



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

Dear Preschool Families,

We are looking forward to the year ahead together. As you prepare for your child to begin school in the Fall, here are a few important pieces of information that will help you this summer.

Our preschool team is made up of three teachers and two assistants. You will find out your child's teacher(s) for the Fall right before school begins, via email. In the meantime, let us introduce ourselves to you!

Welcome to Preschool! My name is Tasha Monica, and I have the pleasure of teaching in the Preschool at St. John School and being part of this incredible community is truly special. Getting to be part of the early learning years and being the first teacher to many students as they begin their educational journey is such a gift! I moved here from Wisconsin, where I was born and raised with my three brothers on a farm. I am happy to call Seattle home now with my husband and two dogs: Tootsie and Beau! I love to read, be outside in nature and chocolate! My husband is a St. John graduate and has many wonderful memories from his time here. I am excited to be on this preschool journey with you and your child this year!

My name is Ali Baber, and I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a hard-working, dedicated community of teachers here at St. John School. I live in Seattle with my husband, my twins Henry and Evie, and our two rescue fur babies. I love art, running outdoors and traveling adventures. I strive to create a warm classroom environment that promotes openness, mutual respect, support, and inquiry. I feel honored that I get to walk this journey with you and your children in preschool! I look forward to getting to partner with each of you!

Hello Preschool Parents! My name is Vanessa Castillo, and I am one of the Preschool teachers at St. John School! I've taught grades Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade. I grew up in Costa Rica where I earned my Early Childhood degree with endorsements in English as a second language ESL and English language learners ELL. I've also taught in New Mexico and Texas in both public and private schools. I'm very excited to teach some Spanish to your children! I am so happy to be part of your child's journey this year, and I look forward to working with you as a team!

### **School Hours/Drop Off and Pick Up:**

**Early Learners (AM students):** Your child's school day will begin at 8:15am, and they will be dismissed at 11:15am.

- If your child attends XDC after class, they will be walked down and signed into XDC by their teacher daily.
- If you will be picking up your child at 11:15am, we will meet you outside at our designated meeting spot.

**Preschool or PreK Students (PM students):** Your child's school day will begin at 12:15pm, and they will be dismissed at 3:15pm.

- If your child attends XDC in the morning, they will be picked up for class at 12:15pm by their teacher daily.
- At 3:15pm, we will either take your child back to XDC if they are registered or we will meet you at our designated meeting spot outside for pick up.

### **First Days and Slow Start Schedule:**

- Thursday, August 29, 2024, will be a student drop-in day to meet the teacher and bring in supplies. Time: 1-3pm.
  - Please bring all of your supplies with you on this day.
- Please dress your preschool student in "play clothes" and athletic shoes (Velcro/slip on) every day. Please save the sandals and fancy dress up shoes for home. We will get dirty! We will go outside (rain or shine!) and will be painting, gluing, etc. Preschool tends to be messy.
- Please see the slow start schedule for the first week of school for your child: September 3-6, 2024. Please note there are two different schedules: one for the AM early learners and one for PM preschool & PreK students.

### **Preschool Student Supply List for all AM & PM Students:**

- Complete change of clothes (undies, socks, pants/shorts, shirt) - label each item and restock as needed
- Hard plastic pencil box (no zippers or handles)
- 1 Family picture for our classroom family wall; it does not have to be professional
- 2 Current 4x6 photos of your child's face (upper body included is okay, does not have to be professional)
- One backpack that is big enough to fit a folder, snack and water bottle each day
- 100 stickers on sheets, not individual!
- 1 bottle Method all-purpose cleaner refill size - any scent (last name A-T)
- 2 packs of wet wipes (last names U-Z)
- 1 bag or container of popcorn kernels (last name A-G)

- 1 16oz bag of long grain white rice (not minute rice) (last name H-O)
- 1 16oz bag of split peas or dry beans (dry, uncooked in a bag) (last name P-Z)
- Daily: Send your child to school with velcro or slip on shoes with traction and grip on the bottom. No tie laces on shoes or sandals please!
- Water bottle - labeled and filled with fresh water daily. Please no juice or milk.
- Daily healthy snack packed in a lunch bag or box with an ice pack --label each lunchbox & container
  - Please try to pack Peanut / Tree Nut free snacks

We look forward to the wonderful year together! More information will be sent to you once you receive your teacher assignment and during the first week of school!

Enjoy your summer!

Warmly,  
Preschool Teachers  
Ms. Baber, Ms. Castillo & Ms. Monica

## AM Early Learners Slow Start Schedule 2024-2025

Monday 8/26	Tuesday 8/27	Wednesday 8/28	Thursday 8/29	Friday 8/30
No school	No school	No school	Meet the teacher drop in day for ALL AM & PM  1:00-3:00pm  Bring all supplies today!	No school

Monday 9/2	Tuesday 9/3	Wednesday 9/4	Thursday 9/5	Friday 9/6
No School	8:15-9:15 Last names <u>A-M</u>  10:15-11:15 Last names <u>N-Z</u>	8:15-9:15 Last names <u>N-Z</u>  10:15-11:15 Last names <u>A-M</u>	<b>All 5 day AM students: 8:15-10:30</b>  <b>*no 3 day students today*</b>	<b>All 5 day AM students: 8:15-11:15</b>  <b>*no 3 day students today*</b>

## PM Preschool & PreK Slow Start Schedule 2024-2025

Monday 8/26	Tuesday 8/27	Wednesday 8/28	Thursday 8/29	Friday 8/30
No school	No school	No school	Meet the teacher drop in day for ALL AM & PM  1:00pm-3:00pm  Bring all supplies today!	No school

Monday 9/2	Tuesday 9/3	Wednesday 9/4	Thursday 9/5	Friday 9/6
No School	No School for PM students  Noon dismissal for the whole school today	<u>2 groups</u>  12:15pm - 1:15pm Last names <b><u>A-K</u></b>  1:45pm - 2:45pm Last names <b><u>L-Z</u></b>	All PM students:  12:15pm - 2:15pm	All PM students  12:15pm - 3:15pm