Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

November 2026 Newsletter

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. Psalm 107:1

November marks the start of the holiday season; a time of sharing, togetherness, and reflecting on life's blessings. We will begin the month discussing Harvest time and all that fall has to offer. We will then switch to focusing our learning on "God and My Family". As we discuss families, we will spend time learning about the many other things we are thankful for - food, homes, friends and clothing.
I would like to offer a big THANK YOU to all of our preschool families that help make our preschool a safe
and wonderful place to work, learn and play.
Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool!



This November, our Extended Day students will harvest the fun world of STEAM through hands-on experiences, exciting challenges, and plenty of opportunities to explore, create and discover! We'll investigate forces and motion through sports-related activities while building teamwork, communication, and

collaboration skills. Student will also explore states of matter and physical and chemical changes through engaging fall-themed activities, including popping and growing popcorn, making "dancing" popcorn, experimenting with marshmallows, baking pumpkin pie, making butter, and creating pumpkin elephant toothpaste. We'll also have fun making a turkey lava lamp, dissolving candy pumpkins, exploring static electricity, and even making a turkey "fly"! Through these playful experiences, students will use their senses, practice measuring, following directions, ask questions, make observations, and discover the science behind the world around them - all while having a wonderful time together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



* **Coats:** As we transition into cooler weather and bring out those winter jackets, please make sure your child knows what his or her coat looks like. This can be accomplished in part at school by allowing them to take off and hang up their jackets by themselves. Please also make sure your child's name is on their coat.
* **Change of Clothes:** With the colder weather upon us, please also remember to switch out your child's change of clothing to reflect the Fall season.
* **Boots:** If your child is wearing rain boots or snow boots into school, please provide a change of shoes for them to run and play during the morning.



Our Preschool Playground

As a reminder, our preschool playground is always open after school for families to gather and get to know each other. This is a great opportunity to strengthen our preschool community and help the children build friendships that will extend into the classrooms. Please remember when using the playground after school we ask families to encourage the children to follow the rules we have established for safe play. 1- Up the ladder. Down the slide. 2- No climbing on the fence. 3- No climbing on the windows or roof of our playhouse. 4- Keep the grass in the dirt, No digging please.

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

<u>Holiday Scholastic Book Orders:</u>

Our next opportunity to order discounted books from Scholastic Books is open now. They have lots of great Holiday book offerings. This order will arrive before Christmas if you are looking for some books for gifts.

Our Class Order Due Date: 11/13/2026

Shop Our Class Page: https://orders.scholastic.com/H7YVP

Shop Digital Flyers from the website with Your Child: https://clubs.scholastic.com/all-flyers/

Feel free to share the Class Page link to extended family and friends.

An example flyer will be coming home with your child this week in their purple tote bag. The flyer shows just a small amount of the books available to purchase. Be sure to check the website links above to see all the offerings.

Any questions please ask Mrs. Gallagher



Guest Readers!

We are excited to announce that we will be welcoming parents into the classrooms this year to be guest readers. As a guest reader you can bring a book of your choosing from home or ask the teacher to provide one. You will then get to spend about 10 minutes sharing the book during a circle time determined by the teacher. Click on the link below for your child's classroom to participate. Please only select one visit to your child's classroom so all parents that want to participate are able.

CLASSROOM LOVE: Benzing/Schreiber - 3-day class

CLASSROOM JOY: Nienhuis/Wheelock

- 3-day class

CLASSROOM HOPE: Smith/Weiseman - 5-day class

CLASSROOM LOVE: Benzing/Schreiber - 2-day class

CLASSROOM JOY: Nienhuis/Wheelock -2-day class

SNACK REMINDER:



When it is your child's day to bring snack please send in store bought unopened items. These items do not need to be individually packaged. The teachers can open a large bag or box and serve individual portions during snack time. They will return the unused portion to you at the end of the day.



Our Preschool Prayers

Our preschool children pray each day before enjoying snack. Below are the various prayers we teach throughout the year.

God is Great.
God is Good.
And we thank Him for our food.
By His hands we are fed
And we thank Him for our daily bread.

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Come Lord Jesus be our Guest.
Let this food by Thee be blessed.

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God we thank You for this food,
For rest and home and all things good.
For the wind and rain and sun above,
But most of all for those we love.

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Thank you for the world so sweet.
Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing.
Thank you God for everything.

Father we thank Thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light.
For Rest and home and loving care
And all that makes the world so fair.

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Thank you God,
For the food before us,
The friends beside us,
And the love between us.

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Thank you God for home and school
For rain and sunny weather.
Thank you for the food we eat,
And that we are together.



Thank you to all the families that participated in our fall photo mini session fundraiser this past month. It was a beautiful day filled with wonderful smiling faces! We plan to hold a spring session for families to get Easter time pictures so be on the lookout for that in March! We are always looking for ways to have preschool families, and the church community support us. If you have a connection with a local business that you believe could partner with us for this goal, please reach out to Mrs. Gallagher.

Show & Tell

3-Year Old Classes:
November 5th - Something that is a TRIANGLE
November 12th - Something that is a DIAMOND
November 19th - Something you are THANKFUL FOR

4-Year Old Classes:
***November 6th* - Something you see at a FARM**
***November 13th* - Something you are THANKFUL TO EAT**
***November 20th* - Something You Are THANKFUL TO HAVE**



Basic Concepts for November

2 Day Classes:

Numbers: 1-7
Colors: Black, Gray and White
Shape: Triangle
Skill: Patterns

3 & 5 Day Classes:

Numbers: 1-15 & 1 to 1 Correspondence
Colors: Brown, Black & Gray
Shapes: Circle, Square, Triangle & Rectangle
Letters: N, M, H
Skills: Sorting

Vacation Bible School

at

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

MARK your calendars to join us next summer!

Week of July 12th - 16th



<u>Classroom Supplies Needed:</u>

With the coming winter months please consider helping us keep our supply of needed sanitizing and health items replenished for our classrooms by visiting our Amazon wish list. Please note: The items we need the most right now are set to HIGHEST priority. Thank you for your Support!



Christ Memorial Christian Preschool Amazon Wishlist

Thanksgiving Holiday

The preschool will be closed starting Monday, November 23rd - Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will be celebrating all we are thankful during our last week of preschool before the holiday break. The children will be creating and enjoying a special fall treat in their classroom. Please note that this treat will meet all the allergy needs of each classroom.





The Care & Wellness Committee of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church will be collecting food for the Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry from October 25 through November 8 to help stock the pantry for their November/Thanksgiving distribution. Donation bins will be located at the building entrance during the donation period. Each donated item must be in a sealed package and should not expire before the end of November. The most common items needed are:

- Peanut butter

- Jelly
- Pasta sauce
- Canned protein (tuna, chicken, salmon)
- A variety of canned fruit
- A variety of canned vegetables
- Canned soups and/or gravy
- Canned pasta
- Canned beans
- Dry pasta
- Macaroni & cheese
- Shelf-stable milk
- Juice
- Dry cereal
- Oatmeal
- Baking mixes
- Dry beans
- Rice
- Ramen noodles
- Boxed stuffing
- Potato products (instant mashed potatoes)
- A variety of snack foods (to include raisins, nuts, granola bars, chips, fruit snacks, cookies, crackers, etc.)
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby wipes