



St. Edmund's Nursery School

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER – 2016

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank

Welcome to St. Edmund's Nursery School – We are so anxious to get started. We have been working hard over the summer to prepare a spectacular school year for your children. We can't wait to see our returning families and offer a warm welcome to our new families joining the SENS community!

Color: Yellow Number: #1 Shape: Circle

Christian Quality: Friendship

Bible Verse: “A friend always loves you,” Proverbs 17:17

Our wonderful staff is:

Pre K Class: Leslie Long and Lani Di Bona, Assistant

5 Day Class: Sylvia Grimes and Carol Schraer

4 Year Old MWF: Old 4's: Cheryl Elffers and Erica Pegram, Assistant

Young 4's: Sharon Medeiros and Suzanne Holder, Assistant

3 Year Olds – MWF: Stephanie Doerning, Liz Westphal and Barbara Wagner, Assistant

3 Year Old's T/Th: Old 3's: Liz Westphal, Jill Toth and Kerry Reiling, Assistant

Young 3's: Stephanie Doerning, Cheryl Elffers and Dynese Nash, Assistant

Musical Director: Susan Norman

Administrative Assistant: Angela Hopf

Assistant to Head of School and Staff: Mimi Stolpe

Head of School: Darlene Porter

Our Board of Directors are:

Rector – Reverend Canon George Woodward

Head of School – Darlene Porter

Chair – Shigemi Pang

Treasurer – Annelise Lin

Assistant Treasurer – Jenny Kaw

Secretary – Laura Repstad

Publicity/Personnel – Joy Majich

Minor Fundraising – Karen Stoteraux

Major Fundraising – Wendy Watson

Special Events and Room Parent Coordinator – Lisa Gillison

Enrichment – Ann Athey

Building and Grounds – Amber Zelenay

Hospitality – Dana Laugharn

Long Range Planning – Christina Comer

Vestry Representative – Debra Spaulding

Director of Youth Ministries – Reverend Heather Blackstone

Emergency Disaster News:

SENS has an out of state contact for our disaster procedures.

Please keep this number with you at all times.

St. Thomas Preschool, Eugene OR

541-484-0682 – Director, Patty Lyon

This out of state contact will be your “go to number” in the event of a major disaster/emergency should our phone system become impaired. The reason for having an out of state contact is to free up the local communication system in the disaster area. In the event of an emergency, you will call our out of state contact to receive information about our status. Our contact will be notified by a SENS staff member regarding injuries or the well being of all students and staff here at St. Edmund’s. Please be advised that it may take up to an hour before the out of state contact has any information. We will update St. Thomas Preschool every hour or so with updates and our families can be assured information is properly managed.

Sharing:

Some classes participate in sharing and classroom teachers will discuss this at the coffee mornings. If your child does bring something in please label your sharing, sweaters, jackets, and lunch boxes with your child’s first and last name.

Upcoming Activities:

Saturday, Sept. 17 – St. Edmund’s Church Street Fair, celebrating 75 years

Coffee morning dates – invitations will come home soon. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and hear about the exciting year ahead.

Thursday, September 22 – Pre-K

Friday, September 23 – 5 Day

Monday, September 26 – Young 4’s

Tuesday, September 27 – T/Th Older 3’s

Wednesday, September 28 – MWF 3’s

Thursday, September 29 – T/Th Young 3’s

Friday, September 30 – Older 4’s

October 3- Chapel at 9:00 for Blessing of the Animals in the courtyard

October 4 – Chapel at 9:00 for Blessing of the Animals in the courtyard

October 3 and 4 – Our first Spirit Days, come in SENS T-shirts

October 6 and 7 – Julie Lilly Photography – Picture Days – order forms will be sent home soon.

Special Announcements:

- Save the date for our family **Fall Festival** – Friday October 14th – More information to come!
- (Remember, every family must participate and work a shift!)
- We encourage children to wear our SENS spirit gear every day (not just designated days) to show their SENS spirit. This allows children to “save” their other clothing from paint and play!
- On sunny days please remember to protect your child’s skin with sunscreen!
- Please no open shoes, this includes Crocks.

Thank You!

We have made improvements over the past few months to our school grounds. We remodeled both the children’s bathrooms downstairs, replaced the toilets and updated the beautiful artwork within the bathrooms. We painted the Pre-K and 5 Day classrooms and added new white boards in the 5 Day classroom. We also had the playhouse structure repainted. We are always a work in progress and although we have more to do we are thrilled with what has so far been accomplished. Thank you to all of the families who supported last year’s annual fund so that these much needed improvements could happen!

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Signing "In and Out" Procedures

Please read the following message very carefully! It pertains to every child in our school, each school day, and must be followed as outlined. This is a regulation of the State Department of Social Services requiring that every child in every preschool in California must be signed in and out with the time documented by a responsible adult every time he/she attends school.

1. Bring the child(ren) to the gate for the usual health inspection and acceptance.
2. After acceptance, sign the child(ren) IN along with the time on the clip boards on the gate.*
3. Any child(ren) who arrive late must be brought to the office and signed IN.
4. Any child(ren) who leave early must be signed OUT at the office.
5. Pick up the child(ren) at their usual time and place and sign them OUT along with the time on the clip boards provided by the teachers.

Your full name and time must be clearly documented on these sheets.

On rainy days, you will drive through for arrival just like at regular dismissal the clip boards will be brought to your car and the children will be accepted into school.

***This ruling is for the safety of your child(ren). It is a State licensing mandate that each parent, babysitter or carpool parent must sign their full name (first and last names) along with the time of drop off and pick up. No children's signatures, please.**

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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Arrival and Dismissal Time

We are always concerned about the safety of our children in the parking lot during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. We try to make both these times as quick and easy as possible.

Arrival:

Always enter the northern most driveway, being sensitive to the cars behind you; don't let them hang out onto San Gabriel Blvd. Please avoid lingering at the entrance and please park in the first available space. **Please note the entrance and exit signs.**

After finding a parking space, immediately take your child/carpool to the west white wall. **Please do not park in the designated parking spots.** You will then follow the **yellow feet** to Mrs. Porter's gate. This should eliminate children in the middle of the lot with cars going in and out.

- Please have your child wash their hands with either antibacterial wash or wet wipes provided by the school at the front gate prior to entering prior to entering through the gates.

After your child/carpool is admitted into school, **sign them IN** with your first and last name and the time and then **exit the parking lot via the second (southern) driveway.** If you need to leave a car seat, please leave them at the front gate or at the picnic table inside the gate and then pick up car seats while you wait in line for pick-up.

Dismissal:

When picking up your child/carpool, enter the grounds as you did in the morning. Please swing in wide to get as many cars off of San Gabriel Blvd. as possible. Drive through to your pick-up area, see attached map, and exit the south parking lot making a right turn only. **PLEASE** stay in your car, the teachers will bring your child/carpool to your car. Please **sign your child/carpool OUT including the time and then pull forward to the most southern parking lot. There you can stop and secure your child/carpool in their seats.**

We want to keep the traffic of cars moving, so if you walk up to your dismissal area, the teachers will help the carpool car line first and then tend to you. **Always hold your child's hand while walking through the parking lot.**

The teachers would love to talk to each of you about your children, but long conversations at dismissal time will only delay everyone. Should you desire to talk to your teacher, please feel free to arrange a time with your teachers other than dismissal time.

Remember for the safety of all, **no cell phones** are allowed in the carpool line. We hope this will make it safe for all the children and parents.

If for any reason you park in the south parking lot, please do not park in the spaces that are **marked reserved.** Thank You!

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Hand Washing

Reminding your child to wash his/her hands with soap and water should be an everyday routine practiced many times a day. Sometimes we all forget that you are actually washing away unseen germs that can make you and your child ill. Germs can spread many illnesses quickly; colds, sore throats, flu, conjunctivitis (pink eye), and impetigo, just to name a few. Proper hand washing with an antibacterial liquid soap should become a habit that you and your child practice together to help fight the spread of unwanted germs.

When should hands be washed with an antibacterial liquid soap and water?

1. Before and after diapering (baby's hands too).
2. After toileting.
3. Before preparing food.
4. Before and after eating meals or snacks.
5. After playing outdoors.
6. After blowing a nose or covering a cough.
7. After house cleaning.
8. Before and after treating cuts or scratches.
9. After handling pets.

Washing hands together can be a pleasant and soothing way to set the tone for the next event and time to engage in special one on one conversation with your child. To develop your child's hygiene awareness and important language skills, you may wish to talk with your child about proper hand washing steps:

1. Use warm running water to wet hands
2. Rub hands together with soap to work up a lather, scrubbing the backs and fronts of your hands, in between your fingers, and under your nails to help kill germs in their favorite hiding places. You should spend at least 20 seconds washing your hands.
3. Rinse your soapy hands well with warm running water.
4. Dry hands with a clean paper towel. Use towel to turn off faucet to avoid contact with germs. When finished, throw towel away.

Start practicing these tips with your child early in his/her life to help promote good hygiene habits by washing often with an antibacterial liquid soap and water.

Happy Hand washing!

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PICNIC DAY INFORMATION

St. Edmund's Nursery School will be offering Picnic on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons starting September 19th through June 2nd. These picnic afternoons are from 12:00-2:45p.m. and all the children enrolled at St. Edmund's are welcome to attend. You may attend picnic hours any day throughout the month even on the days you do not attend a regular class.

Each child should bring their own lunch in a bag or box with **their first and last name** on the outside. **AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, NO PEANUT BUTTER OR NUT PRODUCTS ARE ALLOWED.** The school will serve a beverage or you may provide your own healthy choice.

Sign-ups for Picnic Days will begin September 12th and September 13th. You may sign-up your child for picnics at drop off or in the office. Picnics begin on **Monday September 19th**.

Payment of \$20.00 per Picnic is required at sign-up time. Please write the picnic date(s) in the memo section of your check. Please place check in the basket near sign-ups. You may sign-up for other children attending as long as you have their payment.

There is a maximum of 30 children that can be accommodated for each picnic. Sign-ups are on a first come basis. **A minimum of 8** children is required to have a picnic afternoon. If your child is absent from school on Picnic day, you will be given a coupon that is good for one Picnic to be used at a later date.

We will also be offering occasional Special Picnic activities that will serve as "enrichment" for your child. These will incur an additional charge and are strictly optional. Please note, you can come to any special picnic day and choose not to participate in the "special activity."

Picnic Information will be discussed at Coffee Mornings!
Questions? Ask Mrs. Stolpe or Mrs. Porter.

Schedule of Picnic Days

At 12 noon the children go to the bathroom and wash their hands. They all group together for roll call and go outside on the patio for their picnic lunch.

After lunch there is time to play outside and have an art or other fun activity.

The children will then go inside and enjoy some planned activities.

The last 15 minutes is spent inside for story time and snack.

Dismissal time is ***2:45 SHARP, or before.** Drive through or walk to red entrance doors to pick up your child.

*REMINDER: A LATE FEE OF \$15.00 WILL BE CHARGED AFTER 3:00P.M.

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FRIENDSHIP

Welcome back to St. Edmunds! As we return to school, we are all filled with hope and joy for the year to come. Making new friends and deepening existing bonds. In September, our Christian quality is FRIENDSHIP and we celebrate everything about the joys of being a friend and the joys of having friends.

We hope these quotes and books will be something you can share with your children to explain the importance of friendship – and to help them learn to nurture relationships.

The books below are available on Amazon.com.

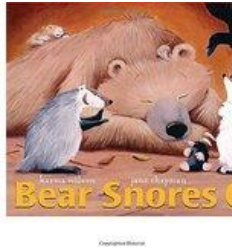
"Aim to make a positive difference in someone's life every single day ... including your own." ~ Doe Zantamata

"A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference." ~ A. A. Milne
Pooh's Little Instruction Book

"A true friend is one who thinks you are a good egg even if you are half-cracked." ~ Author Unknown

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." ~ Author Unknown

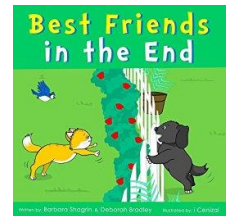
Bear Snores On (The Bear Books)
by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman



The Frog and Fish Storybook
by Shawn Saacke Crawford and Joepee



Books For Kids: Best Friends In The End: A Rhyming Children's Book For Kids Who Love Dogs And Cats
by Barbara Shagrin



What Friendship Means, © Tracie Labauve, Published on June 2007

Friendship means being there just to be there.
Friendship means listening and not asking questions.
Friendship means lending your shoulder for someone to cry on.
Friendship means being comfortable around each other in silence.
Friendship means being able to tell each other anything and understanding without questions.
Friendship means being honest with each other no matter what the cost.
Friendship means staying up all night and talking about nothing.
Friendship means being able to say I love you!
Friendship means forgiving each other no matter what you have done.
Friendship means learning from each others mistakes.
Friendship means me and you.
This is the way I look at you, my friend, and I love you!!

Source: <http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/what-friendship-means> #FamilyFriendPoems