



SEPTEMBER-2016

5-**SHECC**, SAS, & SAES **CLOSED**, Labor Day
6-Cookie Dough Fundraiser DUE
9-16-Scholastic Book Fair
28 & 29-Fall Photos

OCTOBER-2016

12-St. Anthony School closed
15-Rattlesnake Festival
17-Public School closed, Teacher Planning

FALL PHOTOS

The photographer will be at SHECC on Wednesday, 9/28 and Thursday, 9/29. A class schedule will be posted the week before. If your child does not attend on these days, you may bring them either morning. The photos will be available for viewing 2-3 weeks after picture days.

*God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder
of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.*

*Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.*

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

*Give the strength and grace as their
bodies grow;*

*wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our
Lord.*

Amen



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO
SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER!!!**

September 9th - September 16th

You can shop at the center or online at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sacredheartecc>

INFANTS

Welcome September! We are looking forward to cooler weather.

Babies grow and develop so fast that we are constantly working to help develop their fine and gross motor skills. We do this by encouraging tummy time, rolling, pulling up on things, crawling, walking, standing, sitting, and even picking up finger foods. We are always working on their social and language development by rocking, reading, singing, and trying to make each activity pleasant. They love outdoor time. This is where we get a lot of our gross motor time in. They enjoy swinging, digging in the sandbox, walking with the cars, and climbing on the climber. They also love to go on buggy rides. We love to do art. We do free art finger painting as well as making special art projects using our feet, hands, arms, and fingers. Adding sand to the paint adds a new sensory experience for them. They love to explore with the new texture.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask us. It is our pleasure to spend the day with your baby, getting to know them, and loving them.

**Ms. Linda Ms. Phyllis
Ms. Jennifer**



ONES

Welcome September we are so happy to see you!!! We are ready for fall and some cooler weather. With that being said please pay special attention to the weather forecast each day and dress your child accordingly. We also ask that you send an assortment of spare clothes since our Florida weather is so unpredictable. Each child has a basket with their name on it where these items can be kept.

I would like to say a big WELCOME to all of our new friends that joined us last month! We are so happy to have the chance to get to know you and help you learn and grow. I feel they are all adjusting to their new surroundings well and making lots of new friends every day. If you have any questions about our classroom routine or if there is something we can do to help your child feel more at ease please feel free ask. We are here to make your child feel welcome and comfortable so that they can be free to explore and learn. Our program is based on the importance of learning through play and discovery with emphasis on literature, art, and music. Please join us at home by reading to your child daily and encouraging exploration through play.

This month our themes will be friends, family, manners, and apples. We will be working on learning to say our classmates and teachers names and also practicing using good manners. If you haven't returned your child's all about me form yet please do so as soon as possible so that we can use them to learn about each other. I will be

laminating them and placing them in a binder so we can all sit down together and look through the book and talk about each child and their family.

Last but not least please remember to check our wish list for items we need for lesson plan activities and special snacks. Thank you in advance for your participation in our fundraisers and for your monthly snack and wipe donations. You are a key part in the success of our center and we appreciate all that you do.

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**Ms. Jenn Ms. Lyric Ms. Sandy
Ms. Cheyenne Ms. Jessy**



TWOS

Welcome September!

PRESCHOOL I

Welcome September!

PRESCHOOL II

GREEN ROOM:

Our themes for the month of September are All About My Senses/Feelings, community Helpers, Fall, and Apples. This month we will focus on social studies, scientific thinking, and listening and understanding from the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards. Some of the activities we will be working on are: going on a listening walk, discussing the people in our community and the jobs they do, observing nature items with a magnifying glass, and tasting different items made from apples.

Some dates to remember are: September 6th is the last day of our Cookie Dough Fundraiser. The Scholastic Book Fair will be here September 9-16. Our wish list will be posted on our door. Fall photos will be September 28 & 29. A notice will be posted the week before to let us know which day our class will be going. If your child does not attend either of these days, you may bring them either morning.

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Liliana

Ms. Katie

PURPLE ROOM:

Most welcome to our classroom. I am very happy to inform you that the first few weeks have been very good. The children are adjusting very well with the class room rules and environment.

They will have lots of learning opportunities that include learning to share, expressing his/her needs, developing fine motor skills needed for writing, pretending, imagining, building, cleaning up toys, and using manners.

Children will learn through Bible stories, songs, and finger plays. Our Bible concept for the month is-God Loves me and Always Helps Me.

Our themes for this month are Community Helpers, Fall, and Apples. We will begin our month by introducing our Community Helpers. We will discuss the many people in our community who help us and others every day. For apples we will discuss the many colors and sizes of apples, what we can do with an apple, and also the many yummy items that we eat that are made from apples.

Thank you so much for your generous donations of snacks and other supplies. All donations are greatly appreciated.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Sr. Elizabeth

VPK

VPK I

Welcome September! Everyone has done a great job adjusting to our VPK schedule. The children are coming in ready to start the day. The transition in the early morning and late afternoon is flowing smoother. Please remember to have your child sign themselves in and

turn their “*Who’s here today?*” card. I would like to thank everyone who was able to help provide school supplies for our classroom.

We will begin our month with a Unit on **Letters, Numbers, Colors and Shapes.** We’ll spend two weeks counting, sorting, reviewing and exploring each of these study topics. This will give us a chance to assess each child and make each learning activity fit their needs.

Our **FALL** Unit will begin with a study topic on **APPLES and OUR FIVE SENSES.** We will learn a couple of new songs, listen to and make some special apple counting books, and enjoy tasting apple products. I will be sending home an Apple Product paper for you to do with your child. These are always fun and the children love bring their papers back to share their results. We will create a chart with their findings.

Our Bright Beginnings will offer us lessons from Genesis 1:1-19 through 3:20. We will be listening to stories about animals, our world and special people from the bible. We will learn some songs and say prayers for our friends and family.

Reminders for this month:

- 9-5 SHECC CLOSED for Labor Day
- Cookie Dough Fund
- 9-16 Scholastic Book Fair begins
- 9-28&29 Picture Days
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Please remember to check your child's folder daily.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Ms. Kathy Ms. Angie

VPK II

We have finished our first weeks of VPK. They were great weeks filled with lots of learning.

We have been working on name recognition, colors, numbers, and a letter of the week. We are writing a book, "All About Us." Thursday will be making a special snack every Thursday. The first week we made green, yellow, and blue jello.

Please remember each child works at their own pace. A strong foundation is being built to make them lifelong learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Elizabeth and thank Ms. Cindie for filling for the first week. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me.

God bless you.

Sr. Donna Ms. Elizabeth

SCHOOL AGE

Happy fall! My favorite time of the year. We are so ready for some cooler weather soon.

Our unit themes for September are: Farm, Apples, Fall, and Leaves. Wow we have so much planned for each of our centers in our classroom. The children and teachers stay very busy having too much fun with fall time. Please come in and check out what we are doing. We are growing and learning so much in a short amount of time.

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Sacred Heart Church will be hosting a Fall Festival on November 12th. Please mark your calendar to attend. We will have lots of food, games, and goodies.

Thank you to all of parents for bringing in monthly snacks. The children love the variety.

Last but not least. We would like to welcome Ms. Elizabeth to our School Age program. Take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself. We are so glad to have her as a part of our SHECC family.

God Bless!

**Ms. Debbie Ms. Laura Ms. Alyssa
Ms. Elizabeth Ms. Amber Ms. Kaitlynn**

NOTES FROM CINDIE

Please join us for Morning Assembly at 9:15 am. We sing God Bless America as we raise the United States Flag and Recite the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer together. The children have learned the words to the song already and I hear them singing it in the classroom during the day. What a joy to hear those voices!

It is time to get those Cookie Dough Orders!! It makes a great Christmas Gift or save it for those special holiday events that are just around the corner! This is a great way to help meet the fundraising goals for the ECC!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be hosted September 12-16, 2016. Please come by the Early Childhood Center to purchase those great reading books or Shop Online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sacredheartecc> . Choices range from board books for infants all the way to Chapter Books for School agers. They make great gifts for everyone!

Reading with your child every night is a great way to spend quality time together. Jesus used stories to illustrate lessons to his disciples. Just as Jesus did, we as parents, grandparents, older siblings, teachers and mentors of children can use stories also to teach important lessons, values and knowledge that they will use as the basis to form their views of the world around them. Researching and choosing quality books that teach child strong Christian values such as Honesty, Giving, Caring, Loving our Neighbor and most of all Loving Jesus will give children the foundation needed to make those good decisions at the most difficult of times. One such story is "Thundercake" by Patricia Polacco. The story shows the

importance of family and faith as a young girl and her grandmother get ready for a storm. She learns about facing her fears as the storm gets closer and how the wisdom of her grandmother guides her to safety and self-assurance as her faith grows, just as Jesus showed the disciples not to fear the storm as he walked on water to them, they only needed to have faith in Him. What a great way to share with your children the message that if we have faith we never have to be afraid, because just like the grandmother, Jesus is always with us.

Diocesan Week of Christian Service, September 17-24, 2016

Our School's Service Plan will be as follows:

*Monday ~ Friday: Special Prayer Intentions during Morning Assembly this week

* Month of September Canned Food Drive for Catholic Charities, please place food donations in the baskets located in the main building, Thank you.

*Adopt a family ~ as a center staff and families will adopt a family in need to help with clothing, school supplies, food and prayers. If you know of a family in need please submit their name to the ECC office. Please join us as we join the Diocese of St. Petersburg and Carefest 2016 in having a successful Week of Christian Service!!

The St Joe Fall Festival is November 12, 2016! If you are a hobbyist and would like to have a booth please contact Renee at the Church office for information on how to participate! Sacred Heart ECC is sponsoring the Games booths; we are in need of volunteers for the day! High School Service Hours can be earned for the day. Please contact Ms. Cindie at the ECC for more information on how you can be a volunteer for this great parish event.

Sadly the Summer has ended and some of our staff are moving away to go to college. While

we wish them well in their endeavors it leaves us in need of new staff. Currently we have three part time positions available. State and Diocesan background checks and training are required and are available to complete while working. Please contact Ms. Cindie at 352-588-4060 or email your resume to sheccleo@embarqmail.com .

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day.

Blessings,

Ms. Cindie