



## Nursery Information

Welcome to Nursery! There is an exciting year awaiting, designed to promote and enhance your child's growth and development. This very important year promises to be one filled with discovery and joy as your child works and plays in an environment that is warm, safe, and stimulating.

## About Me

Hello! My name is Joanna Bodnar and I am so excited to be your child's first teacher at St. Francis. I have been working at the prekindergarten level on and off since 1997, as both an assistant and teacher. I moved up to junior high after completing my degree at Stony Brook University. I took some time off with my children, but returned to pre-K in 2012, when my girls were 5 and 7. I started back as an assistant in pre-K and then switched to nursery a few years later. I am honored to have the opportunity to teach your children and am looking forward to a great year!

## School Hours

The A.M. session meets at 7:55 AM - 10:50 AM

The P.M. session meets from 11:30 AM - 2:20 PM

Half days dismissal schedule as follows:

On half days, Nursery will meet from 8:00 A.M. to 10:50 A.M. The classes take turns on the half days so sometimes the AM class will have school and then the PM class will come in for the morning session. This way everyone gets the same time in school.

Our entrance is around the back, past the playground and pre-k entrance. We are so fortunate to have our own quiet entrance/exit. The children are able to enter right into the classroom without the noise of the hallway. It makes for a much easier transition into school.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE\***

Students entering Nursery school must be potty trained. The children must be in underwear, no diapers or pull ups. Elastic waist pants are highly recommended. Please be advised that belts are discouraged, as it can be very difficult for the children to maneuver. Sneakers with socks are also the best shoes for the children to wear in the classroom. We get messy so please have the children wear comfy play clothes.

**Our Daily Routine**

Throughout the school day, the structure of activities is carefully planned to encourage independence, self-confidence, and group cooperation through large group, small group, and one-on-one participation in a variety of hands-on, interactive experiences. The activities will incorporate instruction with developmentally appropriate reading strategies, mathematics, science, social studies, art, fine and gross motor skills, social/emotional skills, and language development.

**Our Schedule**

- Morning Meeting
- Story
- Large group activity
- Playtime/Small group activity
- Snack
- Music and Movement
- Dismissal

### What To Expect

Our Curriculum is designed around the alphabet. We will work on letter recognition, words that start with that letter, and writing the letter. Seasonal and holiday crafts are also worked in each week along with stories and songs that reinforce concepts.

### Snack Fee

This fee, \$65 and cash only, is used to purchase snacks, water, and special items for school celebrations. A healthy snack (goldfish, pretzels, crackers, etc.) will be provided for your child.

### Parent / Teacher Communication

I believe communication is the key to your child's success and a great parent/teacher relationship. Nursery will be using Seesaw as our main form of communication. In September, you will receive information on how to join our class. You can choose to receive notifications when we upload pictures, videos, or messages to our Seesaw class page. If you do send an important message regarding your child during the school day, I ask it be sent within an hour of our class start time. If you do not receive a response, it is important to call the office to make sure the message is received. You can always email me at [Jbodnar@Stfrancisschoolbh.net](mailto:Jbodnar@Stfrancisschoolbh.net) if you have any questions.

### Supply List

- 1 backpack (large enough to fit a folder, no wheelie bags, no lunch box)
- 1 two sided folder with bottom pockets
- Change of clothes (underwear, pants, shirts, socks)

(please send in a large ziplock that is labeled)

- one artist mock, long sleeved and washable, not apron style (labeled)
- \$65 snack fee (Cash only) (please send in an envelope with your child's name)
- 6 containers of wipes
- 4 containers of clorox wipes
- 2 cans of lysol
- 2 bottles of antibacterial hand soap (not orange dial)
- 2 boxes of 3 oz bathroom cups
- 4 elmer glue sticks
- 1 crayola water- color palette / 8 colors
- 2 box of tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 box of gallon size freezer ziplock bags
- 1 box sandwich size ziplock bags
- 2 wallet size photos of your child
- 1 bottle 4 oz white elmer's glue

### Getting Ready for Nursery

Here are some helpful tips to get your child ready for Nursery School.

- Establish a set schedule
- Stick with morning and bedtime routines
- Take advantage of teachable moments
- Work on fine motor skills
- Set up daily chores

- Make time for reading

Don't over prepare your child. Nursery school is a big step. Try to talk about preschool in a positive and upbeat way.

Be prepared for separation anxiety. Each child responds to separation differently, but always remember your child is loved, and in safe hands.

I am looking forward to a great year in Nursery with your children!

Joanna Bodnar



**St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy**  
"A Faith Filled Future"

Christopher Scharbach, Ed.D  
**Principal**

Dear Early Childhood Families,

We hope you are looking forward to a relaxing summer with your children, family and friends. Before we know it, we will be meeting again in the schoolyard to begin another year at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy.

We wanted to inform you of important vaccination requirements from the New York State Department of Health that **must** be completed before your child(ren) return to school this September 2022. **The attached sheet displays all vaccinations that are currently required for your child(ren). Please complete the vaccinations and submit proper documentation to the main office before we return to school in September.**

**Any questions please call our school nurse at 718-474-4276**

Unfortunately, noncompliance with any vaccination requirement will result in a \$1,200.00 fine on the school from New York State, per student. Noncompliance may also require administration to no longer allow the student(s) to attend St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Scharbach



Cheryl Lawrence, MD, FAAP  
Medical Director

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

New York City has updated the school immunization requirements for the 2021-2022 school year. A list of these requirements for 2021-2022 is included with this letter. Before the school year begins, you must submit proof of immunization for your child if they are attending child care or school.

**All students in child care through grade 12** must meet the requirements for:

- The DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis), poliovirus, MMR (measles-mumps-rubella), varicella and hepatitis B vaccines.

**Children under age 5 who are enrolled in child care and pre-kindergarten (pre-K)** must also meet the requirements for:

- The Hib (*Haemophilus influenzae* type b) and PCV (pneumococcal conjugate) vaccines.
- The influenza (flu) vaccine: children must receive the flu vaccine by December 31, 2021 (preferably, when it becomes available in early fall).

**Children in grades 6 through 12** must also meet the requirements for:

- The Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) booster and MenACWY (meningococcal conjugate) vaccines.

Please review your child's immunization history with your child's health care provider. Their provider can tell you whether additional doses of one or more vaccines are required for your child to attend child care or school this year. Please note: If your child received doses of vaccine BEFORE the minimum age (too early), those doses do NOT count toward the number of doses needed.

If you have questions about these 2021-2022 requirements, please contact your child care center or school's administrative office.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Lawrence, MD, FAAP  
Medical Director  
Office of School Health

# Is Your Child Ready for Child Care or School?

2021-2022 School Year

## Learn about required vaccinations in New York City.

All students ages 2 months to 18 years in New York City must get the following vaccinations to go to childcare or school. Review your child's vaccine needs based on their grade level this school year.

| VACCINATIONS                                     | CHILD CARE, HEAD START, NURSERY, 3K OR PRE-KINDERGARTEN              | KINDERGARTEN - Grade 5   | GRADES 6 -11   | GRADE12  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP)        | 4 doses  | 5 doses<br>or 4 doses ONLY if the fourth dose was received at age 4 years or older<br>or 3 doses ONLY if the child is age 7 years or older and the series was started at age 1 year or older | 3 doses  |  |
| Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis booster (Tdap) |  |  | 1 dose (at or after age 11 years)  |  |
| Polio (IPV or OPV)                               | 3 doses  |  | 4 doses<br>or 3 doses if the third dose was received at age 4 years or older   |  |
| Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)                 | 1 dose   |  | 2 doses  |  |
| Hepatitis B                                      | 3 doses  | 3 doses  | 3 doses<br>or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombinax HB®) if the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years |  |
| Varicella (chickenpox)                           | 1 dose   |  | 2 doses  |  |
| Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)                |  |  | Grade 6: Not applicable<br>Grades 7-11: 1 dose   | Grade 12: 2 doses<br>or 1 dose if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older |
| Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate (Hib)    | 1 to 4 doses<br>Depends on child's age and doses previously received |  |  |  |
| Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)                     | 1 to 4 doses<br>Depends on child's age and doses previously received |  |  |  |
| Influenza  | 1 dose   |  |  |  |

The number of vaccine doses your child needs may vary based on age and previous vaccine doses received. Your child may need additional vaccines or vaccine doses if they have certain health conditions or if previous doses were given too early. Talk to your health care provider if you have questions. For more information call **311** or visit **nyc.gov/health** and search for **student vaccines**.



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