and Nursery School families can purchase raffle tickets, bid with

their tickets, and place silent auction bids at the church.

We hope all St. James' Nursery School parents will stop up and purchase tickets and make bids. The baskets are going to be filled with lots of super items and gift certificates good for both gift giving and your own use. Profits from the event benefit St. James', and 10% of the proceeds will be contributed to Mt. Airy Net.



## **Ladies Bible Study Group** **During Class Time!!**

A group will begin meeting on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and will meet for bible study in the St. James' kitchen on the first, third, and fifth Fridays of the month from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. If you would like to join them, please contact Maureen Suckling at 301-829-8421 or [msuckling@juno.com](mailto:msuckling@juno.com), or just drop in. No prior experience required!

## **CRAB FEAST**



The St. James' Episcopal Church's second annual Crab Feast will be held on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM. Tickets will go on sale in mid-September. Contact Linda Bonifant-Travers at 301-703-8155 for more information.

## Ms. Karla's 2's

Welcome to St. James Nursery School. We hope that you had a wonderful summer.

In September the children will be exploring the classroom and getting to know one another and us.

Each month we will have a color, number, shape and nursery rhyme. The nursery rhyme for September is "Mary Had a Little Lamb", the color is orange and the shape is the triangle. We will introduce the number one.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child and working together this year. Please know that if you ever have any questions or concerns, please speak with us.

*Ms. Karla, Ms. Jenny  
and Ms. Toni*



## Ms. Dona's Green Room 3's

Welcome to the Green Classroom where Ms. Dona and Ms. Deb (morning) and Ms. Dona and Ms. Tracy (afternoon) are eagerly waiting to meet you and your children.

This month the children will be exploring the classroom and getting to know us and each other. Painting, singing, listening to stories and playing will be some of the activities they can engage in each day. The color this month is red; the number is 1; and the shape is the circle.

We have tried to create a warm, welcoming, and enriching environment, so that all the children can learn and grow. We look forward to working with your children and you.

*Ms. Dona, Ms. Deb and Ms. Tracy  
P.S. Please send in a family photo.*



## Ms. Deb's Green Room 3's

Welcome to the Green Room at St. James' Nursery School. Ms. Jenny and I are excited to have you and your family become a part of our classroom this year. We have been very busy getting everything ready for your first day of school.

September will start with us getting to know all of our new friends. We will sing songs, play games and explore as we learn all about our friends, their families and what they like to do at home and at school.

As we go through and finish out the month we will start filling our room with the signs of fall. We will begin with apples: counting, painting, matching, cooking and eating... How many things will we be able to do with apples? Don't worry we will keep track as we graph our apple activities.

Important dates to remember:  
9/10 Parent Orientation 9:00am  
9/23 Bookmobile 10:30am

We are looking forward to a great year with you and your child. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

*Ms. Deb and Ms. Jenny*



## **Ms. Susan's Red Room 3's**

Welcome to the 3's Red Room! We are looking forward to an exciting and fun year.

This month we will start out getting to know each other and begin working on rules and routines of our classroom. Our month will end with Apple activities and the celebration of Johnny Appleseed's Birthday. Throughout the month we will be working on the following skills: the color red, the number 1, the circle shape, and parts of the body (such as ankle, wrist and elbow).

We will also be making a book this month called "All About Me". Please remember to read the white board outside our room every day of class to find out what fun activities will be going on that particular day. Thank you for sharing your child with us!

*Ms. Susan and Mrs. Calka*



## **Ms. Kim's Yellow Room 3's and Pre-K 4's**

Welcome to St. James' Nursery School!! Ms. Linda, Mrs. Calka and I are looking forward to this year and have many exciting activities planned for your children. We will be spending most of the month of September learning about each other and our families. This will enable us to get better acquainted with one another and begin to make new friendships.

We will also have fun exploring all the fun things about an apple. Did you know an apple has a star? What color apple tastes the best? These will be some of the fun facts about the apple we will

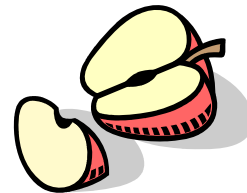
be exploring. We will also be celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birthday with a wonderful snack made by the chiefs of our classes.

The Pre-K fours will begin learning about the letter "Aa". What sound does it make? What fun words can you make with the letter A? Whose name begins with the letter A.? And of course, we will play many fun games and activities to enhance the learning of the letter.

The threes will begin to recognize their names through games and activities. Some will begin to write their name. As always, we will be learning new songs, moving to beat, and just having a lot of fun throughout our school year.

Please feel free to call me if you have any concerns or questions at anytime during the year. Whether this is your first year or third year here at St. James Nursery School, this year should be a wonderful experience for you and your child.

Ms. Kim, Ms Linda and Mrs. Calka



## **Mrs. Garnand's Red Room Pre-K 4's**

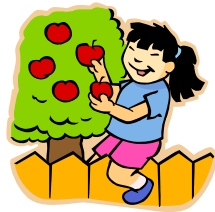
Welcome to St. James! We hope you had a wonderful summer. Mrs. Calka and I are looking forward to this year and have many exciting activities planned for your children. We will be spending most of the month of September learning about each other and our families. This will enable us to get better acquainted with one another and begin to establish new friendships.

Please bring in a family picture to hang on our family tree.

We will have fun exploring all the fun facts about an apple. Did you know an apple has a star? We will also make applesauce. It is so delicious and it will be our snack! We will celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday with a fun apple headband.

We are excited to meet our new friend and their families and to having a fun-filled learning experience this year.

*Mrs. Garnand and Mrs. Calka*



## News from the Annex

Welcome! Ms. Susan, Ms. Karen and I hope you had a safe and happy summer. We are getting very excited about meeting all of you and can't wait to start working with your children.

September is an exciting month as we get to know each other and form new friendships. Our units for the month will include back-to-school, all about me and apples. To celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday each class will create delicious apple snacks.

If during the year you have any questions, please feel free to call me. We are looking forward to a fun-filled year of learning and growing!

*Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Susan  
and Ms. Karen*

## Apples

By: Helen H. Moore

Apples, apples, what a treat,  
Sweet and tart and good to eat.  
Apples green and apples red,  
Hang from branches overhead,  
And when they ripen,  
Down they drop,  
So we can taste our apple crop!



## Wish List for our Classroom Writing and Creative Art Centers!!

- ✓ **Stickers**
- ✓ **Envelopes**
- ✓ **Note pads**
- ✓ **Little pencils, crayons  
and markers**
- ✓ **Stationary**
- ✓ **Glue sticks**
- ✓ **Paper of all sorts,  
colors, sizes and  
shapes**
- ✓ **Foam shapes**
- ✓ **Wiggley eyes**
- ✓ **Small pieces of wood,  
plastic, fabric, etc.**
- ✓ **Curley paper and or  
pretend hair**
- ✓ **Holiday related  
materials**
- ✓ **Spangles and other  
little decorations**