Child Care Chatter

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Summer days are drifting away…

Dear Friends & Families,

What a fun and busy summer we have had however, all good things must come to an end. We have just completed a wonderful week at Vacation Bible School and everyone had such a wonderful time! We met a lot of new friends and had so many special activities to do. As I sit here composing this newsletter, it is difficult to believe that school starts in just three short weeks! As a result, I am already working on my fall enrollment!

With only few openings in the fall and more than we can handle in Kids Club, I need to have everyone's schedule as soon as possible! If your child(ren) have any schedule changes or are withdrawing, I need notification no later than Friday, August 4, 2017 since all requests require two week's written notice. It is easier for me to have them in writing to reduce errors for billing and scheduling. I appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

Finally, attached for all Pre – K children moving to kindergarten and school age families is a special School Age letter attached. Please read and return the form that you will find in your child's cubby to the child care office **no later than Friday, August 4, 2017.** Based on our current enrollment projections, we have more children than spots for our school – age program **(but that is my projection)!** Therefore, it is *very important* for you to return your completed form. I have families waiting to enroll and/or return if space becomes available.

As summer ends, I hope that the final days are filled with rest and relaxation to rejuvenate you for the school year ahead!

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Dates to Remember:
- 🏠 **July 31, 2017 – August 2, 2017** – Suzan out of the office.
- 🏠 **Friday, August 4, 2017** – Deadline for Kids Club.
- 🏠 **Friday, August 18, 2017.** – Kids Club Spaghetti Dinner Theater Fundraiser. Cost per meal and show is: $10.00. You may eat in or take out (bring your own container) Entertainment starts at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will begin being served at 4:30 p.m.
- 🏠 **Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m**. – 7:30 p.m. – James Gettys & Lincoln Elementary Kindergarten Orientation
- 🏠 **Tuesday, August 22, 2017** – First day of School
- 🏠 **Wednesday, August 23, 2017 –** Fall Transitions Begin
- 🏠 **Monday, September 4, 2017 –** Labor Day – Center Closed
- 🏠 **Tuesday, October 10, 2017** – Tentative Fall Open House

St. James Lutheran Church Child Care Center
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Friday, August 18, 2017 4:00-6:00PM

Kids club is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser as a culminating event to our summer program. Kids Club will be preparing the meal, as well as helping to serve the catered dinner. Please complete and detach the form below, and include a check made payable to St. JCCC and return it to your child's teacher by Monday, August 10th so preparations can begin. Each meal is $10.00 per person and includes a tossed salad, spaghetti, dinner roll and applesauce. Eat in or take-out available. (If taking out please supply your own containers). Invite your family and friends to help support the Project Facelift of our child care center hallways. Take out will be available between 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Name: _____ # of People Attending: _____

Check # _____ Amount: $_____

_____ Dine-In   _____ Take-Out

Special News for Kids Club Child Care 2017-18 School Year

Our school age program is reaching new enrollment heights! As I project our fall enrollment, we currently have more children than spots in our after-school program and four children that want to return this fall after a summer vacation! Please complete the form below and return it to Mr. Fred or myself by Friday, August 4, 2017 to secure your child's spot. I will not dis – enroll any child currently enrolled who needs care for the fall. This year our summer program will end on Friday, August 18, 2017. The official date for our school year will begin on Monday, August 21, 2017.

For children moving out of our Pre-K program and entering school, if you are leaving the program, please put your notice in writing. Two weeks written notice is required for all schedule and contract changes and will be accommodated on a first come, first serve basis based on the following priorities:

1. Child currently enrolled in Pre-K or Kids Club.
2. Current families with siblings enrolled.
3. New enrollments from the community at large.

OTHER INFORMATION IMPORTANT
FOR OUR UPCOMING AND CURRENT SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM:

Gettysburg Area School District provides transportation to and from James Gettys directly from our parking lot behind the church and we walk the children to and from Lincoln Elementary. If your child has been registered to attend a different school in the GASD, please call 334-6254 extension 1263 and ask to talk to Bill Bowling.

When the children have a scheduled day off school, a sign – up sheet for full day care will be put out in Kids Club approximately one week prior to the scheduled day off. Care is provided on a first come first serve basis. It is your responsibility to look for the sign-up sheets. If you sign up for care, you will be charged the additional fee for that service even if you choose not to attend that day. An additional fee of $9.00 or $18.00 will be assessed for children dependent on your enrollment status.

As our summer slowly changes to fall, I hope that the summer program has allowed your child to love, grow & learn!

Please complete the form below by Friday, August 4th, 2017.

Child's Name _____

Grade_____School _____

My child will be attending Kids Club at St. James Child Care Center for the 2017/18 school years:

Before School Only _____   After School Only _____   Before/After School_____

No Care will be needed during the school year. My child's last day for service will be:

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