

Holy Childhood

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Upcoming Events

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- ◆ February 15 -19: Winter Break No School
- ◆ February 23: Self-Direction Presentation
- ◆ March 4: Half Day of School - dismissal at 11:30 AM.
- ◆ March 25-April 1: Spring Break No School

Welcome to the middle of the weirdest winter I can remember in a long time. It is cold one day and warm the next day.

Needless to say, the flu and other respiratory ailments have hit our school (students and staff) pretty hard this past month and even into the first week of February. If your child has a fever, please keep him or her home until 24 hours after the fever breaks. This will help break the flu cycle. A runny nose, cough and congestion without the fever are usually symptoms of a cold. Your child should be kept home a day or two until he or she feels better to reduce the spread of colds.

A "heads up" for next month, March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday and we all love Dr. Seuss stories. Classrooms will be reading Dr. Seuss stories and enjoying his many characters.

Annual Review season starts in a big way this month and we will be seeing many of you in the coming months.

I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. I try to get the newsletter out by the first of the month but the Rate Appeal deadline is looming next week and most of my "spare" time has been going to completing those tasks. I will attempt to be on time next month. If, at any time, you need to contact me, my contact information is as follows: (585) 359-3710 ext. 127 or email dhalpern@holychildhood.org.

Annual Reviews with School Districts

Student yearly reviews with school districts, Annual Reviews, generally start this month and continue through June. There are several things that I would like parents to be aware of as we move into this cycle of meetings.

Parent Meetings: Your child's teacher should make arrangements with you to come in or have a phone conference to discuss the proposed IEP and get your input. This meeting should take place up to a month prior to the IEP meeting.

Transition Meeting - This meeting may take the place of the above meeting for students who are age 15 years and older. This meeting will be to discuss the transition plan for your child.

Re-Evaluation Testing - Some of our students will be re-evaluated for their services. This is done once every three years. If your child is being re-evaluated this year, the testing will be reviewed with you at the Parent Meeting or Transition Meeting. If the testing is not completed before the meeting is scheduled, be sure to inquire and ask for an opportunity to review the findings.

School Based Planning Team



The next SBPT meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 3:00 p.m.

The next School Based Planning Team meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 3:00 PM. The February break will get in the way of the meeting for this month.

The agenda will include an update on the Rate Appeal and the development of the Activities for Daily Living Curriculum. We will also discuss the upcoming summer program.

A para educator sub-committee of the Mentoring Committee will be continuing their work on identifying the professional development needs of the paras and will have an update for the Team.

Wine at Center Ice



Leave your ice skates at home and dress warm & cozy for Holy Childhood's 3rd Annual Wine at Center Ice event at Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex! Guests enjoy an evening filled with wine and craft beer tastings, live music from the Everheart Band, hearty appetizers, silent auction, fun and games on the ice, figure skating performances and more! Experience this unique and entertaining event, literally at center ice, (there's a floor for you to stand on) while raising money for Holy Childhood. Early bird tickets are available until February 15th, \$40 per ticket, \$75 for couples and \$25 designated driver ticket. After February 15th tickets are \$50 per ticket, \$90 for couples and \$25 designated driver ticket. Tickets available, advance sales only at

www.holychildhood.org/wineatcenterice. You must be 21 yrs. or older to attend. Questions? Contact Samantha Looker at 359-3710, ext. 169.

Parent Association

The Dady Brothers
Sunday, April 17th
1:00 – 3:00 PM



Mark your calendar for an upcoming fundraising event to benefit Holy Childhood brought to you by the Parent Association. The Dady Brothers are a local Irish musical group who will be performing here at Holy Childhood to help raise money for much needed video communication software. Watch for more details coming home soon.

Transition News

A presentation regarding Self Direction for Families is scheduled for February 23rd from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Watch for more details next week. We hope to see you for what will be an interesting and helpful presentation.