



August 2011

Co-Op Chronicle

The Newsletter of the Church of the Saviour
Co-Operative Nursery School

News and Notes

✍ The Orientation Meeting on September 7th is MANDATORY for new and returning families. Please note that this meeting is longer than the May meeting.

✍ The first of three tuition payments is due on or before the day of the Orientation Meeting. The amount due at this time is \$120 for 1-day classes, \$320 for 3-day classes and \$420 for 4-day Pre-K. Please make all tuition checks payable to CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR CO-OP. If you want to set up a different payment plan, contact Elizabeth Smolin at (216)371-2589 PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

✍ The first week of school (September 12 through 15) will consist of shortened days. Classes will meet from 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. **Parents are expected to remain in the building during this first week of school.** This time is also a perfect opportunity for parents to get to know one another and help the teachers with cutting shapes for future projects. Please bring your own scissors and a pencil!

From the President

I would like to welcome new families and welcome back returning families to the Church of the Saviour Co-Op Nursery School! While the “official” beginning of school is still a few weeks away, the board members have been busy at work to make sure that the 2011-12 school year is a great one! Being on the board and in the classrooms parent helping over the last two years, I have been inspired by the dedication of our teachers who provide a nurturing and creative environment for learning. How lucky that we, as parents of a cooperative nursery school, get to see and participate in our children’s first school experience!! This is what makes the Co-Op such a special place!

Help us start the school year off right by reading this newsletter thoroughly and making a note of important dates and information. In order to have a successful year we need you to do your part - from attending meetings to parent helping to doing your assigned job to the best of your ability!

I hope you will contact me or one of the other board members with any questions, ideas, or concerns you might have. In the meantime, take time to enjoy the last few weeks of summer. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September Parent Orientation Meeting (and some of you before then at the August 31st Workshop)!

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Calendar

August 29	New Member Meet & Greet (3:30-5:30) Home of Abbie Bole 3300 E. Fairfax Rd Cleveland Heights
August 31	Fall Workshop (7:00 p.m.)*
September 7	MANDATORY Orientation Meeting (7:30 p.m.)* Calvary Hall
September 7-23	Spring Bulb Sale Fundraiser
September 12-15	First Week of School (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.)
September 23	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) Bulb Sale Orders DUE
September 29	NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah
October 4	Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)

* One parent from each family is required to attend either the Fall or Winter workshop. Failure to attend will result in a \$50 fine.

News and Notes (cont.)

✍ Please remember to bring cleaning supplies (rags, paper towels, cleaning products, etc.) to the August 31st workshop!

✍ Throughout the school year, our classrooms invariably need a replenishment of supplies. Since school supplies are inexpensive at this time, we've asked the teachers to provide "Wish Lists" so that parents can take advantage of the back-to-school sales and donate items to the classrooms. Note that purchasing items on the wish lists are most welcome, but not required.

✍ Church of the Saviour is NUT FREE. For the safety of all of our children, please refrain from bringing any nuts or products containing nuts into the building or playground area.

✍ Large tote bags are required to bring home precious artwork and important papers. We ask that you please not send your child to school with a backpack, as they are too small to accommodate the large pieces of artwork that your children create.

Monday 3's and Three Day 3's (Mrs. Collyer)

I love this time of the year when all of the excitement for a new school year begins to build. For most of our Threes, this is their very first opportunity to enjoy the anticipation of going off to school. It is a joy to share the adventure with them and I am truly looking forward to meeting all of the new Threes at our back-to-school parties. In the meantime, I'll be sending out notes to each student towards the end of the month and planning teacher visits for early September. See you soon!

WISH LIST:

- Glue sticks (these usually go on sale this time of year)
- Washable markers (any variety)
- 2 pots of mums (for a project the second week of school)
- Plain paper for coloring and cutting (a pack of copy paper is perfect!)

3's and 4's (Mrs. Bartz and Mrs. Stefanak)

Welcome to Preschool!. We are all so excited to begin school and meet all of our new students. We hope everyone is enjoying the last days of summer.

We have scheduled our 3-4's class "Meet the Teacher" Party for Wednesday, September 7th. The morning class will be split into two groups. Group A will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 and group B will meet from 10:00 - 11:00. We will overlap both groups on the playground from 10:00 - 10:30 so that the entire class will be together during that time. The afternoon class will meet from 11:30 - 12:30 and your Participation Chair will contact you with further details.

This is an exciting time of year and, occasionally, a little bit frightening. Please know that we are here to help alleviate those fears and make the transition to preschool as easy as possible.

Throughout the year, we will post a "Wish List" of items that we need for our classroom, at this time, our only request is for Elmer's Glue Sticks. Thanks for your help!

Pre-K (Ms. Day)

I am looking forward to meeting everyone at the Parent Orientation on September 7th. In the meantime, please take note of the following dates. On Thursday, September 8th, we will have our "Meet the Teacher" day for both classes. The morning class will meet in the classroom from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and on the playground from 11:00-11:30 a.m. The afternoon class will meet in the classroom from 12:30-1:30 pm and on the playground from 1:30-2:00 pm. Parents attend this event with their child. Our first day of school is Monday, September 12th (morning class) or Tuesday, September 13th (afternoon class). Class time is shortened until 11:00am/2:30pm, however, please note that all pre-k children attend class this week.

From the Registrar...

Do you have new neighbors who have just moved to town? Do you know someone with a child turning 3 at the end of the year who is looking for a preschool?

We still have a few spots available. Have them call Molly Burke at (216)645-8965, or email her at mhmodz@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a tour.

From the Newsletter editor...

The submission deadline for the next newsletter is September 28, 2011. Please forward newsletter submissions, comments & ideas regarding the to christina.hidek@gmail.com.

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Note: Voicemail is checked regularly. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Get Connected!

Visit us at:

www.coopnurseryschool.org

Join our Facebook group at:

www.facebook.com

Lunch Gang

Mark your calendar for lunch gang sign up on Tuesday, September 20. The sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board next to the Pre-K classroom. The first session will be from September 27 - November 3. Lunch gang is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. The cost is \$6 per session. If you want to take advantage of **Extended Lunch** Gang, which runs from 11:30 a.m. until 12:50 p.m., it will be an additional \$3. It is a great way for your child(ren) to get used to eating lunch in a school environment and have extra play time. Better yet, it is a great way for parents to have a little extra free time! You will be billed at the end of each session. Payment must be made within one week of receiving the bill in order to sign up for the following session. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Vikki Schmidt at (216) 650-8341 or vikkster25@aol.com.

Fundraising

Spaghetti Dinner & Bake-sale (featuring Marotta's Restaurant)

Friday, September 23, 2011 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Adults-\$10/ Kids-\$5/ Family Max. \$30

RSVP: Carole Dooner at pjdcso@yahoo.com or (216)321-4906

Donations of individually wrapped baked goods are needed for the bake-sale!

Fall Flower Bulb Fundraiser Begins Now!

Paper brochure and order forms will be available at the September parent meeting, but you can place an order online now at www.dutchbulbs.com/fg/churchofthe.

Orders placed on paper will be delivered free of charge to your child's cubby the week of October 21st, but if you place your order online the bulbs will be delivered to your house soon after you place your order for a flat rate of \$5 per order. Please forward this DutchBulbs link to your family and friends. Even out-of-towners can participate in this important fundraiser. Questions? Contact Angela Manne (216)321-2914 or michaelangela@core.com.

Executive Board Members

As the school year approaches, please feel free to contact your Participation Chair or one of the members of the Executive Board listed below. They would be happy to answer any questions you might have!

President, Elizabeth Smolin ([216.371.2589](tel:216.371.2589))

Vice President, Amy Lloyd ([216.382.7774](tel:216.382.7774))

Registrar, Molly Burke, ([216.645-8965](tel:216.645-8965))

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