

September 2011



St. James' Nursery School News

Calendar of Events:

9/12: MWF 3's and Pre-4's begin regular schedule

9/13: Annex & Main Street Bookmobile for TTH 3's

9/13: TTH 2's, 3's and Pre-K 4's begin regular schedule

9/13: Parent Orientation and Volunteer Training at Main Street Sanctuary at 9:10

9/13: Evening Volunteer Training at 6:30 (please RSVP)

9/13: Main Street Bookmobile Story time Visits

9/14: Parent Orientation and Volunteer Training at Main Street Sanctuary at 9:10 and 12:35

9/14: MW 2's begin regular schedule

9/16: Main Street Bookmobile Story time Visits

9/23: Parent Orientation and Volunteer Training at Main Street Sanctuary at 9:10

9/23: T-shirt orders and payments due

9/23: Friday 2's begin regular schedule

9/26: Annex Bookmobile Story time Visit

**Trips coming in October!!
Look for dates inside...**



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. I would like to announce that Christine Pullen, who has worked at St. James for the past four years will begin teaching two Preschool 3's classes this Fall. Taking her place as our Floating Aide and Office Assistant, is Nicole Robb who comes to us with a degree from Towson University in Early Childhood Education and four years teaching experience in Carroll County Public Schools. Best wishes to Christine and Nicole as they begin in their new positions.

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, please check the classroom's parent board for any notes, sign-ups and other information on a daily basis. One advantage to a preschool program is that many of you will have daily contact with either the teacher or the assistant teacher. Please feel free to talk with the classroom teachers about any concerns or questions. If you are not able to visit the school on a regular basis, please know that the teaching staff welcome phone calls and e-mails.

Sharon Hansen, the Business Manager and Assistant Director, and I are happy to answer any questions you may have. We may be reached at the

office number (301-829-0014) or by e-mail at 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 a productive and enriching year together,

Pat



Chapel Time

Each month the Preschool 3's and Pre-K 4's will gather for a 10-15 minute chapel time. Reverend Portia will lead the chapel times with the MWF classes and Pat Castle with the TTH classes beginning in October. Mini-chapel times for the 2's classes will begin in December.

Please know that parents are always welcome to join us for Chapel Time.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS

St. James Nursery School will continue to participate in the Campbell's Labels for Education program. These points will be eventually 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 the Parent Handbook!) Each building has a container that you may place your codes, etc. in. If you are interested in helping collect and tabulate labels please let Pat know. We lost our Campbell's Coordinator as she moved on last year with her graduating child and we are seeking a replacement!! Thanks for helping us in this fundraiser!!

Upcoming Dates

October 13

Joe Corbi Fundraiser starts

October 18

St. James Closed - In-Service

October 19/20/21

2's Larriland Farm Trips

October 25/26

3's Gaver Farm Trips

October 28/31

Halloween Parade's and Parties

November 3/4

Pre-K 4's Trips to Sharp's Farm

November 9/10/11

Individual Picture Day

eScrip

If you are **already enrolled** in eScrip, please renew today! For new families, please register for eScrip on-line at escrip.com and choose St. James' Nursery School (group id# 155428931) to benefit from your purchases.

PAPER NEEDED!!!

We are in need of a **LARGE** roll of newsprint to use to cover tables during creative art projects. If you have a "source" that you can get a donation from, please let us know! Thank you so much!

Fall Fund Raiser



For this year's fall fund raiser will again be selling Joe Corbi's pizza and cookies. Their pizza is 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. The money raised will be used to pay for the equipment and materials to enhance the classroom environment at our Annex and Main Street locations. Information and order forms will be sent home beginning October 13. The money (checks payable to St. James' Nursery School and/or cash) and order forms are due to back to your child's class the week of October 31 and no later than November 8. Parents must come to pick items ordered on the 14 or 15 of November.

Important points to remember!

**If we have 150 people sell 11 kits, we will make \$10,000!!

**For every 11 kits sold, you will receive one free order of chocolate chunk cookies!! Yum!

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

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!

Bookmobile Van!!

We are very excited that the library will be able to come to St. James each month again this year to visit the Preschool 3's and Pre-K 4'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.



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.

Raising Trustworthy Children

We want our children to be good citizens with a strong sense of self. Following are some ideas to help you raise your children to be honest:

*During your family time including your face to face meal times give your child a chance to grow her true voice, making her feel worthy by truly listening.

*When you catch your child in an untruth listen to his story and try to understand what fears led him to believe he could not tell the truth.

*Have firm, fair consequences and limits. Hold your child responsible.

*Talk about honesty and truth in words and ideas that your child can understand. Give him a chance to think about what honesty and truth means for your child's relationships.

*Children look up to their parents and caregivers. When you make mistakes with your words or actions acknowledge those mistakes.

*Children notice when adults say one thing and do or say another; endeavor to be honest.

*Encourage and inspire your children to want to be truthful.

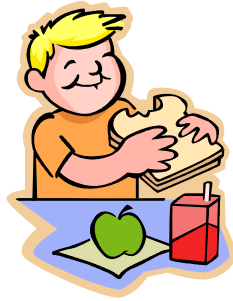
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Lunch Bunch!!



11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

To extend the PRESCHOOL FUN,

Whether in the AM or PM!

Monday, Wednesday and Friday – Starting in October!!

Program includes

- Teacher led stories, songs, games and movement activities.
- Outdoor and Indoor Activities
- Students bring **nut-free** lunch and drink. Milk will be available.
- Morning preschoolers stay until 12:30
- Afternoon preschoolers can arrive at 11:30
- Supervised by St. James' Nursery School staff
- Convenient for parent schedule – *an extra hour!*

Lunch Bunch is available to children in our Main Street MWF 3's and 4's and is limited to 18 children. Parents can sign up for just the dates you would like for the month (there is no minimum or maximum number). There will be no refunds or make-up classes provided for missed days, with the exception of inclement weather or emergency closings. Cost per day is \$8, payable in advance. Please drop in the Nursery School Office on Main Street to sign-up beginning the morning of Thursday, September 15!