

August 6, 2023

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to a new and exciting year at St. Mary's Catholic School Pre-Kindergarten. Our goal is to instill the love of learning in each child through thoughtfully planned academic activities that encourage exploration, discovery, and social interaction with classmates. Early childhood learning is achieved in a safe, loving, Catholic setting.

At St. Mary's Pre K, we have two Home Room teachers, Mrs. Stolp, (Pre K-4) and Ms. Shyla (Pre K -3). This year, we have Ms. Joan Caughlin as our part time aide and Mrs. Kristine Ramirez as full time aide. We also have music once a week with Mr. Knoke and PE twice a week with Mrs. Bigon.

Together we will team teach your child in the Big Day Program, Technology, Math, Art and Religion. The children will be divided into smaller groups for instructions and learning.

Pre -Kindergarten Half Day Program: 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pre- Kindergarten Full Day Program: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students who arrive after 8:00 a.m. are tardy and must be walked to the office and signed in by the parent.

For your convenience, Mrs. Stolp will be at the Cafeteria at 7:00 A.M. each morning to provide early morning care for Pre-K students. There is no charge for morning care for the Pre-K.

Pre-K will start going to Mass sometime later in Fall and we will let you know ahead of time the procedure that is to be followed.

Each child needs to have a change of clothes (shirt, pants or shorts, underwear and socks) that will stay in their backpacks every day. For naptime, each child needs only a child-sized blanket and travel-sized pillow. If your child would like to sleep with a stuffed animal, he/she may bring a small, soft

animal or doll that doesn't have mechanical parts or make sounds. The soft toy remains in the school for the rest of the year. Also no Barbies or action figures for naptime.

We request that rings and bracelets are not to be worn by Pre-K students because they pose a choking hazard.

Please read the Parent-Student Handbook for information about uniform, absences, medication and dress code for Spirit Days. Please check the school calendar for Spirit Days and only St. Mary's GRAY T-shirts can be worn.

For the first two to three weeks of school, we will not be on a regular schedule. Our goal is to get the children adjusted and teach them the routine and some basic social behavior and rules.

God Bless,  
Mrs. Stolp  
Mrs. Shyla

If you should have any questions or concerns please feel free to email us at [astolp@stmarys-temple.org](mailto:astolp@stmarys-temple.org)  
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