

North Shore Nursery School

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October 25th
Teddy Roosevelt Visit

October 26th
The Bar Method Class
7:15pm

November 1st
Picture Day

November 2nd
Board Meeting

November 4th
Wreath Sale Orders Due

November 8th
Election Day-no classes

November 11th
Veteran's Day-no classes

November 16th
Membership Mtg 9:30 am

November 17th
Unlimited Sports Visit

November 24th & 25th
Thanksgiving Break

December 1st
Ladies Cocktail Party

December 21st
Christmas Celebration

From the Director:

As the days get shorter and the weather gets cooler there is an excitement in the classrooms for the wonderful things we have to look forward to; Halloween, Thanksgiving and of course the big one, Christmas!

As the beginning of school has come to an end, I am happy to report that the children have settled in nicely. They are all very busy learning, singing, playing and enjoying new and old friends!

Fall is a very busy time at NSNS, so please be sure to read all emails you receive and check your child's tote bag each day for notices and information. You should also be receiving weekly newsletters from your child's teacher, either via email or Shutterfly. Please be sure to read them as they contain important information specific to your child's class.

Lastly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Dana Cavallaro Dignam, and everyone who had a helping hand in the success of our first Fall Festival! It was a great day and everyone enjoyed themselves. It was so nice to see so many NSNS friends and alumni!!

Enjoy the season and all the beautiful changes going on around us!

Dale O'Brien

Membership News

Our first Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 9:30am in the auditorium. We will have a brief update of NSNS business, followed by a presentation on "Mindfulness". Our speaker, Hildur Padsdottir is a certified meditation/reiki practitioner. We could all use a little relaxation before the holidays. All are invited to attend this presentation.

The budget committee is currently busy working on the 2017-2018 school year budget. We would like to have the budget to all the members for approval by the end of October. Registration for next year will begin shortly after the budget approval. Please keep a look out for registration information and dates.



Playground and Building Update

The children are thoroughly enjoying the new block room. We will be adding new activities to the space throughout the year to keep the children engaged.

The new classroom space has been settled and Mrs. Marchignoli's class will be moving into the space around November 1st.

In addition to the new classroom space, a new bathroom on the lower level is scheduled to be built during the Christmas vacation.

Upcoming Social Events

*Ladies Exercise Class at The Bar Method- join us for a fun hour long class and then stay for some wine and mingling.
Wednesday, Oct. 26th 7:15pm at The Bar Method, Roslyn Heights

*Annual Ladies Holiday Cocktail Party- Thursday, Dec. 1st 7-10pm at NSNS. Enjoy cocktails and shopping with other moms and alumni. Invitations will be sent shortly, please check your email.

Reminders

A few things to keep in mind....

*Please have your child use the bathroom just before coming to school; arrival is a very busy and hectic time, so this would be a great help!

*Please have your child eat breakfast *BEFORE* they come to school. Little minds work best if their bellies are satisfied. **Keep in mind that no food may be brought into school other than snack!** Breakfast must be finished before entering school. All foods brought into the building must be checked by a teacher for allergens.

*Please keep children's cups and water bottles at home. We always have water available to them and it is difficult to keep track of so many different containers.

Thank you for adhering to our guidelines that allow us to better focus teaching and nurturing each individual child.

Halloween

To ensure that all the children have a safe day at school, our policy is no costumes at school. Children may come in orange and black festive clothing, but **NO COSTUMES, MASKS, OR PROPS**. In addition, please do not send in any candy for either snack or as a goody to take home. If you wish to send in a treat, feel free to do so, however please refrain from any food treats.

Community Corner

Community outreach is an important part of our philosophy as a Christian program. We have partnered with Community Reformed Church to extend their outreach programs to our families. Throughout the year we will be participating in several programs to better the lives of children and families in our area. We feel it is important to include our children, because they are never too young to learn about giving, sharing and having compassion for those who do not have as much as we do. Your participation is greatly appreciated, and we ask that you involve your children in the process. We will use these opportunities to model love, compassion and gratitude in the classrooms.

The first of these programs is the Coat Drive - new and gently used coats will be collected through October 28th and distributed to families in need within the Port Washington school district.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - we will be collecting non-perishable foods beginning in November. In December, we will be participating in a Christmas program that will benefit underserved children.

Please join us in teaching our children the importance of giving, to those who are in need, and gratitude for what we have.

Fundraising

Thanks to all who participated in our Prestige Catalog fundraiser. We are excited to begin our annual Wreath Sale Fundraiser. Information will be sent home this week. Please remember that your participation in our fundraising efforts is essential in our ability to provide materials, activities and enrichment programs to your children throughout the year.

Drop Off/Pick Up

In order to make this procedure as efficient as possible, we request that all parents (caregivers):

- *have children ready to get out of the car at drop off
- *be ready to secure your child in their car seat quickly but safely at pick up
- *please look in their tote bags AFTER you have left the pick-up area
- *if giving your child a snack in the car, please do so AFTER you have left the pick-up area
- *please do not conference with teachers at drop off or pick-up

Remember, you may always park on George St. or Plandome Rd (no parking in the lot) and walk if you feel you need extra time to get your child situated in the car.

Thank you for adhering to our policies to benefit all families. Please, make sure anyone who drops off or picks up your child is aware of the policies.

