

October 2024 Newsletter

The rainbow is the sign of His promise to be with us always. Genesis 9:17

Fall is here and with the changing of the seasons comes many wonderful adventures at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. We will be taking advantage of the cooler weather and lovely autumnal colors with nature walks, pumpkin activities, and a costume parade. Our lessons this month will be all about our five senses, Noah's Ark, and the season of Fall. Thank you for helping your children transition into preschool so well. It has been a great start and we look forward to another fabulous month!



Parent Teacher Conferences

Our first parent teacher conferences are right around the corner. The goal of these conferences is to provide an opportunity for you to share about your child with us. Please

read over the attached reflections for this conference to help prepare yourself. <u>Fall</u> Conference Reflections <--LINK

Classroom Joy & Classroom Love - 4 Year Old Classes - Wednesday, October 16th

Classroom Joy & Classroom Love - 3 Year Old Classes -Thursday, October 17th

Classroom Hope - Thursday, October 17th

We are using Sign Up Genius to sign up for conferences this year. You will receive an email on Wednesday, October 2nd to sign up for your child's conference. If you have any questions or scheduling conflicts please see your child's teacher.

It is important for your child to not be present for the conference. Therefore, please arrange for your child(ren) to remain home or you can help each other watch your children during conferences on the playground. There will not be preschool staff on the playground, you will need to coordinate with other parents.



Tuition Payment for October

Please remember your October tuition payment is due by October 10th. All payments will be done through our online system. You can access the system via the preschool website. <--- Link Select the purple box on the right side of the screen titled Preschool Payments.

We are Going on a Pumpkin Hunt!

<u>3-year-old Classes</u> - We will have a special pumpkin adventure at preschool this month!

<u>4-year-old Classes</u> - We will have our first field trip on Monday, October 14th to the Clarks Elioak Farm Pumpkin Patch. Click here for a copy of the <u>Permission Slip</u>. Make sure they are turned in by next Friday, October 4th!



Costume Parade

Our annual costume parade is a fun day for everyone. The children love having a second opportunity to show off their wonderful costumes. If weather permits, the children will parade out the side door and around a parade route of cones at 11:30 am. All parade viewers are asked to stand around the outside of the cones. The children should bring their costume in a bag labeled with their name. If you prefer for your child not to participate you can arrange for an early pickup at 11:15 am that day.

Wednesday, October 30th - 4-year old classes Parade

Thursday, October 31st -3-year old classes Parade



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Thanks for your support!

Amazon Wish List

Please consider supporting Christ Memorial Christian Preschool by donating needed classroom items from our <u>Amazon Wish List</u>. <--LINK Thank you for your support!



Facebook: Each month you will find a Facebook update with pictures of what the preschool children have been up to at school. If you haven't already liked our Facebook page this is one way to be aware of the fun adventures your child is having at school.

<u>Preschool Directory Correction:</u> Please note the following corrections to the Preschool Directory that was sent home at the beginning of the school year.

Wong, Matteus (Zion) Phone Number #1 - 240-758-2990



Almost all field trips and special events have now been scheduled for the 2024-25 school year. The only exception is for the 2-day classes trip to the Savage Fire Station in January. We are awaiting confirmation from the station and will share this as soon as we can. Please check out the updated School Calendar and Special Events listing on the Parent Board and linked on the website here.

2024-25 School Year Calendar



Snack Reminders:

Your October Snack calendar came home this week. Below is a reminder of the suggested snack items. It is helpful to send in 2 of these items on your child's snack day to give every child a choice for snack time. All snack items must be store bought and in unopened packages. Fruit/Vegetables can be washed and cut when brought to school. Any questions please feel free to ask Mrs. Gallagher.

Please select one snack item from each column for your child's snack day. If you have another idea you would like to bring, we love new ideas, please just check with your child's teacher before your snack day.

<u>List 1: Fruits/Vegetables/Dairy</u> <u>List 2: Crackers-Like Items</u>

•	Strawberries	* Goldfish

- Oranges * Pretzels
- Apples * Cheezits
- Grapes * Graham Crackers
- Bananas * Teddy Grahams
- Pears * Snack Mixes
- Berries * Wheat Thins
- Raisins * Triscuits
- Dried Fruit * Pita Chips
- Applesauce * Club Crackers
- String Cheese * Popcorn
- Cheese Cubes/Slices * Pirate Booty
- Yogurt * Veggie Straws
- Hummus for Dipping Vegetables * Ritz Crackers
- Baby Carrots * Cereal Bars
- Celery * Granola Bars
- Cucumbers * Muffins
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Sweet Peppers
- Snap Peas



We are so excited to have field trips this year! To join us as a parent chaperone for a field trip you need to turn in a copy of your current driver's license and car insurance. Even if you turned in a copy last year, a new set must be turned in this year. Mrs. Gallagher would be happy to make a copy for you in the office as well.



Show & Tell

The children will be asked to bring in something that relates to the weekly theme or something the children are learning about that week. See below for dates and what to bring:

3-year Old Classes:

October 3rd- Something that is a CIRCLE October 10th - Something that is ORANGE October 24th - Something that is a SQUARE

4-Year Old Classes:

October 4th - Something you could see in the FALL

October 11th - Something you can SMELL October 25th - An ANIMAL you could see on NOAH'S ARK

Basic Concepts for October

2 Day Classes:

Numbers: 2 & 3

Colors: Red & Orange Shape: Circle & Square

Skills: Listening and Following 2 Step Directions

3 & 5 Day Classes:

Numbers: Review 1-10, Rote Counting & Number Sense

Colors: Green, Purple & Orange Shapes: Triangle & Rectangle

Letters: F, E, D, P

Skills: Pre-writing Fine Motor Skills & Cutting

Trunk-or-Treat!

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church, will be holding a special <u>Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday</u>, <u>October 27th at 4 pm</u>. Trunk-or-treating is a version of trick-or-treating, but instead of children going door to door to collect candy, they go from trunk to trunk. Each trunk will be decorated with a fun theme. Some of the teachers of Christ Memorial Christian Preschool will also be present during the event. We would love to have preschool families participate in this fun event by bringing your children in costume to trunk-or-treat. You are also welcome to decorate your own trunk to add to the group! If you would like to decorate a trunk please see Mrs. Gallagher.



Upcoming Important Dates:

October 1st - Noon Dismissal Begins for 2-day classes

October 14th - Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch - 4-year old classes

October 16th - Parent Teacher Conferences - JOY & LOVE 4-year old classes

October 17th - Parent Teacher Conferences - JOY & LOVE 3-year old classes & HOPE

October 18th - Preschool Closed for the Maryland Teacher Convention

October 27th - Trunk or Treat at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church at 4 pm

October 30th - Costume Parade at 11:30 am for 4-year old classes

October 31st - Costume Parade at 11:30 am for 3-year old classes

SAVAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

Save the Date: Oct. 5, 2024 / 12-4:00 Fire Prevention Open House



8521 Corridor Rd. Savage, MD. 20763

Bring the whole family to:

Tour the Firehouse
See inside a Fire Engine/Ambulance
Endulge in a delicious hotdog/snack
See actual Rescue Demo's
Meet Howard County Police
Discover Volunteer Opportunities
Meet Local Scouts

Learn about Fire Prevention
Play fun games
Learn CPR
Meet Sparky the Fire Dog Mascot
Talk to actual Fire/Rescue/EMT staff
Get your Face Painted
And, much more.....

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!





Fun Local Event: The Savage Volunteer Fire Station is holding their annual Open House this month! This is a great family friendly event where kids can meet fire fighters and explore the fire equipment. Mrs. Gallagher's son Ben is an EMT at the station and will be there to greet families!