

# St. Basil's Sunday PreSchool

## Parent Handbook

# DATES TO REMEMBER PRESCHOOL-GRADE 1 - 2011-12

Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>: 11:40am "Meet The Teacher"

Classes will meet every Sunday except on these dates:

November 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving break

December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas break

January 1<sup>st</sup> - Christmas break

January 15<sup>th</sup> - MLK weekend

February 19<sup>th</sup> - Presidents' weekend

April 8<sup>th</sup> - Easter break

April 15<sup>th</sup> - Easter break

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>: Last class

## 2011-12 PreSchool Staff

Coordinator: Lynn Cannizzaro 440-888-5294  
Secretary: Jan Rielinger 440-526-3520

### Teachers:

P4D	Room 1	Stacey Sowa	440-546-0212
P4E	Room 3	Rachael Pekarik	440-591-7753
P5I	Room 4	Maureen Sullivan	440-546-0807
P5H	Room 5	Jennie Dollard	440-526-3234
P5G	Room 2	Laura Jonozzo	440-740-0182

Welcome to St. Basil's 2011-12 Sunday PreSchool Religion Program! It is our hope that you, the parents, will join with us to develop in your child an appreciation of God's constant love for us.

The content of the religion readiness texts used in our program has been approved by the National Catechetical Directory. This year, four year olds will be using the "I am Special" series, and kindergarten will use "Stories of God's Love." Both programs consist of activities, take-home pages, crafts, stories, and music. These elements combine to nurture the children's experience of God's love and their Catholic faith.

We hope you will show a sincere interest in your child's learning and will reinforce the lessons at home during the week. Talking to your child about the lesson is a great way to let the child know that what he/she does in PreSchool is important to you. Hopefully, by working together, we can make this program a truly rewarding and enjoyable learning experience for your child!

Age 4: "Stories of God's Love" provides learning experiences based on the child's level of understanding and ability to participate. Four year olds will.....

- learn more about the many gifts, talents, and abilities that God has blessed them with
- learn that the Bible is the source for knowing about God and God's son, Jesus
- deepen their relationship with God and their friend Jesus
- grow in the understanding of and the practice of Christian actions.

Age 5: "Stories of God's Love" provides a framework to form Christian hearts and attitudes. Kindergarteners will.....

- learn that God created the world and we need to care for it;
- learn that Jesus lived in a family and that our church is part of God's family;
- form a simple understanding of the meaning and flow of the liturgical seasons;
- experience a variety of prayer traditions and rituals, often using music & Scripture.

## SUNDAY PRESCHOOL POLICIES

Please enter and exit through the Education Center doors. Classes begin at 10:30am. Children should be in their classrooms at least five minutes prior to the starting time.

Dismissal is at the conclusion of 10:30am Mass. (11:40am) Children will remain in the classroom until a parent arrives; it is not necessary to leave Mass before the closing hymn. An open classroom door is the sign that the class has concluded. Please wait in the Gathering Area until the doors open.

Children are to be taken to and picked up at the door of the classroom by a parent or other adult. If the child is to be picked up by a person who is not familiar to the teacher, please notify the teacher in advance.

Parents are asked not to send children to class when they have colds or show other signs of illness, such as excessive coughing, constant runny nose, low grade temperature, etc. This policy is for your child's comfort as well as a consideration for the other children in the class.

If you know several days ahead that your child will be absent, please notify the teacher directly. Teachers often have crafts which they prepare in advance, and this courtesy will save them time and materials.

In the event of class cancellation due to severe weather, you will be notified by phone between 8:30-9:30 that morning. Please do not call the Rectory for information.

## SUPERVISION/PROTECTION OF CHILDREN POLICY

- All adult volunteers working with children have been finger-printed for a background check and have participated in the Virtus training program.
- Teachers have the responsibility for setting a tone of mutual respect in the classroom. Name-calling, put-downs, bullying, harassment, etc., are not acceptable.
- No child may be disciplined or corrected with abusive or demeaning language.
- Students are never to be disciplined by being sent out of the room alone.
- A child is never to be touched by an adult in a way that can be construed as punitive.
- Windows in the classroom door area are to remain uncovered at all times.
- A teacher is never to leave ANY student(s) unsupervised. Asking a neighboring teacher to monitor the class is acceptable.
- Parents/visitors must sign in the Religion Office before entering a classroom. (exception: regular dismissal time)
- Parents requesting early dismissal of students must personally come to the Office and sign them out before going to the classroom.

## RESPONSE TO/REPORTING OF ALLEGED ABUSE OF MINORS

Each member of the parish should consider it his or her legal and moral responsibility to report suspected abuse whenever it comes to his or her attention, regardless of where the abuse takes place. If abuse is suspected, observed by, or disclosed to a volunteer and/or paid staff member, that person should report the incident immediately by following these steps:

- In all cases of alleged, suspected, or known child abuse or sexual misconduct, a report must be made to the local police department and the Cuyahoga County Department of Children & Family Services at 216-696-KIDS.
- If the alleged perpetrator is a staff member or volunteer of St. Basil Parish, the Pastor or Associate Pastor must be notified, after following the above procedure.