**October 2017**

**Parent Newsletter**

**Point Loma Community Church Preschool**

I can’t believe we have our first month behind us. It has gone by so fast. We have a lot of things going on in October so I wanted to send this newsletter out a little early. Also remember to bring a jacket or sweatshirt for your child as the weather will be getting cooler (I hope). Please sign your child in and out each day and note the time.

**Picture Day:**

October 2rd & 3th; Shugrue Photography will be here to take individual portraits of your child and a class picture. This is not a fundraiser but an opportunity for parents to have quality pictures taken of their child. You do not need to be present. If you do not wish to purchase pictures please still sign the permission so they can be in our class picture. A pink envelope was given to each child; please return as soon as possible. Pictures must be pre-paid. Pictures will be here in time for Christmas. Make-up pictures will be done at Shugrue’s studio and you may contact him to make arraignments. If you do not like the pictures he will retake them or refund you money. But they are beautiful!

**Statements and Tuition Payments:**

I will be emailing your billing statements the week before the first of the month. If you would like to add a different email please let me know. We also have a new automatic payment system that you need to first turn in a signed agreement, then I will be able to automatically transfer funds from your bank or credit card account to pay any balances on your preschool account. If you are already signed up for this, you will still receive an email with balances, but on the 5th I will transfer the funds. Please let me know if you have any questions. This is a new system for us and I apricate your patience with me as I learn all the functions it has.

**Lunch Bunch and Extended Care:**

If you want to be billed monthly for lunch bunch and or extended care please email me and I will add your child to the monthly list and there will be a pre-printed **X** on the sign-in sheet. If you wish to sign up on that day, then just mark an X. We have had a great turn out and have some fun opportunities for your children to participate in; such as; Yoga on Mondays, Amazing Athletes on Tuesday, Tumbling on Wednesdays and Soccer on Thursdays & Fridays. You must sign up for these activities and they will start right after lunch at 12:30 and end at 1:15. Your child must also be signed up for lunch bunch **or** extended care to patriciate. I will be sending out more information on our Spanish class that will begin in October on Mondays and Tuesdays at 1:15- 2:00.

**Parking:**

On Wednesday, October 4th there is a Sr. Health fair and parking will be difficult at drop off. If you can carpool or walk to school, it might make it a little easier.

**Pizza Day!**

Our first Pizza day will be October 16th & 17th . This is a fun social event for the kids. We will provide Pizza, fruit, drink and cookie. All you need to do is sign them up in their class and bring in $5 for the cost of the food & a little fundraiser. Also they will be signed up for Lunch bunch from 12:00-1:00.

**Parent / Teacher Conferences:**

This year we will remain open during conferences. Normally we have been closed. Each teacher will have a different day for conferences. Please sign up with your child’s teacher and get more information if needed. These are only 15 minutes long and will be an introduction to what to expect this year and at the end of the school year we will do an assessment on their growth.

**Chapel:**

Our first Chapel will be on the 17th & 18th at 11:30. We welcome families to join us if you like in the small Chapel. Pastor Karla will be leading us in song and scripture. The theme is God in the Beginning and the song will be ***He’s got the Whole World in His Hands***.

**Scholastic Book Orders:**

Please have your book orders in by October 12. You can turn them into the office or to your child’s teacher. You may also go on line and choose from any of the book clubs. Be sure to put in our code so we can get credit for your order.

**Staff Development Day:**

We will be closed for Staff development day on October 20th. This is a day the teaching staff learn new strategies and ideas to use in the classroom. We like to keep our staff up to date on the new ways to help the children thrive in our program.

**Pumpkin Patch fieldtrips**:

Classroom 1-4 will be going to the Bonita Pine Pumpkin patch date TBD. Please see teachers for more information and permission slips. Remember I will need a copy of all driver’s licenses and proof of insurance if you plan on driving on any field trips. Room 5 will be taking a walk to the Stump’s Pumpkin patch and will not need drivers.

**Fire & Disaster Drills:**

On October 25th and 26th we will be practicing our fire and other disaster drills. This one will be announced to the children and talked about before; so they know what to expect. Later in the year we will have a non-announced drill.

**Halloween:**

We would like to help celebrate your child’s imagination and on 30th & 31st. We would like to invite your child to come to school dressed in their Halloween costume and go on a parade around our campus to collect treats from our staff. We know this can be an exciting time for your children and they like to show their costumes to their friends and teachers. Please bring a change of clothes for after the parade so they do not ruin their costumes. Costumes must be **preschool appropriate** and have **no type of weapons**. All treats will be kept in their bag and given to you to decide what they can have at home. We will be handing out mostly non-sugary treats and non-edible treats. Peanut Free treats only.

**Children’s Discipleship:** Miss Karen Connor our Children’s Discipleship director here at PLCPC would like to welcome preschool families and invite your children to join in the many children’s groups here at the church. If you have any questions, please contact her at karen@pointlomachurch.org