

# JANUARY 2023

## St. Catharine Early Childhood Center

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year 2023!!! We're very excited to start the second half of your little one's pre-k year. We hope you all enjoyed a spiritual Christmas and are ready to welcome in all the blessings of 2023.

Please make note of our NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: [stcatharinesprek@gmail.com](mailto:stcatharinesprek@gmail.com). We'll continue to check the old email address for a few weeks, but would like to fully transition to the new address over the next month or two.

January is here and the children are ready for the winter season and what it brings. As the weather continues to be cold, PLEASE remember to label all of your child's clothing. Some hats and coats may be the same or similar and we want everyone to go home with what they wore to school. We will continue to go outside as much as possible, so please dress your child for the weather with hats, gloves, boots, etc. Thank you!



Our staff continues to be diligent about keeping our Center clean, but we need everyone's help in making St. Catharine's as germ-free as possible. As cold and flu season is still with us, please keep your child home if he or she has any signs of illness. This includes fever (even slight), stomach aches, sore throat, runny nose, cough, etc. Please call or email the office if your child will not be in school; we are required by New York State to document every absence.

January is health and safety month, and lessons and crafts will reinforce health and nutrition. Learning about different foods and making healthy choices is the beginning of independence for your

children. Please continue to send in healthy snacks and healthy lunches. Together you and your child can discuss why some foods are not as good for you as others. What a great way to have your child be responsible for his/her body as they continue to learn and grow!

The children will continue to learn about proper hygiene and taking care of themselves. We all need to share, but one thing we never want to share is GERMS! The children will be reminded to always wash their hands with soap and water each time they use the bathroom and before they eat. We will all have lots of fun keeping ourselves healthy and strong.



Car safety is an important lesson and we will be displaying a large Car Safety Chart to help the children with this. Your child will be bringing home a notice for you to sign each time he/she wears a seatbelt when riding in any car. Each child will receive a heart sticker when they return the notice signed by you showing that your child ALWAYS wears a seatbelt. When all of the children have received a heart sticker and the chart is full, we will celebrate with a Safety Parade!



We will continue to follow South Orangetown Central School District for emergency closings or delayed openings due to snow or icy roads. The class parents will be called before 6:00 a.m. if we are going to be closed or on a delay so that they can let the other parents know of the situation. Calls must be made early so parents can make arrangements for their children, if necessary. There will also be a message on the school answering machine.

Please be sure to check your school calendar for your child's schedule for the remainder of the year. While we do follow South Orangetown for weather closings, our staff meetings, breaks, and end-of-the-year days are different. Thank you for your cooperation!

We are preparing for the 2023-2024 pre-k school year (we can hardly believe it!). We will be hosting an Open House on January 19 for new families who would like to see the facility. More information will follow. If you know of



anyone who might be interested, please ask them to email us for information: [stcatharinesprek@gmail.com](mailto:stcatharinesprek@gmail.com). Thank you ☐ ☐

Registration for next year (only for current students and/or siblings) will be on Tuesday, January 24. Mark your calendar for this important date! Because you are currently in our program, you can fill out your paperwork and register when you drop off your child or at pick-up. Once you let us know which time frame you prefer, we will have a packet ready for you. You will fill out the paperwork in the cafeteria and return it to us with the exact amount of cash registration fee (\$180). Your child will have first choice of the days and times that you would like him/her to attend St. Catharine Early Childhood Center. If your child is returning next year or if they have a sibling attending, please be sure to register in January so we can ensure them a spot. We will be sending a letter home shortly with more specifics about the registration process.

As you can see, we are ready and eager to begin the second half of your little one's pre-k year!

Happy New Year!!!

Sincerely,  
Lorrayne Hubert

January 2023

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are pleased to announce  
to our St. Catharine Pre-K



the following new additions  
Family

Angelina in the Red Room is now a big sister to  
Carmine Vincent  
December 9, 2022  
7 lbs.1 oz.  
20 3/4 Inches  
Congratulations to the Cervini Family!!!

Caroline in the Red Room is now a big sister to  
James Thomas  
December 15, 2022  
8 lbs. 12 oz.  
19.5 Inches  
Congratulations to the Quinn Family!!!

Denzel in the Yellow Room is now a big brother to  
Dwayne  
December 20, 2022  
6 lbs. 15 oz.  
Congratulations to the Abraham Family!!!

Morgan in the Blue Room is now a big sister to  
Hannah Leigh  
December 27, 2022  
8 lbs. 11 oz.  
Congratulations to the Elmendorf Family!!!

**WOW!!**