



# St. Edmund's Nursery School

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER – 2021

“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. Angela Hopf and Mrs. Sarah Schoettler

*T/Th Young 3's*: Mrs. Cheryl Elffers, Mrs. Kelley Terrazas and Mrs. Silvia Orozco, 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*: Mrs. Gloria Morales

*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** – Nicole Lamb

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**Special Events and Room Parent Coordinator** – Elizabeth Angiuli

**Enrichment** – Caroline Botsford

**Building and Grounds**– Janis Jones

**Hospitality** – Mary Bruno

**Long Range Planning & Annual Fund** – Dana Banta

**Vestry Representative** – Tony Fought

**Preschool Chaplin** – 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.**

**Christ Church Episcopal Preschool, Lake Oswego OR**

**503-675-9120 or [cray@ccparish.org](mailto:cray@ccparish.org) – Director, Candace Ray**

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 Playground Parties for the 3 year old classes, start time 9:00

Wednesday, September 8 – MWF 3’s

Thursday, September 9 – T/Th Young 3’s

Friday, September 10 – T/Th Older 3’s

Courtyard Class Orientations, 5:00 and 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and hear about the exciting year ahead. There will be Spirit Wear available to purchase at the 3 year old Orientations. Please bring a check or cash to purchase. Adults only.

Wednesday, September 15 – 5:00 pm – Pre-K

Wednesday, September 15 – 6:00 pm – 5 Day

Thursday, September 16 – 5:00 pm – Young 3’s

Thursday, September 16 – 6:00 pm – Old 3’s

Monday, September 20 – 5:00 pm – Old 4’s

Monday, September 20 – 6:00 pm – Young 4’s

Wednesday, September 22 – 5:00 pm – MWF 3’s

October 14 and 15 – Our first Spirit Days, come in SENS t-shirts

October 6 and 7 – Julie Lilly Photography – Picture Days

October 4 - Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes, Outdoor Courtyard, Blessing of the Animals

October 5 – Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes, Outdoor Courtyard, Blessing of the Animals

### **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, water bottles, or other items from home

**Thank You!**

# St Edmund's Nursery School 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

8:40 am - Pre-K and 5 Day Arrival

8:50 am - MWF 3 & 4 Year Old Classes Arrival

T/TH

8:40 am - Pre-K and 5 Day Arrival

8:50 am – 3 Year Old Classes Arrival

### Pick-Up Times:

MWF

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

11:50 am MWF 3 & 4 Year Old Class Pick-Up

T/TH

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

11:50 am 3 Year Old Classes Pick-Up

The pick-up color cards are:

Pre-K and 5 Day – Yellow

Old 4's – Orange

Young 4's – Green

MWF 3's and T/Th 3's - Blue

### **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, please allow for proper physical distancing.
3. Children will 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. If you arrive before your scheduled drop off time, please wait in your car until your designated time.
6. 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. **PLEASE stay in your car**, the teachers will bring your child/carpool to your car.
5. 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.
6. 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. 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.**

# **St. Edmund's Nursery School**

## **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!**

# **From St. Edmund's Church**

**BEACH CLEANUP  
Bolsa Chica Beach  
Saturday, September 11  
9 am - 1 pm**

Come to the beach with us! We will begin our day by picking up trash and litter, followed by swimming and games. To sign up, please contact Rev. Heather [youth@saintedmunds.org](mailto:youth@saintedmunds.org)

**KICK OFF SUNDAY  
& THE RETURN OF IN PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Sunday, September 12**

Sunday, September 12 we will be returning to in-person Sunday School. We will gather on the Close for class, join worship for Eucharist and then enjoy fresh tacos from The Taco Lady and a ministry fair.

**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS  
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS  
Sunday, October 3  
10 am on the Close**

Bring your beloved pets for an annual St. Francis Day blessing during an open-air Eucharist on the Close. A photo or picture can be blessed as well.

**SENS CHAPELS  
Monday, October 4 and Tuesday, October 5  
9 am in the Close**

Blessing of the Animals will be our first chapel of the new school year. We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis. Your child may bring in a photo of their favorite stuffed animal or a photo of a real pet. Unfortunately, we are still unable to have parents, live pets or stuffed animals join in on this special celebration.