



HOLY FAMILY
Preschool
& Educational Centre

July 2019

Newsletter

Dear Parents:

Another year has passed and in this month of July we are so excited for our fun weekly themes and field trips! Please see our final summer program schedule posted on the parent bulletin board. If you have any questions about our summer program, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Please visit and like our Holy Family Preschool & Educational Centre Facebook page to see pictures of your child(ren) learning experiences, field trips, end of the school year celebration, and other special events.



We would also like to remind you that our hours of operation during July and August are from 7:15 am to 5:45 pm. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

In this newsletter, you will also find information of the results of the parent survey conducted in June to provide the best quality child care services.

A big thank you for those who have completed our program survey. Your opinions will play an important role in helping us determine what we are doing well and areas where we can improve. The results will be incorporated into our program's Accreditation Quality Enhancement Plan. Please find below the results of our parent survey conducted in June 2019. (SA=Strongly Agree; A=Agree; D=Disagree; SD=Strongly Disagree; NO=No Opinion/Not Sure;)

1. I am satisfied with the care my child(ren) is/are receiving at the program- 100% SA
2. The child care program did a good job of explaining the program to me when I registered my child(ren)- 75% SA 25% A
3. I have, or know how to get, the information I need about program policies and procedures- 100%
4. I feel welcome visiting the program at any time- 75% SA 25% A
5. I believe that I am kept well informed about my child(ren)'s day-to-day experiences - 75% SA and 25% A
6. I feel comfortable approaching staff at the program when I have concerns or questions – 100% SA

7. The program keeps me informed about any changes that affect me and/or my child(ren) – 100% SA
8. The program gives me opportunities to voice my opinions about policies and procedures that affect me and/or my child(ren) – 100% SA

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.

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 PEANUT & NUT FREE. 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.

*** 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.