

PRESCHOOL HANDBOOK

PHILOSOPHY

Saint Rose Preschool believes that children are unique individuals experiencing life and gathering information at their own pace. Young children grow and gather knowledge most effectively through concrete experiences. Jean Piaget's theories of development state that children learn through active exploration of an environment, rich in hands-on opportunities. Therefore, our goal is to create a stimulating "play" environment that encourages young children to observe, to be active, to make choices, and to experiment. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of the "whole child." We strive to provide an environment that promotes this philosophy through the child's spiritual, cognitive, language, social, emotional, physical, and creative development. Children are born with an innate drive to learn. Believing parents are the first teachers, partnerships are developed with families for children to thrive and become lifelong learners.

Very basic religious concepts, such as loving God, ourselves, our families, our friends, and all living things are fundamental to the curriculum. Taking care of God's earth and the gifts God has given us is an integral part of the child's learning environment. We believe that developing a positive self concept, feeling good about oneself and others, is of the utmost importance in nurturing the spirit within each child.

GOALS

In keeping with our Philosophy, our goals are designed to help each child:

- * develop an awareness of being a child of God and growing in God's love
- * develop a positive self concept
- * promote respect for self, others, and all living things
- * grow creatively through "hands-on" experiences
- * expand independence by providing opportunities to make choices
- * use all senses in learning
- * experience learning in a play environment that balances both active and quiet activities that encourage self reliance and confidence.

CURRICULUM

The Preschool curriculum is based upon the Course of Study issued by the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Toledo. The framework of the curriculum is to support and nurture growth in spiritual, cognitive, language, social, emotional and physical development, Early learning content standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science will be interwoven through the daily curriculum. The Course of Study supports the early learning standards issued by the Ohio Department of Education.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

"In accordance with Christian principles Saint Rose Preschool recruits and admits students of any race, color or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities. In addition, the school will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, or handicap (if a student can function in the environment) in administration of its educational policies. In addition, the school is not intended to be an alternative to court administrative agency ordered, or public school district initiated, desegregation."

"Saint Rose Preschool will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnic origin in the hiring of its certified or non-certified personnel."

POTTY TRAINING POLICY

All students must be potty-trained in order to attend Saint Rose Preschool. This includes independently undressing, wiping and dressing. Due to the state of Ohio licensing and regulations we cannot assist with potty training of any kind. Therefore, no diapering or pull ups may be used during the school day. If a student has a total of two accidents in five consecutive school days, a meeting with the teacher, preschool director, and parents will be held to create an action plan. The action plan will be implemented for a two week period to help with independent use of the restroom. If the action plan is not successful in two weeks, the student will be dismissed from the program. If a student has two accidents in one day, a parent/guardian will be called and the student will be sent home for the rest of the day. Therefore we encourage loose comfortable clothing to ensure a successful day.

STAFF/CHILD RATIOS

We observe the following staff/child ratio according to State guidelines.

Age Staff/Child Ratio Group Size

State Ratio

St. Rose Ratio

3 Yr. Olds One adult: 12 (1:12)

2:24 3 Yr. Olds One adult: 10 (1:10) 2:20

4 Yr. Olds One adult: 14 (1:14).

2:28 4 Yr. Olds One adult: 11 (1:11) 2:22

Kindergarten Readiness: 14 (1:14) 2:

Kindergarten Readiness: 13 (1:13)

2:26

***All ratios are subject to change if directed by state guidelines due to COVID 19**

EXTENDED DAY

We offer both a Before School Program and an After School Program. There is an annual \$50.00 Registration fee per family. Before School Program begins at 7:00 AM, and ends at 8:45 AM. The After School Program begins at 3:30 PM, and ends at 6:00 PM. The Extended Day fee is \$5.00/hour. A \$1.00 per minute charge will be added after 6:00PM. You must sign your child in and out. If you fail to do so, they will be charged the maximum number of hours for that day. Families will be billed on a monthly basis. Payment is due within 10 days from the billing date.

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ARRIVAL, DISMISSAL AND ABSENCE POLICY

Arrival: Children should arrive for their class between 8:45 and 9:00am. Specific arrival instructions will be given to the parents at the beginning of the school year.

Tardy: School begins at 9:00am. Any child reporting after the teachers are already inside must report to the school office for an admittance slip. Parents and students cannot be let in Elm Street doors if they are tardy.

Dismissal: Our AM students dismiss at 11:30. Our PM students dismiss at 3:30. Specific pick-up instructions will be given to parents at the beginning of the school year.

Alternate Dismissal: The safety of your child is our primary concern. Therefore, any student going home with someone other than a parent/guardian must present a note giving permission for that person to transport the child.

Absence: Saint Rose requires all parents to notify the school when a child will be absent. Parents should notify the office before 9:30 AM on the day of absence. If a parent knows their child will be absent on a particular day a note in advance would be greatly appreciated.

Arrival

- Car Riders and Walkers : Students arriving by car are to wait in their vehicles through the carline. Preschool families entering from Front Street on Linden Lane will use the outside lane to the right. K-8 families entering from Front Street on Linden Lane will use the inside lane to the left. Drivers will follow the directions from the faculty to proceed through dropoff. The nature of carline allows for social distancing as students leave their vehicles and enter the building. There will be visual reminders to socially distance along with faculty to remind students.
- Preschool Students : Preschool parents will walk their child to the preschool teachers/aides.
- It is recommended that parents limit their dropoff of students to outside of the building. If a parent must walk their child to class, he/she must wear a face covering, limit his/her time in the building, and have his/her temperature taken and be below 100 degrees Fahrenheit. A faculty/staff member will be posted at doors A and D for parent

temperature readings.

Dismissal

- **Car Riders and Walkers:** Students being picked up in carline or walking home will be called down first. They will stand in lines outside with their homeroom cohort group. Social distancing increments will be marked on the blacktop. Faculty will assist with reminding students to socially distance. Students will be released to their cars as parents pull forward. The parking spaces between the Walz Center and school will be closed to parking and will be used for dismissal. Students need to dress for the weather as they will be outside waiting in socially distanced lines during the dismissal process.
- **Bus Riders:** Bus students will be called down once the buses arrive. They can load directly on their bus or stand in a line with social distance markings.

Visitors

In order to limit the number of people coming in contact with our students each day, visitors will be limited to those attending essential meetings when the meeting can not be held remotely. Parents/guardians are able to enter Door A and wait at the front desk for students to be released from class for appointments or to drop off materials. Parents/guardians must wear face coverings to enter Door A and their temperatures must be taken at Door A and be below 100 degrees Fahrenheit to enter.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each family will be asked to supply items at the beginning of the school year which will include paper products and art items. Parents will receive an itemized list in August. In addition, each child should have a **large backpack** to hold a lunch bag, change of clothes and a folder that can be completely zipped. Also, please have their name on the outside and a change of clothing in a zip lock bag inside. The change of clothing should include underwear, pants, shirt, and socks. The child should bring their backpack to school every day.

SNACKS / LUNCH

Parents will provide daily snacks for their child. We encourage you to provide healthy nutritious snacks and a lunch with a water bottle(if applicable) each day your child is in session. **Please remember we are a peanut free preschool.**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays are celebrated throughout the school year. The child's parent may bring in special juice boxes or a pre-packaged treat that has been professionally made and lists all ingredients and is peanut free for the class on their child's special day. However a special treat is not necessary.

INVITATIONS

As a Catholic school we strive to include all students in our activities. We ask parents who wish to send invitations to a party, and would like them to be given out at school, to either: include the entire class; or choose a specific gender. If the parent chooses not to include the entire group, we ask that invitations not be given out at school.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION

. We believe that parents are one of the most important factors in the success of our preschool program. Opportunities for parents may include field trips, parties, events and conferences.

Conferences: Parent/teacher conferences will be offered twice during the school year,

in the Fall and Spring.

Communication: Each child will be given a Home/School Folder **to keep in his/her backpack at all times**. The folder will serve as a means of communication between home and school. The contents of the backpack will be checked daily for incoming correspondence by preschool staff and **should be checked daily by parents/guardians**. We also use a class website called **Class Dojo**. This is a communication tool that allows teachers and parents to partner and create an open line of communication for emailing, and posting important events throughout the school year.

The school abides by the provisions of the Buckley Amendment with respect to the rights of non-custodial parents. In the absence of a court order to the contrary, a school will provide the non-custodial parent with access to monthly school calendars, newsletters, progress reports, and other school-related information. The non-custodial parent is responsible to supply the director or teacher with self addressed stamped envelopes for the year (12 in all). If there is a court order specifying that there is to be no information given, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the school with an official copy of the court order.

Roster: A list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the parents or guardians of children attending the preschool are available upon request by a parent with a child in the class. The roster will not include the names, addresses or telephone numbers of any parent or guardian who requests his/her name not be included.

CLOTHING

In order for your child to have freedom of movement and participate in all the varied activities, please dress your child in comfortable play clothes and shoes. A change of clothing should be kept in a ziplock bag and stored in your child's backpack at all times(Seasonal appropriate). This should include a shirt, pants, underpants and socks.

TOYS FROM HOME

We ask that children leave their special toys at home or in the car. We cannot be responsible for them.

FIELD TRIPS

Classroom field trips are arranged by the classroom teacher and approved by the principal. Transportation will be provided by the parent/guardian to and from the destination. Parents are required to accompany their child for the duration of the field trip. If you are unable to take your child on the field trip, you are responsible for your child's care that day.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Preschool is in session for ten months (August - May), and follows the same calendar as Saint Rose School.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

If Perrysburg schools are closed or delayed due to conditions such as fog or snow we will be closed or delayed also. If weather conditions cause a delay, the morning class will attend from 11:00-12:30 Those that attend all day will be from 11:00-3:30. The half-day Kindergarten Readiness will attend from 11:00-12:30 The all day Kindergarten Readiness will have class from 11:00-3:30.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

A complete physical examination by a licensed physician and a copy of the child's immunization record is required by the Ohio Department of Education **in order to attend the first day of preschool.** All children must be immunized against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella and Hib. **The physical examination must have occurred within 12 months prior to the beginning of the school year.**

ILLNESS, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND EMERGENCIES

The Communicable Disease Chart published by the Ohio Department of Health is posted in each classroom. Staff members have completed the courses on Communicable Disease, First Aid, CPR and Child Abuse Prevention. A handbook describing signs and symptoms of illness, hand washing and disinfecting procedures is available for staff and parent information.

Illness: A staff member who is ill or becoming ill will be sent home and a substitute teacher will be contacted to replace her.

Saint Rose will care for a child who is experiencing minor cold symptoms but who is not exhibiting any of the communicable disease symptoms. If a child has or develops any of the communicable disease symptoms during class, parents will be notified and the child will be isolated, with the school nurse or an assistant, until the parent arrives. A letter will be sent home to all the parents to inform them their child might have been exposed to a communicable disease.

Communicable Disease Symptoms-

- Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool within a 24 hr. period)
- Vomiting
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Severe coughing, causing the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound
- Temperature of 100°F taken by the auxiliary method when in combination with any other sign of illness
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Stiff neck
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Evidence of lice, scabies, or other parasitic infestation
- Conjunctivitis/Pink Eye
- Green/Yellow discharge from nose
- Untreated infected skin patches, or unusual spots or rashes
- Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool

Please contact the school if your child has a communicable disease so that we can notify other parents that their child may have been exposed to the illness.

A child may return to school upon verification from the parents that the child has been free from the communicable condition for a 24 hour period, or in accordance with the minimum control standards listed on the Communicable Disease Chart as established by the Ohio Department of Health.

Emergencies: In case of accidental injury, the teachers will call the school nurse. The nurse will assess the severity of the injury. Minor accidents will be treated with first aid procedures. In case of an emergency, an attempt will be made to notify the parents at home and/or at work. If the parents cannot be reached, emergency contacts indicated by the parent on the emergency or registration form will be contacted. Then an action will be taken according to instructions given by the parents on the emergency sheet.

Emergencies and accidents will be recorded in an Incident Report by the school nurse or preschool staff member. A copy will be filed with the nurse or preschool teacher and one shared with the parent or guardian. Medication: Medication including aspirin, cold medications and prescriptions, will not be administered by any staff member.



Temperature Checks

- Students : Parents are the first line defenders against the spread of illness. All parents and guardians are to take their children’s temperatures before leaving the house. Any student with a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above will be required to stay home. The parent/guardian will need to call the school to inform the school of the absence.

Teachers will also take temperatures using an infrared touchless thermometer. Students with temperatures of 100 Fahrenheit or above will need to go home. The nurse will be called, and the students will be kept in isolation until the parents/guardians can arrive. Parents/guardians need to pick up their sick child within 30 minutes of being called.

- Employees : Faculty and staff will take their temperature at home and stay home if their temperature is 100 Fahrenheit or above. They will check their temperature again at school when they arrive. Any employee with a temperature of 100 Fahrenheit or above will need to leave campus.

Face coverings

- All faculty and staff members will wear face coverings while in the classroom and interacting with students.
- All parents/guardians/visitors must wear a face covering upon entering Saint Rose Catholic School.
- Face coverings are optional for preschool students.
- Students in grades K-8 will be asked to wear face coverings while in transition during the school day. Students can wear face coverings for the duration of the day if they prefer.
- Students and faculty/staff do not have to wear face coverings if they present a note from a doctor excusing them from wearing a mask.
- If Wood County is designated a Level 3 under the State of Ohio's COVID-19 Advisory System, Saint Rose will recommend following the government guidelines regarding face coverings.

CHILD ABUSE POLICY

The Director and each employee is required by law to immediately notify the local public children service's agency when they suspect that a child has been abused or neglected.

SPECIAL NEEDS

The teacher of young children has the unique opportunity to observe the individual learning styles of each child as he/she enters the school experience. It may become apparent to the teacher that some children have special needs

which require special intervention. The teacher would act as a referral source for further evaluation.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Saint Rose Preschool believes in using a positive approach to discipline. We believe that by encouraging good behavior we help teach the children respect for self and others. "Constructive, developmentally appropriate child guidance and management techniques will be used at all times. The techniques include such measures as redirection, separation from problem situations, talking with the child about the situation, and praise for appropriate behavior." Physical punishment will never be used as a means to modify negative behavior. Parents will be notified of the behavior issues and a conference may be necessary to establish an action plan. The director may require the parents to withdraw a child if placement in the preschool is not in the child's and/or the schools best interest.

We are committed to providing a safe environment for all students and staff. Behaviors that are harmful to other children and staff include but not limited to punching, pinching, biting, spitting, and kicking.

SAFETY RULES

For your child's safety the following rules have been established:

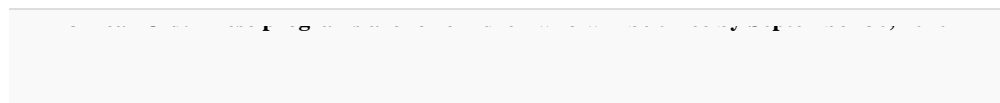
1. No child will ever be left alone or unsupervised.
2. No child will be allowed to cause bodily harm to other children or staff members.
3. A teacher or aid will be with the children during arrival/dismissal times.
4. No child will be released to a person not authorized by a parent or guardian. We must have a written authorization for changes in this respect.
5. All visitors, including parents, are to report to the school office before entering the preschool.
6. Staff members have immediate access to a telephone in case of emergency.
7. Emergency numbers are posted by the telephone, along with the fire, emergency and weather alert plans.
8. Monthly fire drills are conducted and a record of these is kept at school. All exits are marked and a fire alarm system is in working order.
9. Tornado drills are held in season.
10. An Incident Report shall be completed and a copy shall be given to the parent the day an accident or injury occurs.
11. Spray aerosols shall not be used when children are present.
12. Electrical outlets are covered when not in use.

Saint Rose follows the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Education Rules for Preschool Programs.

Saint Rose School's most recent compliance report and license is posted in each classroom with phone numbers listed below to report any concerns, complaints and/or violations.

SCHEDULE AND TUITION

2020-21 Saint Rose Preschool Tuition:



9am-11:30am

9am-3:30pm

9am-11:30am

9am-3:30pm

9am-11:30am

9am-3:30am

9am-3:30pm

9am-11:30am

9am-3:30pm

Blended

This extended day option, staffed by a preschool teacher, will combine 3 & 4 year olds for lunch, rest time and a project/play-based afternoon from 11:30am to 3:30pm

Afternoons

An application is required

9am-11:30am

Registration Fees

- \$175 per student is due at the time of registration
- \$50 SMART Tuition fee per family/account is due at the time of registration

All families are required to establish a SMART Tuition account for the 2020-2021 academic year, no later than April 15, 2020. Through SMART Tuition, families can establish a 10-month payment schedule, August through May. If tuition is paid in full no later than June 1, 2020, the \$50 SMART Tuition fee will be credited to your account. The school code for SMART Tuition is 12961.

Age of group: Children enrolling in any of the programs offered must be the age of the group by September 30th.

In Session: The Preschool will be in session nine months, August - May.

Fees: Each child is enrolled for the entire school year of nine months. If circumstances arise that a child must withdraw, a one month notice would be appreciated. When a student withdraws within any given month full tuition is expected for that month. Please inform the director if you need to withdraw your child.

No refund or credit is given for illness, family vacations, scheduled school holidays, weather days or vacation periods.

Tuition: Tuition may be paid in full or a tuition payment plan set up by May 1st. Please make checks payable to SAINT ROSE SCHOOL.

Registration: A registration/activity fee of \$125.00 is payable when you enroll a child for the school year. This fee is neither refundable nor applicable toward tuition. Students are accepted in the order that registration and fees are received along with the child's birth certificate, and social security number. Our registration policy follows:

1. Preschoolers and Saint Rose Parishioners : December 2020.
2. Public Registration: January 2021

Mrs. Kimberly Tishler 419-874-5631
Dr. Bryon Borgelt 419-874-5631
Catholic Youth and School Services 419-244-6711
Ohio Department of Education (614)-466-0224
Department Ombudsperson (877) 644-6338

If a parent would like a copy of the program's compliance report or fire inspection they should contact the Director at 419-874-5631.