

Welcome Back to School!

The school year will begin with an orientation meeting for **parents only** on Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 P.M. in Parish Hall. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to hear how our program works both philosophically and logistically. Teachers will be there to describe how a typical day in the classroom will be for your child, and there will be plenty of time for questions.

On Friday, September 6, there will be **an hour-long** classroom orientation for children and their parents. This will give the children the chance to meet their teachers and classmates, find their cubbies and coat hooks, and enjoy some low stress activities in the classroom with parents present. Please see the “Back to School” schedule on our website for all the details and times.

All classes will begin their regular schedules on Monday, September 9. During the first week of school, all children in Rooms 109 and 113 Preschool classes must be walked into their individual classrooms. Drive-through begins for Pre-K classes (Rooms 24 & 25) on Monday, September 9 and on Monday, September 16 for the Room 109 and 113 Preschool classes.

Parents are invited to bring their children into the classroom on the first day of school to help them feel more comfortable. If possible, we do ask that siblings not accompany students and their parents, as this makes for a very confusing environment. It is a good idea to say goodbye within a few minutes. The teachers will involve the children in activities and help them overcome any initial shyness or discomfort they may be experiencing in this new situation. Coffee will be provided in the Meeting Room on September 9 through 13 where parents are welcome to stay should they wish to be available if needed. This will also give parents a chance to get acquainted with one another. The Meeting Room will also be open the week of September 16.

Early Birds begins on Tuesday, September 10 for scheduled children only. Drop-in for Early Birds begins on Monday, September 16 and attendance must be preapproved by Christy Harvey. Session #1 of the Afternoon Enrichment Program begins on Monday, September 16, 2019. Please note: if your child is registered for a Full-Day as part of their regular enrollment, you do not need to complete an Afternoon Enrichment registration form – your child is already on our afternoon schedule.

Attached to this email you will find registration forms for Early Birds and Afternoon Enrichment along with your child’s class list with family contact information. **If you would prefer to have your email address removed from the final list, which will be distributed to members of your child’s class, or if there are corrections needed on the class list, please contact the office ASAP.**

Please remember that before your child can attend his or her first day of school we **must** have all the forms you were sent in early August, including a photo of your child and an updated medical form with immunization record and date of your child’s most recent physical examination. Children must have had a physical within one-year prior to date of enrollment. **Children cannot begin school until all the required forms are on file.** This rule will be strictly enforced. If you have any questions about forms or the orientation schedule, please do not hesitate to call the office or email me at charvey@christchurchandover.org.

Finally, for those families entering our Preschool programs: In years’ past our Preschool classrooms have been grouped by the ages of the children into older and younger classes. This year, that is not the case. Our Preschool classrooms (Rooms 109 and 113) have been equally divided by age and gender, which has allowed for greater flexibility to meet parents’ scheduling requests.

September 2019 marks the beginning of Christ Church Children’s Center 50th year. It will be wonderful to welcome both returning and new families and children. We are all anticipating a great year!