

Grace Lutheran Extended Care Hands On

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 25:
PTL Open House

Thursday October 11:
11:30 Release-
Grandparents Day at
School. Baking Day at
ECP

Friday October 12: **NO**
SCHOOL. Bowling
Field Trip

Notes from the Program Co-Ordinator

The school year is off to a great start! The children have settled into our daily routine and been following the rules and behaving well.

Our after school schedule begins with snack time. Thank-you to everyone who has donated snacks. Your contributions help keep our hourly rates low and the “special” snacks are enjoyed greatly by the children. Although we do provide a snack, you may send an after school snack for your child if they have special dietary needs. We keep the snack a modest size as to not “spoil dinner” for the children. Some children have sports or other activities after ECP that may warrant a larger snack. Please feel free to send an additional snack along with your child if your child needs a larger snack.

Snack time is followed by recess. We go outside for recess unless it is raining. The weather changes quickly in the fall so please send a sweater, coat or sweatshirt along with your child everyday.

After recess we have homework time for the students in first grade and up and free play time for the younger children. We have a homework room so that students may quietly work on homework without being disturbed. We do not check backpacks or assignment notebooks for homework assignments. If a child states they do not have homework for the evening, we ask that they bring a book to read during homework time.

Fall sports and activities have begun and many of the students are juggling several after school activity schedules. Our 5th - 8th grade students are allowed to sign themselves out for practices and games held at Grace ONLY when an ECP staff member has verified that their coach has arrived and that there is proper supervision for the practice or game. Please let us know when your children are attending an activity and if they will be returning to ECP after the activity.

Students who are attending ECP may not sign themselves out to watch games or activities held in the gym. The School and ECP policy is that students cannot attend events in the gym without adult supervision. We are not able to allow students to attend events open to the general public without adult supervision for the students own safety and due to liability concerns. Generally, if there are games taking place, we will try to take the ECP group into the gym to support our Grace teams.

Please feel to contact me with any questions, concerns or feedback.

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Fall Field Trips and Activities

Sign up sheets for upcoming fall all-day and early release day care sessions were previously sent home. Please return the sign up sheets at your earliest convenience if you have not done so already. Please return the sign up sheets even if your child will NOT be attending. Your co-operation will help us provide the appropriate staffing levels and supplies for the activities.

Field trip and activity fees are non-refundable and are in addition to our normal hourly charge. If you sign-up for a day and do not call to cancel in a timely manner, you will be charged for the hours you originally signed up for.

Thursday October 11 - 11:30 Release -Baking Day at ECP

We will be eating lunch immediately after school is dismissed at 11:30. A hot lunch of chicken nuggets, french fries, peaches, milk and dessert is available for \$3.25. Our little chefs will be baking up a storm in the fellowship hall from 12:30 to 3:00. The children will be making (and tasting) a variety of fall themed snacks and treats. The \$3.00 activity fee covers the cost of the ingredients and supplies.



Friday October 12 - NO SCHOOL - Bowling Field Trip

We will be leaving Grace and walking to Kruegers at 10:00 am and return at approximately 1:00pm. We will be eating a pizza lunch at Kruegers. The \$10 field trip fee covers both the pizza lunch and bowling. Socks are required to bowl. Please remember to send both socks and a sweater or coat with your child.

Thursday November 8 - NO SCHOOL - Monkey Joes Field Trip

We will be leaving Grace at 9:30 am and be traveling by bus to Monkey Joes. We will be returning at approximately 1:00 pm. Please provide a cold lunch for your child to be eaten at Monkey Joes. Socks and the signed Monkey Joes waiver form are required to play. The Monkey Joes waiver form is available to sign in the Extended Care area. Please ask a staff member for assistance in signing the waiver. The \$11.00 activity fee covers the cost of admission and bus transportation.

Friday November 9 - NO SCHOOL - Movie Day at ECP

A Cousins sub lunch is available for \$3.25. We will be watching a movie from 12:30 to 2:30. The movie we will be watching will be announced at a later date. There is no activity fee.

Monday November 19 - NO SCHOOL - Hoffer's Tropic Life Pets Field Trip

We will be leaving Grace at 9:15 am and be traveling by bus to take a walk on the wild side at Hoffer's Tropic Life Pets. We will be returning at approximately 1:00 pm. Please provide a cold lunch for your child to be eaten at Hoffer's. The \$8.00 activity fee covers the cost of the activity and transportation.

