

# October 2019 Wings Newsletter

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## Heaven Sent Nursery School



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### From the Director:

It always amazes me! The calendar changes to October and the weather seems to instantly change! We feel the cooler weather and start to notice the leaves turning colors. The shorter days and waking up to the darkness in the morning are also reminders of a new season for us! For many of you, this is a new "season" for the lives of you and your children as well. We are delighted with how well the school year began. The children are all adjusting beautifully, and most are really in the swing of things now. October will be a fun month for us all here at Heaven Sent. Among our many activities, we all look forward to our 4 year old Chapel time and Halloween for everyone. We appreciate your encouragement and kind comments to all of us on the staff during the past month. We have enjoyed meeting you and we all look forward to continuing to get to know parents, brothers, and sisters of our Heaven Sent angels.

Warmly,

Jennifer

#### October Bible Verse

**"When I am afraid, I will trust in You." Psalm 56: 3&4**



### Upcoming Events

**October 1:** Tuition Due

**October 4:** First Chapel for our 4 year olds 11:45am

**October 11:** Seeing Eye puppy presentation- 4 year olds

**October 14:** No School- Columbus Day

**October 30/31:** Halloween Celebration



**Look for information about Halloween and how each class will be observing the holiday.**

## COSTUME UPDATE FOR 4 YEAR OLD CLASSES

Can it really be time for a Halloween observance? We ask that you keep in mind that we **WILL NOT ALLOW witch, devil or scary costumes to come to school.** We will not permit the children in our four year old classes to wear masks during the day-mostly for safety reasons, but also to keep kids from being frightened. They may wear face makeup if you prefer. Finally, if your child's costume includes a weapon-gun, knife, sword, etc., please save those for trick or treating. We **WILL NOT** allow weapons to be in our school. If you are unsure about whether your child's costume fits into the "dress code," please check with us. It's possible that your child may have to be told they can have a school costume and a Halloween night costume.



## COSTUME UPDATE FOR 3 YEAR OLD CLASSES

Parents of three year olds will be getting specific information about our three year olds' observance of Halloween here at Heaven Sent. Be sure to be on the lookout for it!



## COSTUME UPDATE FOR 2.5 YEAR OLD CLASSES

Due to the nature of our littlest angels, we will be asking that they come to school on their Halloween celebration days dressed in **Orange and Black.** No costumes, please. We will still have a great time with pumpkins and Halloween activities.

### ABOUT HUGS

One of the things that we are taught in college as we prepare to teach is that we should never hug or touch children when they are in our care at school. With the stories that we read in newspapers and hear on the news, we can understand the worry of administrators, but at Heaven Sent we all feel that hugs and/or allowing kids to sit on our laps when they are upset are very important. If you are uncomfortable with us giving your child hugs, or comforting them by holding them, please let us know. We will be happy to go along with your wishes.

## DID YOU HAVE A CRIER?

To those of you who are breathing a sigh of relief that you did not have a "crier" during the first few weeks of school...do not be alarmed if you suddenly get one now. Some children just go through the separation process later than others. It usually does not mean that they hate school or that something traumatic has happened. If you will just let us take them into the classroom, they will probably have stopped crying before you are out of the building. Although it seems as if it should be easier to tell your crying child that you will wait out in the hall or in the parking lot, it really isn't. As long as you are in the hallway, your child will keep crying just so that you can hear it. And if they think that you are waiting on the steps or in the car and we decide to go outside for a walk or outdoor activity and they don't see you waiting, you lose credibility. It is probably better to tell your child what you are really going to do-go to Shop-Rite, go home and make beds and vacuum, whatever. Remind him or her that you'll be back soon and give a quick kiss good-bye. We promise... children really do calm down and enjoy their day.

## QUESTIONS ABOUT CONFERENCES

We will have our first set of parent/teacher conferences this month. They are scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> during the day and November 19<sup>th</sup> during the evening.

### Q: How do I sign up for a conference?

**A:** Beginning October 21st, see Mrs. Marsh in our office to schedule your appointment.

### Q: Do the children have school on conference days?

**A:** There will be NO classes held on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. However, child care is provided by Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Roguso, and Mrs. Cruzan for the duration of your daytime conference ONLY. We will also care for younger/older siblings. Children MAY NOT enter the conference (unless they are an infant in a carrier.) Our evening conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. **NO CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR OUR EVENING CONFERENCES.**

### Q: Do I have to come on my child's school day?

**A:** No, you may sign up for either Monday or Tuesday evening. Parents of twins or siblings, please sign up for two back-to-back times.

### Q: What should I expect?

**A:** The teacher will tell you about your child's progress and any concerns she may have. She will also invite you to ask questions or share concerns. Please feel free to come with your questions written down so that you ask all that you need to know.

### Q: What if I can't make it on either of the scheduled days?

**A:** Mrs. Bujno, Mrs. Cogan and Mrs. Cash will give an over the phone conference report. Please let Mrs. Marsh know so that she can pass the request on to the teachers.

## PLEASE LABEL ALL OUTDOOR CLOTHING

We sometimes have some articles of outdoor clothing left behind that do not have names clearly marked. Please help us to keep things straight by labeling ANY removable clothes that your child wears to school. It will also help us to distinguish when two or more students have similar or even identical outer clothing. And it helps us when the kids can't remember which jacket they wore to school and we are trying to locate it so that they can join their class out on the playground during playtime. (Believe it or not, many of the kids cannot identify the jackets or sweater that they wore that day!)



## AND WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CLOTHING

We're pleased to see so many of you allowing your children to take off and put on jackets themselves. It really helps us when they learn that. Another thing that will help is to **let your child hang up the jacket** on the hook of his/her choice. Then s/he might remember where it is when we go to get our jackets for outdoor play! (By the way, the children hang up THEIR OWN jackets at the end of playtime every day-they are capable of doing it themselves!)

## HEALTH ALERT!

Does your child have a slight fever? A runny nose? A bad cough? Are you wondering whether to keep her home? You probably should. We do have a definite rule here at Heaven Sent: if your child has had diarrhea, a fever, or been vomiting, **THEY CANNOT COME TO SCHOOL UNTIL 24 (DIARRHEA, FEVER-FREE, OR VOMIT-FREE) HOURS HAVE PASSED.** We are often told: "Well, he threw up this morning, but he was begging to come to school." Please say NO! Keep in mind-this is a nursery school, and a missed day, or even a missed week-will not cause as much a problem as the spreading of a cold or virus might. Thanks, from all of us.

## GIVE US A CALL!

The state requires us to keep a log of student absenteeism. Won't you please give us a call if your child is going to be absent from school? You can call 852-2006 or email us at [heavensentns@hotmail.com](mailto:heavensentns@hotmail.com) at any time and leave a message to report an absence.