



Child Care Chatter

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Dear Friends & Families,

It is difficult to believe that another school year has ended and the 2017 Summer Program is already here. We are happy to announce that this summer, we have again been invited to participate in VBS with St. James, Christ Lutheran and Prince of Peace during the week of July 24th – July 28th, 2017 at St. James for children enrolled in preschool and older. Preschool and Pre – kindergarten children not entering school will stay contained in their classrooms and will have guest story tellers, special snacks and activities following the same curriculum appropriate to their age group. They will all participate in the opening and closing programs daily beginning at 9:00 a.m. I encourage you to have your children here by 8:45 a.m. during that week.

This year's theme is Hero Central. Children will be learning about character values of Heroes that we want all children to develop such as, heart, courage, wisdom, hope and power. During the week, the children will explore familiar bible stories of bible heroes that develop these character traits. The message to help one another is one that we would like to instill in all children, young and old.

As with every new season, there are lots of things to remember. I hope my list of changes and reminders below will help you as we usher in the summer 2017!

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Summer Updates Reminders & Special Events:

Friday, June 16th at 3:30 p.m. Doughnuts for Dads – Come and join us in the classroom for homemade doughnuts and milk to honor the special men in our children's lives!

Vacation Bible School 2017 – July 24th – June 28th, 2017. All children entering Kindergarten and Kids Club will be participating with their teachers as active volunteers. Registration has been completed for children enrolled. Children that are in preschool or not entering kindergarten in the fall will stay at St. James participating in the same curriculum.

Sunscreen – Please remember to purchase a waterproof sunscreen and apply it to your child(ren) prior to arriving in the morning. According to DPW regulations, sunscreen is a medication and cannot be left in cubbies, backpacks or diaper bags and must be stored in an area that is locked and out of reach of children.

Water Bottles – Access to water is critical to a young child's brain development. Please provide a water bottle for your child each day that can be taken outside and available to them throughout the day. To ensure the water is cold and refreshing, fill the bottle half way the night before in the freezer and then add water to it in the morning. It helps the water stay fresh and cold throughout the day.

Vacation Requests/Withdrawals – Reminder, two weeks written notice is required for all children whether changing schedules or giving notice of withdrawals. After six months of enrollment, children are eligible for one week's vacation per calendar year free of charge with two weeks written notice submitted to the Child Care office.

Center Closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th, 2017

Thank You – for making Staff Appreciation a special week for the staff at St. James! The staff enjoyed a week full of special gifts, food and treats!