



St. Peter's Nursery School

October Newsletter 2026

Fall has arrived! This new season brings many opportunities to experience, observe and explore our world through science, art, music, and language development activities.

The State of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services requires all preschool children receive a flu vaccine by November 30th. Written documentation is required. If you wish to have a religious exemption, we will need a letter with the current date stating as such.

In a separate attachment, you will receive a newsletter from our music enrichment teacher, Mrs. Annette Steele. Mrs. Steele will come once a month to teach music enrichment during our regularly scheduled class time.

Our Back to School Night/Open House will be on:

October 7th 6:00-7:00, for the Young 3, T/R 3, M-R 3.5, 4am and 4's Full Day classes.

7:00-8:00, for the MWF 3, MWF 3.5, and 4pm classes.

6:40-7:15 for the 3.5 pm class

*At the start of the Back to School Night/Open House, we will be in the Upper Room/Gym off of the courtyard for the first 10 minutes and then we will disperse to the classes for 2 separate sessions. For families that have multiple children enrolled, you will attend the first session in the youngest child's classroom for 20 minutes, and then visit the other classroom for the remainder of the time.

*The 3.5 pm class will start in their classroom at 6:40, then come to the gym for 10 minutes.

Our school picture days were a wonderful success. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped the days run smoothly. New Moon Photography will be emailing you a link to access your child's photos.

Harvest Fest is a special community building event. The children will enjoy a craft, face painting, playing games and playing on the playground while eating delicious treats from the bake sale. It will be held on Saturday, October 10th from 12-1:00 and 1:30-2:30. A follow-up reminder will be sent out to RSVP and volunteer.

This month you can expect fundraising opportunities such as Chipotle, Mabels Labels, Minted and Gertrude Hawk!

In addition to the special guest reader for birthday celebrations, we also host a "Bedtime Story Night"! Bedtime Story Night has always been one of the many highlights of St. Peter's Nursery School. On this very special evening the children come back to school dressed in their pajamas,

listen to stories read by parent volunteers, and even perform a few songs! Due to space in the classroom, we limit it to the parents and enrolled children. The schedule is as follows:

October 29th 6:00-6:20 MWF 3, M-R 3.5 classes

6:25-6:45 Young 3, TR 3 and 4am classes

6:50-7:10 3.5pm, 4AD Classes

7:15-7:35 MWF 3.5 and 4pm classes

As part of this very special evening, we collect brand new pajamas and books to donate to the Pajama Program. This is optional. You can visit www.pajamaprogram.org for more information.

Our parent/teacher conferences will be here before you know it! Please mark your calendars for your child's conference day. On your child's conference day, there is no school. Teachers will be reaching out to schedule a time to meet in the upcoming weeks.

No class on Wednesday, November 18th for the following groups:

MWF-3	Mrs. Grothues & Mrs. Shaw
MWF-3.5	Mrs. Walsh & Mrs. Doyle
3.5 pm	Mrs. Walsh & Mrs. Buccino

No class on Thursday, November 19th for the following groups:

Young 3	Mrs. Knapp & Mrs. Schott
TR-3	Mrs. Walsh & Mrs. Tretter
MTWR-3.5	Mrs. Buccino & Mrs. Houlihan
MTWR (F)-4am	Mrs. Michael & Mrs. Wallace
MTWTR (F)-4pm	Mrs. Caruso & Mrs. Sangillo
4's Full Day	Mrs. Cavallo & Mrs. Fazio

Lastly, if you have not done so already, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for Updates, information and some fun posts!

Key Dates

October 7	Back-to- School Night
October 10	Harvest Fest
October 12	Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day- School Closed
October 29	Bedtime Story Night
November 5 & 6	Teacher's Convention- School Closed
November 18 &19	Parent Teacher Conferences-No school one day. See schedule above
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break-School Closed