



Dear Preschool Families,

I am very thankful to be back at MPCP for the start of our 2020-2021 school year! The teachers, staff, and I can't wait to have our classrooms filled again with learning, laughter, and the joy that comes from spending our days with preschoolers. The church and preschool are diligently working together in creating a plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our preschoolers. Our goal is to create a safe learning environment while still maintaining the integrity of the quality, developmentally appropriate preschool that we are known for. This plan is based on guidance from the CDC, PA Department of Education, and Allegheny Health Department. Listed below is important information regarding our parent and student orientation days, as well as guidelines for the start of the school. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

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MPCP's Back to School Plan

Academic Calendar: The 2020-2021 Academic Calendar is now available on our website [here](#).

Parent Orientation: This year, due to limitations on the size of public gatherings, parent orientations will be hosted through Zoom Meetings. Debi Bordo, the Director of Memorial Park Christian Preschool, will share important information for the 2020-2021 school year during these Zoom sessions.

- Information for Zoom Signups will be sent in August.
- Orientation will be held the week of **September 8-11**. Three different dates will be available for parents to choose from as they sign up for a Zoom Parent Orientation Meeting.

Student Orientation Days: A time for **ONE (1) parent and the student enrolled at MPCP** to visit the classroom

- **September 10 or 11**
 - Each child will be assigned an orientation day. This date will be included in the information families will receive from their child's classroom teacher in August.
 - Parents will sign up for a 10-minute time slot on their child's orientation day. One parent and the student are invited to visit the classroom, meet the teachers, and pick up your child's orientation packet. **Only ONE parent and no siblings please.**

First Day of School: Our first day of school at MPCP is on Monday, September 14, 2020 for our classes that meet on Mondays. Our plan is to open our doors for school with the following recommended guidelines in place.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

If you or your child(ren) is ill or experiencing any of the symptoms listed below, the student(s) should remain at home. We recommend that staff and students with health concerns should consult their physician regarding the risks of participating in the preschool program. You can also view the CDC's information [here](#).

At curbside, temperature and wellness checks will be taken at drop off while the child is still in the car. For the safety of all students, any child with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to attend school that day.

All children ages 2 and up will be **required** to wear a face mask during the school day. **Preschoolers will greatly benefit from practicing wearing a face mask over the summer so that they will become accustomed to it prior to the start**

of school. Please send your child to school daily with a face mask with their name on it. Staff members will also be adhering to this requirement.

Children will wash their hands upon arrival to school each day. Hand sanitizing and hand washing procedures will be in place throughout the day.

Preschool will provide all class snacks except for students with allergies, who will continue to bring their own snacks.

If a child or staff member becomes ill at school, they will be separated from the group and return home. A separate area will be designated for the child to wait with an adult when ill.

If a child or staff is diagnosed with COVID-19, please notify the preschool right away so that we can respond appropriately in conjunction with the Allegheny Health Department and communicate with parents in a timely manner.

Children may return to school after a minimum of 10 days **AND** must be symptom free for 3 days prior to being released from quarantine (symptoms may include):

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

MPCP teachers and staff will clean and disinfect surfaces and toys throughout the day. Disinfectant wipes and spray will be available in each classroom. Memorial Park facilities staff will perform special intensive cleaning every evening. Students will also have individualized student supplies, and limited sharing of supplies within a classroom

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Children will stay primarily in their main classroom with only one class in the hallways at a time when transitioning. We will not hold large gatherings of students. Visitors will be limited with no classroom volunteers admitted. Only support personnel permitted in classrooms and will adhere to the school protocols listed in this document.

DISCOVERY DAYS

The Pennsylvania Department of Education recommends limiting interactions between groups of students. Discovery Days will not be offered until current guidelines allow for such groups to meet.

POSSIBLE CLOSURE FOR ALL CLASSES AT MPCP

If a closure of the entire preschool is necessary, a remote learning plan will be implemented, and parents will receive a 25% reduction in tuition. If possible, teachers will prepare packets for families to utilize during remote learning. We will ask parents to purchase necessary supplies like crayons, markers, scissors, and glue to have one hand for remote learning.

Resources for Parents: As a resource for you on the guidelines set forth for the 2020-2021 school year, we are including several links as resources for you below.

[CDC's List of Coronavirus Symptoms](#)

[CDC Guidelines on Individuals of Increased Risk](#)

[Allegheny Co. Health Dept. Isolation / Quarantine Basics](#)

[CDC Guidelines on Returning to Work or School](#)