

# Preschool News

## JANUARY 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU,** for your overwhelming generosity to the families from St. Vincent DePaul. The gifts were picked up by the individual families on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support and for making this Christmas a “very merry” one for six local families. You all are wonderful!!!

Well, the holidays are over, and its back to preschool business and that includes registration for the 2019/2020 school year. Here are a few important points to remember about the registration process for the next school year:



1. Preschool registration for children currently enrolled in our program will be held during the week of Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration forms will go home on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with the children currently enrolled in the 3-year old classes. A cover letter will be attached to each registration form explaining the registration procedure. **If you have a preschooler that is currently in our 4-year old program and wish to enroll them in our Pre-K program, please notify me so I can send a registration form home with your child before I open registration to the public.**
2. Everyone currently enrolled in our 3-year old program is guaranteed a place in our program for next school year, but we cannot guarantee your first choice selection. For example, if 20 parents request the 3-day morning session for 4-year olds and there are only 17 openings, we will hold a lottery for that class session. The parents that did not get their first choice will automatically get their second choice.
3. All registration forms **MUST** be in my office by the end of the day on Friday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> and accompanied with a registration check. All tuition and medical forms must be up-to-date. Any forms received after Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> will lose their priority status and will be held with the open registration forms.
4. Parents of preschool siblings who wish to register for next school year can stop by the preschool office to pick up a registration form, or notify me by phone (513) 575-9900, or email [director@setonpreschool.org](mailto:director@setonpreschool.org), so I can send a form home to insure priority registration for the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.
5. If your preschooler has a summer or September birthday, please consider enrolling them in our Pre-K class for 5-year olds. Current studies have found that children with summer and September birthdays may not be ready socially, emotionally, physically, or intellectually for

kindergarten. Their abstract thinking isn't fully developed and that can be accomplished only by physical and mental growth. Please contact your child's preschool teacher and/or our Pre- K teacher, Mrs. Wendy, if you have any concerns or would like to observe a Pre-K class. We never have had a parent come to us and say, "It was a mistake to enroll them in PreK" however, we have had parents come to us and say, "I wish I had given them an extra year before enrolling them into kindergarten because they cannot keep up with their class." The ultimate decision is yours, but please discuss with your child's teacher if you are not sure what to do. The teachers have been with your child since September and they know how your child is performing in the classroom and what is expected of him/her in Kindergarten.

All of our staff are certified by the Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services to teach preschool age children in Ohio therefore, any recommendation made by your child's teacher affecting your child's readiness skills is based on observations in the classroom, working with your child, and evaluations based on readiness skills mandated by state curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding registration for the next school year just give me a "ring". Again, thank you for all you do to support our preschool program. I wish you and your families a safe, healthy, and blessed "2019."



**Note: No preschool classes on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.**



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