



HOLY FAMILY
Preschool
& Educational Centre

January 2019

Newsletter

Dear Parents:

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and fun with their family and friends. We would also like to thank you all for our lovely cards and unique presents. It was extremely thoughtful of you!

December was a busy and fun month filled with birthdays and Christmas celebrations. We hope everyone had a great time at our Christmas party! Thank you all who joined us and shared this great time with your children and with us.

Thank you all again for your presence and collaboration! Please feel free to see the pictures of this wonderful experience in our classroom photo album and/or our Facebook page.

We are always surprised at how fast the time goes by and that four months have passed by so quickly. January has arrived and we are very excited to see the children again!

Please make sure your child is properly dressed for outdoor play (coat and snow pants), mittens, gloves, hat, and boots. Please remember to bring these items daily for your child.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We would like to invite parents to come to our centre to share information with the children about your role as community helpers. Please contact us for more information.

As you all already know, our Out of School Care Program is going in the process to submit an annual report to maintain accreditation status with Early Learning and Care Services (AELCS) to ensure that our program is maintaining the standards on a continuous basis.

Our Participation in accreditation is voluntary with the purpose to ensure a high-quality service to children and families. Thank you all for contributing to this process!

We invite you to always feel free to speak with us about any concerns, questions, and suggestions or ideas! Your opinions will play an important role in helping us determine what we are doing well and areas where we can improve.

If you have any questions about your child or the program, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We will be handing out our 2018 Child Care Receipts at the end of January. If you have any questions or need to change your information before they are written, please let us know as soon as possible. Remaining receipts will be mailed out the second week in February.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR ALL PARENTS:



*** LUNCH BOXES/ NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT**

Please let us know about your child's allergies and help us protect the children with allergies by making our environment as PEANUT & NUT FREE as possible. We ask you to carefully read the list of ingredients while packing a healthy snack for your child. Thank you!

If your son or daughter has any sort of allergy or needs us to administer medication of any kind, we need you to fill out a specific form that we can keep on file.

*** INDOOR SHOES**

Please make sure that your child brings a pair of indoor shoes provided exclusively for indoors.

For safety, NONE OF THE FOLLOWING: Flip flops; open toed shoes/sandals; princess play shoes; black leather soled shoe.

***TOYS & OTHER ITEMS FROM HOME**

Please do not allow your child to bring toys and other items from home into school. Children enjoy packing their school bags of items but these items are *very* distracting and lead to other children feeling left out. Therefore, it is appreciated if children can be asked to leave their favorites at home or in the car with the exception of show and tell days that will be informed by the teacher.

***DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP AT THE SCHOOLS**

Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre has established drop-off and pick-up sites at the schools. If, after school, a situation arises where a child does not show up at the pre-arranged pick-up spot within 10 minutes from the school dismissal time, staff are responsible for returning the other children to Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre. If a child was expected to be picked up at the school and did not show, a phone call will be made to the school and to parents to determine the whereabouts of the child.



Parents should stress to their child's school that children enrolled in Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre Out-of-school Care program can NOT stay at school or be kept after school for any reason.

***PARENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre is here to help parents and families to connect to services found throughout our city. We have listed several Child Care Resources, Community Resources with a wealth of information that can be very beneficial! Please follow the links to find out more on our website www.holyfamilypreschool.ca under “Parent Resources.”

*** PARENT HANDBOOK**

The Parent Handbook is our primary source of information. It outlines current policies, procedures and guidelines surrounding the program. This handbook will be updated on an annual basis. Families will receive memos regarding changes, updates or revisions as they occur. It is the responsibility of all families to acknowledge and follow all rules laid out by Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre.



STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre Ltd. will follow both Public and Separate School city wide closures and holidays. Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre will close for the following statutory, civic holidays and other related holiday dates:

- Labour Day** – September (program closed)
- Thanksgiving** – October (program closed)
- Remembrance Day** – November (program closed)
- Christmas Break** – December 24 - January 4 (program closed)
- Program re-opens** - January 7
- February 14-15** (No Classes for morning/afternoon Preschool children)
- Family Day** – February (program closed)
- Easter Break** – March 25-29 (No Classes for morning/afternoon Preschool children)
- AM & PM Preschool Classes resume** – April 1
- Good Friday** – April 19 (program closed)
- Easter Monday** – April 22 (program closed)
- Victoria Day** – May (program closed)
- Preschool Last-day of classes** – June 27
- Canada Day** – July (program closed)
- Heritage Day** – August (program closed)



SEVERE WEATHER CLOSURES

Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre is closed when the Calgary School Board closes its schools due to severe weather conditions. Please be aware of these closures. Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre reserves the right to close if the administration feels it would be unsafe for students or staff to travel.