



Holy Cross Stars Academy

Where Every Child Shines

November 2024 Newsletter

Good Afternoon Parents,

After two months of school, it is wonderful to see how well your children have adjusted to a school setting. Routines have been established. Transitions are less challenging. Children are becoming more engaged and interactive during our circle activities. Friendships are being formed. Learning is taking place!

November brings colder weather and shorter days. However, your child's education will become more challenging and exciting. In October, both classes started their first unit of study, "Balls". The Tiny Stars are continuing to focus on size and texture. Through gross motor activities they are learning how to roll, kick and toss a ball. Their language should include naming the different types of balls and describing the texture soft, hard, rough, squishy, and bumpy. The Little Stars are learning vocabulary that includes hollow, solid and circumference. The children will continue their investigation as they engage in "roll the ball" activities and measure distances as balls roll down various ramps. The staff is eager to share your child's successes during our upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

I am thrilled to announce our class parents, Jenny Hadjimina (Tiny Stars) and Anna Skepetaris (Little and Rising Stars). Joanne and I will be working collaboratively with them to provide opportunities for parents and grandparents to have more interactions with other parents and family members. Creating strong family partnerships will only enhance our wonderful school. Please check our school website, www.hcgos.org. Information and pictures from the school are updated on a regular basis. The website is a wonderful resource to share with friends and neighbors as they begin to look for a quality education for their young children

Please make note of our special events for the month:

November 5 –	Election Day - School closed for children; Staff professional development day
November 7 –	Picture Day
November 8 –	Synaxis of the Archangels Michael & Gabriel - Liturgy and Communion
November 11 –	Veteran's Day – School closed / Ashley Farms Fundraiser deliveries this week
November 15 –	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 11:30 dismissal for all students
November 27-29 –	Thanksgiving Break - school closed

To adhere to Department of Health Guidelines, your children will play outdoors most days. When it is colder than 42 degrees, raining, or snowing they will remain inside. Please remember to send them to school with hats and gloves as the weather gets cooler so they can enjoy the fresh air. If a child is not dressed appropriately, he/she will have to remain inside with one of the staff.

An additional requirement by the Department of Health is that your child and has a flu vaccine by December 31, 2024. Please remember to send the vaccine documentation to school.

Thank you to all the parents and families who have supported our Ashley Farms fundraiser, Books Come Alive and fall decorations for our school building.

Please feel free to contact me or Ms. Joanne me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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