

# SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

## SPOOKTACULAR EVENTS FOR OCTOBER:

9/30-10/1&2- FALL PHOTOS  
5- COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER ENDS

## COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR OCTOBER:

14- St. Anthony School Closed  
17- Rattlesnake Festival- San Antonio  
26- SAES, PMS, & PHS Closed

*MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU*

*WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR FAMILIES TO JOIN US FOR WEEKLY MASS ON:*

*SATURDAYS AT 4:00 P.M. OR*

*SUNDAYS AT 8:00 OR 10:30 A.M.*



## Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Please take the time to pass your Cookie Dough Fundraiser around to your co-workers and family members. All orders are due October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**SELL 6 ITEMS AND BE ENTERED IN A \$100.00 TUITION CREDIT DRAWING.**

# INFANTS

Fall is in the air. We love this beautiful fall weather, offering cooler outside times. We will use our hands, feet, arms, fingers, and toes to paint with fall colors. We will make things like fall trees, leaves, and pumpkins.

Eating finger foods helps to build fine motor skills as well as eye-hand coordination. We love to watch the babies master the skill of picking something up and getting it to their mouth.

As always, thank you for your generous donation of snacks and wipes. They are greatly appreciated.

We are grateful for the opportunity to watch your child grow and learn. We love spending time with them and being a part of their life. As they get older and move from room to room, they will always hold a special place in our hearts.

**Ms. Linda**

**Ms. Taylor**

**Ms. Phyllis**



# ONES

Welcome fall! We are so happy to see you. We have already felt the change in the air and are very excited for cooler weather. This month we will be talking about all things fall. This will include changing weather, changing leaves, pumpkins, and Halloween. We will be making lots of art using the colors red, orange, yellow, and black. We are also going to do some fun sensory activities with pumpkins as well as tasting pumpkin flavored treats. I will put a signup sheet in the classroom and would appreciate any donations for our activities.

We will be having a Halloween celebration on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>. You may bring your child dressed in a costume over their clothes (no masks please). We will have trick or treating so if each child could please bring a bag of nut free treats we would greatly appreciate it.

We have welcomed lots of new friends to our class over the last month or so and have said good bye to some too. It has been quite an adjustment for some of our friends and not so much for others. We try our best to accommodate and make transitions as easy as possible for our children as well as our parents. If there is anything we can do, that we are not doing already, to help in anyway please feel free to talk to us about it, and ask any questions you may have.

As always thank you for allowing us the privilege of caring for your child!

**Ms. Jen**

**Ms. Bailee**

**Ms. Megan**

**Ms. Sandy**



# TWOS

**Super Squirrels September** has been a very busy month! We have been working on looking at ALL KINDS of neat colors around us, including those changing leaves in our Welcome Fall books. We have also been looking, smelling, tasting, listening, and touching things as we explored our five senses. We loved the book fair and all the wonderful books that were gifted to us by our students and families. **Thank you so much for your generosity for this year's class, as well as many classes to come!!!**

In **October** we will continue to talk about the Fall season. We will discuss what to expect from the changing weather, why we need to wear longer pants and long sleeves for the cooler days, and that sweaters and jackets could even be necessary in the damp mornings. This of course naturally leads to discussions of hot, warm, cool, and cold, as well as falling leaves, so we will continue to talk about the temperatures and colors in our everyday world to reinforce and increase our vocabulary and word knowledge. We will also be adding the topic of Farms, so don't be surprised if you hear the words Tractor, Plow, Barn, Silo, Hay, Grain, and lots and lots of animal names and sounds coming from your child over the coming weeks. The last week of October we will talk about Halloween. **On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have a classroom Costume Parade within the confines of SHECC in the morning, as well as a classroom Halloween Party on the back porch (weather permitting) at 3:00.** Parents are invited to come and attend. However, if you plan to attend, please expect to take your child with you when you leave after the party, as the children will expect to go with you. If that is not what you plan to do, PLEASE let Ms. Shelley know so she can help with transitioning the child when you are leaving. We also understand that parents have to work to keep the lights on, the diapers stocked, and the tummies full. So, if you cannot make it, it is NO BIG DEAL!!! We will make sure that all the children

have a wonderful time regardless. A list of party needs will be listed in the classroom closer to party time.

We appreciate the monthly snack and wipe donations, as they help us keep our young friends fed and clean. **We would love to have more fresh fruit, low sugar cereals, and whole milk**, if anyone is looking for snack ideas. You can write Ms. Shelley on the fruit and milk and put it in the fridge, just PLEASE make sure you leave Ms. Shelley a note, otherwise she doesn't know it is there.

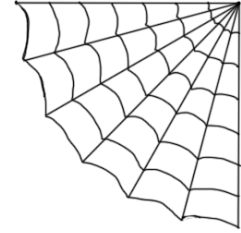
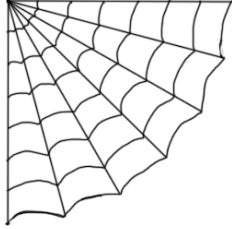
My wish for you is that you have the time to "Fall" into this wonderful season. Try to spend some time outside just relaxing with your little one. SLOW DOWN, Let them lead you. I promise you will be amazed at the things they will show you. As adults, we generally are going so fast, that we miss out on the little miracles of life that are all around us, but the little ones seem to always see them and appreciate them. These little ones are AWESOME snail hunters, lizard and bug finders, and wonderful flower pickers. I encourage you to slow down and try to look at the world through their eyes, even if it is just for a few minutes. A Million Blessings!

**Ms. Shelley**

**Ms. Kalyn**

**Ms. Brenda**





# PRESCHOOL 1

Fall is here and we are ready for some spooky fun! Some of the activities will be hunting for nocturnal animals with flashlights, feeling ooey gooey worms and carving pumpkins.

We are going to learn about nocturnal animals and their habitat, as well as continue learning the three primary colors, number recognition 1 & 2, and rote counting 1-5.

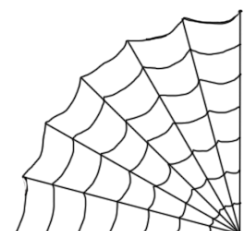
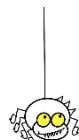
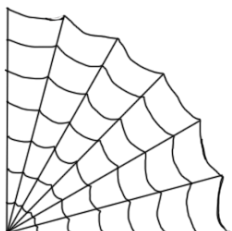
Each child will need to bring a flashlight with his/her name on it for our hunting trip. The following week it will be bugs, bugs galore. We are going to learn about different creepy crawlies and how they help us out in our environment. The last week we are going to have fun carving a pumpkin, decorating pumpkins and going trick-or-treating! I will send home more details as we get closer to Halloween.

Thank you for all the donations of snacks, wipes, glue, rice, play-doh, washable markers, and books.

**Ms. Vicki**

**Ms. Eloisa**

**Ms. Sara**



# PRESCHOOL 2

Our themes for the month of October are Fall, Pumpkins, Spiders, and Halloween. Some of the activities we will be working on are making tree rubbings from trees around the playground, observing and tasting pumpkin, planting pumpkin seeds and walking on a spider web.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be having fall photos. Make-ups and pictures with siblings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, we have PHSC students demonstrating proper hand washing procedures and later the same morning we have fire fighters discussing fire safety. Our cookie dough fundraiser ends on October 5<sup>th</sup>. If you sell 6 items you will be entered in the \$100.00 tuition credit drawing.

Our Halloween party and trick or treating is on Friday, October 30<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30. Children may wear their costumes. (Over their clothes) A signup sheet for party food will be posted.

If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to sign up for Class Messenger. It is a convenient way to get messages from SHECC straight to your phone. To sign up simply go to [www.classmessenger.com](http://www.classmessenger.com) and enter our class code WSUCF2.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has brought in snacks and other supplies. A special thanks to Isabella, William, Noah and Ms. Amanda for donating books to the class. We love a good book!

Have a great October.

**Ms. Liliana**



**Ms. Amanda**



**Ms. Shelby**



# VPK

Welcome October! This month we will be learning about the changes in the weather along with the fall holidays.

We will begin the month with Health and Safety. The first week of October we will be doing a vision screening, a hand washing demonstration, and the fire department from San Ann will be stopping by to talk to us about fire safety.

After Health and Safety, we will be moving onto Spiders. During our Spider week we will be learning some spider movement songs, use our fall pattern cards, and practice counting our calendar 1-31. We will be making spider donuts this week for our food preparation activity.

As we are heading into the middle of October, we will begin to learn about Farms and Pumpkins. We will discuss the different crops grown during the fall, and how the animals prepare for the upcoming winter. We will read, "When the Leaf Blew In". We will be preparing and enjoying Tree Top Trees. The children will have a chance to explore pumpkins as we will be carving a Jack-O-Lantern and tasting some pumpkin pie. We will be weighing, measuring, and painting with different kinds of pumpkins and gourds. If you are able to donate either a pumpkin or a gourd for our exploration, it would be greatly appreciated.

The last week in October we will be moving onto Night Creatures and Halloween. During this week we will discover what the word nocturnal means and read many stories about the different kinds of Night Creatures. We will also begin reading our Halloween stories and start learning some Halloween songs. This week's food experience we will be creating an owl face with pineapple rings, cherries, and a banana.

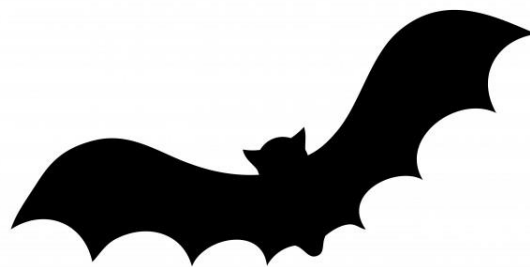


On October 30<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Halloween with our annual "Trick-or-Treat" between the classes and a special snack. If you are able to donate a bag of candy to help with our Trick or Treating it would be greatly appreciated. Please check all labels, remember we are a PEANUT/TREE NUT FREE CENTER. Please remember when you are choosing a costume we have young children in our center so all weapons should be left at home. Keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet for more information.

Thank you to everyone in who bought books from the book fair. We have been really enjoying our new books. Also, thank you in advance for participating in our cookie dough fundraiser.

We are so grateful to those who have been able to donate towards our weekly cooking experiences as well as those who have been able to help with our monthly snacks.

**Ms. Kathy      Ms. Katie      Sr. Donna**  
**Sr. Elizabeth      Ms. Becky**



# SCHOOL AGE

Happy Halloween everyone. The kids and I love this time of year. The weather starts to cool down and we love to decorate.

Our unit theme for this month is: Farms, Pumpkins, Spiders, Halloween, and Night Animals. We will make all kinds of cute arts and crafts. For science we will cut up a pumpkin and explore the inside.

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Halloween Party. If you are able to bring in fruit, chips & dip, cookies, cupcakes, or wrapped candy, please let me know.

Suncoast Smiles will be here 9/30-10/2 doing school pictures. If you would like your child's portrait taken, please see Ms. Debbie for a form.

Dates to remember:

- 5- Cookie Dough Fundraiser due
- 17- Rattlesnake Festival
- 26- No School- SHECC OPEN
- 31- Halloween

Please remember to call if your child will not be on the afternoon bus. Even if they are out in the morning we look for them in the afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in snacks. If you need any ideas for what to bring, please see me.

God Bless you all and Happy Fall!

**Ms. Debbie**

**Ms. Laura**

**Ms. Alyssa**

**Ms. Amber**

# NOTES FROM GINDIE

Welcome to Fall here at Sacred Heart, the change is in the air! We are all excited to see the gentle cycle of the seasons play out. I recommend taking the time to go for a walk in the woods with your children to experience all the beauty this time of year has to offer.

During the month of October Sacred Heart ECC will have our annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser!! Please be sure to get your orders in so you will have plenty on hand for baking during the upcoming holidays. Home baked Cookies filling the house with the smells of home make great Christmas gifts and cherished memories for your family.

What's an activity worth? Sometimes when a parent walks into a classroom they may not see what is really happening with the activities that their child is engaged in. When children are building with blocks in the block center and they have made some towers in the middle of the floor and are driving a car around them in circles they may have missed all the learning that occurred while playing. Creative planning took place as the child imagined what they wanted to build, active planning and mathematics took place as the child thought about and acquired the number of materials needed to complete their creation, large motor development took place as the child moved the blocks to the floor, fine motor skills improved as the child built the towers, geometry concepts were used as the child stacked and balanced the blocks, social skills and communication were practiced and used as the child explained to their classmates what they were doing, real world concepts about how we live and work were employed as the road around the tower was built. Positive self-esteem was built when the child successfully completed their creation. Amazing!!;That just scratches the surface of all that is accomplished while building a simple tower in the block center during 15 minutes of part of a child's day. Encourage your child to play creatively every day to enhance all those skills needed to be successful in school.

Have a great month everyone and a safe and Happy Halloween!