



St. Edmund's Nursery School

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER – 2020

“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 excited to get started! We have been working extremely 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!

September

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 - Mrs. Leslie Long and Mrs. Lani Di Bona

5 Day Class- Mrs. Sylvia Grimes and Mrs. Carol Schraer

MWF Old 4's - Mrs. Cheryl Elffers and Mrs. Erica Pegram

MWF Young 4's: Mrs. Suzanne Holder and Mrs. Kerry Reiling

MWF 3 Year Olds -Mrs. Stephanie Doerning, Mrs. Barbara Wagner and Ms. Janet Cooper, Assistant

T/Th Old 3's: Mrs. Kerry Reiling and Mrs. Angela Hopf

T/Th Young 3's: Mrs. Cheryl Elffers, Mrs. Natalie O'Connor and Ms. Elsa Villasenor, Assistant

Musical Director: Mrs. Susan Norman

Assistant to Head of School: Mrs. Angela Hopf

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Lani Di Bona

Assistant to All Staff: Mrs. Carol Mekailian

Long Term Floater/Substitute: Mrs. Gloria Morales

Long Term Floater/Substitute: Ms. Silvia Orozco

Head of School: Mrs. Liz Westphal

Our Board of Directors are:

Rector – Reverend Jenifer M. Chatfield, St. Edmund's Episcopal Church

Head of School – Liz Westphal

Chair – Jessica Davis

Treasurer – Judy Kim

Assistant Treasurer – Kaitlin Hawk

Secretary – Mary Bruno

Publicity/Personnel – Tiffany Barden

Community Development – Lindsey Wyman

Major Fundraising – Amanda Wade

Special Events and Room Parent Coordinator – Nicole Lamb

Enrichment – Elizabeth Angiuli

Building and Grounds– In House

Hospitality – In House

Long Range Planning & Annual Fund – Lauren Savarese

Vestry Representative – Tony Fought

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.

Upcoming Activities:

Class Parking Lot Drive-In Parties for the 3 year old classes, start time 10:30

Tuesday, September 8 – T/Th Old 3’s

Wednesday, September 9 – MWF 3’s

Thursday, September 10 – T/Th Young 3’s

Outdoor Courtyard Class Orientations, 6:30 pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and hear about the exciting year ahead. Adults only.

Wednesday, September 16 – Pre-K

Thursday, September 17 – 5 Day

Monday, September 21 – Lucky Ducks 4’s

Tuesday, September 22 – T/Th Old 3’s

Wednesday, September 23 – Friendly 4’s

Thursday, September 24 – T/Th Young 3’s

Monday, September 28 – MWF 3’s

October 1 and 2 – Our first Spirit Days, come in SENS t-shirts

October 7 and 8 – Julie Lilly Photography – Picture Days – order forms will be emailed

October 5 - Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes

October 6 – Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes

Special Announcements:

- 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.
- Please, no backpacks, or other items from home

Thank You!

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Signing "In and Out"

Arrival and Dismissal 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 by authorized persons, as designated by the parent, every time the child attends school.

- Each class is assigned a drop off/pick-up time frame. **Please only come at your designated drop-off or pick-up time.**

Arrival Times:

MWF

8:30am - Pre-K and 5 Day Arrival

8:45am - MWF 4 Year Old Class Arrival

9:00am - MWF 3 Year Old Class Arrival

T/TH

8:30am - Pre-K and 5 Day Arrival

8:45am – Old 3's Class Arrival

9:00am – Young 3's Class Arrival

Pick-Up Times:

MWF

11:40am Pre-K and 5 Day Class Pick-Up

11:45am 4 Year Old Class Pick-Up

11:50am MWF 3 Year Old Class Pick-Up

T/TH

11:40am Pre-K and 5 Day Class Pick-Up

11:45am Old 3's Class Pick-Up

11:50am Young 3's Class Pick-Up

Details for Arrival:

1. **Always enter the parking lot at 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 and do not park in the designated parking spots.**
2. After parking, parents or caregivers will walk their child/children to the drop off line, marked with spaces to allow for proper physical distancing.
3. Parents or caregivers must be wearing a mask and use provided hand sanitizer before entering campus.
4. Parents or caregivers will sign in their child/children using **BRIGHTWHEEL**, our mobile attendance program. Parents will select check in/out from their Brightwheel app and then scan the SENS unique QR code posted at drop off. Parents are then prompted for their personal 4 digit check-in code and electronic signature to complete the process. (Signature in this process denotes **child is free from COVID-19 symptoms which include fever of 99.5°F or higher, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle aches, any other symptom identified by the CDC as associated with COVID-19**).
5. Upon arrival, each child will receive a temperature screening.
6. If you arrive before your scheduled drop off time, please wait in your car until your designated time.
7. After your child/children are admitted into school, exit the parking lot via the second (southern) driveway.

Details for Pick-Up:

1. All families will drive through for pick-up. There will be no walk-in pick-up at this time. The car line will form along Gainsborough and onto San Gabriel Blvd. before entering campus.
2. Parents and caregivers will sign their child or children out using **BRIGHTWHEEL**.
3. If you are picking up children from multiple classes, please arrive at the earliest scheduled time to collect all of your children. Ex: If you have a Pre-K student and a Young 3 student, please arrive at 11:40 for both children.
4. Drivers and adult passengers must wear a face covering/mask during pick-up.
5. **PLEASE stay in your car**, the teachers will bring your child/carpool to your car.
6. 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.
7. Remember for the safety of all, **no cell phones are allowed in the carpool line, including hands free.** We hope this will make it safe for all the children and parents.

If you arrive late:

Parents will need to enter through the San Gabriel gate. You will NOT use your gate entrance code and instead buzz the Preschool to be greeted at the gate by one of our Administrators. Please follow the regular check in process using BRIGHTWHEEL and scanning the SENS unique QR code which will be posted at this gate just as it is at our arrival gate. Complete the check in process while you wait for the SENS Administrator to arrive and receive your child. A temperature check of your child will be conducted at this time and then the SENS Administrator will escort your child to class.

On rainy days, you will drive through for arrival, just like at regular dismissal.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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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), impetigo and covid, 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!