

SACC PARENT NEWS

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THANK YOU

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- to Melissa Silva, Cara Hotstream, and Michelle Dozier for their help with the Phone Alert System
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- to the Lucy Newman and the Parental Involvement Committee for organizing the Christmas toy drive
- to the room parents for all they did in the classrooms and for the staff during the Christmas holidays
- to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit the Center before Christmas
- to Theresa and Tina for changes made to the Center snack menu
- to Mimi Plauche and the Spirituality Committee for organizing the Child Care Center Small Christian Community meetings
- to Blythe Lamonica, Fund Raiser Event Chair, and the Fish Fry/Silent Auction Committee for work they are doing to organize and plan the upcoming fund raiser
- to the SACC Council for their advice and support
- to Lisa Giame and James Hyfield for computer assistance

CENTER TAX ID

Center Tax ID# - #72-1078794

NOTES FROM THE CENTER

1. The staff would like to thank all Center families for their generosity during the Holiday season. Thank you for the cards and gifts.
2. Please remember to use your Albertson's Community Partners card when you grocery shop. If you have misplaced your card or would like extras, please ask in the office. This quarter we received \$88.54 from Albertson's.
3. Several parents suggested that we make some changes to our snack menu for the children. Menu items suggestions were made by members of the Child Care Council and some changes were made to the menu in January. Some of the new foods introduced to the children include pimento cheese on crackers, pineapple cream cheese spread on crackers, trail mix – cereals mixed with raisins and goldfish, low fat chewy fruit and oatmeal bars, banana oatmeal cookies, cucumbers, bananas, apples, Brummel and Brown creamy fruit spread on crackers, strawberries in natural yogurt. We cannot serve popcorn, pretzels, carrots, or grapes because they are choking hazards to young children. If you have suggestions or ideas for snacks, please stop by the kitchen to share your ideas with Miss Theresa and Miss Flo. Comment and suggestions from parents are always welcome at the Center.
4. The Communication Committee of the Child Care Center recently initiated a "phone blast" notifying the Center families about the Center closing due to severe weather. If you did not get this call, please let Bonnie know in the office.



**SAVE THE DATE: SACCC Fish Fry/ Silent Auction
Friday, March 19, 2010**

Just Playing?!

Today I did my math and science.
I toasted bread I halved and quartered,
I counted, measured used my eyes
and ears and head.

I added and subtracted on the way
I used a magnet, blocks, and a memory tray.
I learned about a rainbow and how to weigh.
So please don't say, "Anything in your bag today?"

You see I'm sharing as I play.
I learned to listen and
speak clearly when I talk, to wait my turn, and
when inside to walk. To put my thoughts into
a phrase and to guide a crayon through a maze.
To find my name and write it down,
to do it with a smile and not a frown.
To put my pasting brush away,
So please don't say, what, "Nothing in your bag today?"

I've learned about a snail and a worm,
remembering how to take a turn.
Helped a friend when he was stuck,
learned that water runs off a duck.
I looked at words from left to right,
agreed to differ, not to fight.
So please don't say, "Did you only play today?"



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28 – Thursday: Orientation to Pre-k enrollment - in T1 – 7:30-4:00pm

February 4 – Thursday: Application day for SAS Pre-K.

February 5 – Friday: Krewe of Tots parade – 10:00 am.

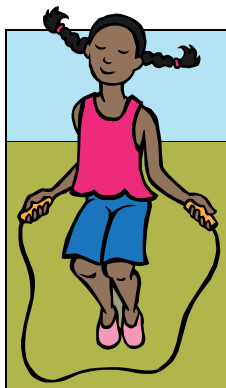
February 15 – Monday: Mardi Gras Holiday – Center Closed

February 16 - Tuesday: Mardi Gras Holiday – Center Closed

March 19 – Friday: Fish Fry/Silent Auction

April 2 – Friday: Good Friday – Center Closed

April 5 – Monday: Easter Monday – Center Closed



Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Pre-K Application Day?

Pre-K application day is scheduled Thursday February 4 from 9:00- 1:00 pm in the parish Hall.

Pre-K application day is the day all children turning four by September 30, 2010 can apply for the pre-k program at St. Aloysius School. In Mid January, 2010, the Center gives a Pre-School packet to the parents of all children enrolled in T1. This packet answers many questions parents have about the move to “the big school” in August.

The Center will have an orientation day to Pre-K on January 28. On that day Tina and Latrenda will have a copy of the application for enrollment to Pre-k. Parents can view the application and ask questions about the application process and the pre-school program at SAS. The application will be available in T1 from 7:30am-4:30pm on Thursday January 28. The orientation program at the Center is designed help families through the application process.

On application day on February 4, you will need to bring copies of your child’s birth certificate, baptism certificate, current immunization record and social security number. You should also bring a list of all ministry involvement you have in the parish. Moving to the big school can be a very stressful move for some families. We have designed this program to help relieve some of the stress from this important milestone in the life of you and your child.

Who cares for my child when our primary caregiver is ill, on vacation or takes a day off?

Miss Linda, Lucy, and Theresa work four ten hour days. They are each off one day a week. One staff is designated to step into the classroom when these ladies are off. Miss Laurie works a 32 hour week. She is also off one day a week. One staff is designated to step into the classroom when Laurie is off.

On some occasions, mainly between college semester breaks, when the college staff is working full time, our college staff may substitute for staff on vacation, or ill. In making decisions about placing substitutes in any given classroom, a big part of the decision is how well the staff knows the children and the children know the staff. The “fit” of substitute staff is in a classroom very important.

Keeping up with the names of the college staff can be a challenge for parents. Most of our college staff work at the Center for their full four or five year term in college. Some work only during semesters and others work only in the summer and between semester breaks. It is normally the “long term” college staff who will substitute for primary staff.

What is the Krewe of Tots parade?

On the week before the weekend before Mardi Gras Tuesday, The Krewe of Tots parade rolls on the St. Aloysius Campus. This year the date of the parade is **Friday, February 5**. The parade rolls at 10:00 am.

Parents and children decorate wagons, trikes, strollers or just about anything that rolls for the event. Families of any and all children enrolled at the Center can walk/ride in the Krewe of Tots parade. Families and friends bring beads to the Center all year long Staff will sort the beads prior to the parade for the children and parents to throw. Children in T1 decorate t shirts to wear for the event. At 10:00 am, the music starts the wagons line up, and the parade begins. The parade winds around the campus. The church office staff, school children and the school administration staff pour out of the buildings to watch and call out “throw me something mister”. All children at the Center except the infants are in the parade. It is quite a sight to see. Plan to attend and plan to parade. Bring out the green, gold, and purple streamers and plan to decorate your wagon.

“Let the good times roll.”