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AMAZON SMILE

If you shop on Amazon.com, please consider visiting smile.amazon.com the next time you click to order and select Oswego Christian Foundation as the charity of your choice.

You will earn money for our school shopping for the things you are already planning to buy! It costs nothing more!

Thank you for your support!



Spirit Wear!

Spirit Wear orders were due September 1st. We are excited to see everyone in their new spirit wear!! Thank you for your orders!

Portillo's Night

A special thank you to everyone that participated in our Portillo's restaurant night! What a delicious way to support our school!

Allergies

Please remember we are a nut free facility and cannot have outside food brought into the building. The safety of our students is our main concern and outside food poses a risk. Please have your child finish any food before entering the building. Thank you for understanding and helping us keep everyone safe and sound!



Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Fall Mum Fundraiser

We take great pride in our school and to help us continue to improve we are taking part in a Mum Fundraiser.

We are so excited to be working with Schaefer's and cannot wait to see all their beautiful mums.

The proceeds from this event will go towards classroom materials, as well as school upgrades and improvements all of which will enhance the experience of all students at Prairie Pals.

Information was sent home this week, outlining the details of the fundraiser. Information is also online. We so appreciate your support in our efforts to give your child the best experience possible.

If you are not interested in participating in the fundraiser but would like to make a tax deductible donation please send it in your child's home folder.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you goes out to Carson Chiropractic for the science kits they donated to the school!

Thank you to Prime Cut Lawn Care for the playground mulch donation. We so appreciate your support of our program year after year.

We would like to thank Great Western Flooring Company for the carpet donation to our Infant / Toddler Room. It looks amazing and our babies love it!

Thank you to Motorola for the donation of our radios to our facility. They help our pickup line run so much smoother!

Family Faith Friends

Our beautiful collection of crosses is a showcase for all to enjoy and displays the foundation to which we base our daily ministry.

If you are interested in sponsoring a cross please fill out a sponsorship form and return it with your donation.

We will find the perfect cross to represent your family.

Thank you to our most recent sponsors, your support means the world to us:

The Anstedt Family
The Hergenbahn Family
The Julien Family

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If you have any questions during the year, please feel free to contact us, we are happy to help you in any way we can!

Zoo Field Trip

Our fall field trip will be to one of our favorite places – Phillip's Park Zoo! We so enjoy seeing all the zoo has to offer while spending time with our friends

September 18	Wednesday	9:30a-11:00a MWF
September 19	Thursday	9:30a-11:00a TT/M-Fa
September 19	Thursday	1:00p-2:30p M-Fp/PreK

*** M-F 4s and PreK will have class on Wednesday, September 18 ***

We will meet at the Visitors Center. If there is inclement weather the day of the field trip we will unfortunately have to cancel. We want to make sure everyone is safe, thank you for understanding.

Each student needs an adult (over the age of 18) chaperone to provide transportation to and from the outing as well as stay with the child throughout the field trip. There is no cost for the field trip and siblings are welcome!

Preschool Reminders

Please remember to have your child's name on their backpack. It makes it easier for them to identify and for us to pack. Lots of important information is coming home and we want to ensure it gets to the correct house.

When entering our driveway for drop off and pick up please do not block the parking lot entrance. Please stay in the appropriate lane and proceed to the back of the building. We understand there will always be a line forming but we have Childcare families and staff coming and going at various times during the day. Thank you for your understanding and teamwork in keeping our lines moving safely.

When waiting in the car line please do not block the crosswalk in the back of the building that guides our students safely to the playground. We have many classes crossing at various times of the day and want to ensure their safety.

While in the car line, please remember to have your child in the back seat on the passenger side of the vehicle, unbuckled and ready to go. Please keep your little ones seated and inside the car. Please stay off your cell phones and remember to put your car in park when our teachers are getting students out of your cars.

Please ensure there is a (weather appropriate) complete set of clothing in your child's backpack, in a Ziploc with your child's name on it. Accidents can happen at any time. If your child needs to change clothes for any reason an ODPS Report will be sent home explaining what happened.

Please have your child wear playground friendly footwear. Sneaker type shoes with a back are best for climbing and running. We do not want anyone getting injured while they are having fun.

When in the car line please have your child's name placard visible for our teachers and aides to see. Hanging from your rear view mirror, attaching them to your visor or holding them up are great options. When they are placed on your dash they often sink down and we cannot see them. Thank you!

If your child has a potty accident while they are here that they cannot change themselves, we will be calling you to come and change them. It is most helpful if your child knows how to dress themselves independently. Thank you for understanding and fostering this level of independence.

Tuition

Tuition payments are due the first of each month regardless of what day that falls on. Payments received after the 7th will incur a \$15 accumulating late fee.

Please make checks payable to OCF (Oswego Christian Foundation). OCF is the legal entity responsible for the preschool.

You can leave payments in our outside or lobby drop boxes, place in your child's home folder inside their backpack or use PayPal through our website. We do not accept credit cards in the building.

Sandbox

Be sure to check your child's Sandbox Account regularly! A couple of notes:

We do NOT use the billing / payment portion of the Sandbox system at this time because it doesn't interface with our other systems.

Attendance is manually entered and tracked in the system, so don't worry if it doesn't show up immediately while your student is at school.

Teacher gazettes & newsletters will be posted on your news feed wall to keep you up to date on what's happening at school!

Childcare Contacts

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Our childcare room teachers don't have individual Prairie Pals email accounts, but if you have a concern or question you'd like to discuss with your child's teacher over email, please reach out to any of the office personnel and we are happy to forward it along and help coordinate a dialogue.

If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact us, we are happy to help you in any way we can!

2s/Young 3s

Ms. Martha is asking for each child to bring in family pictures to share for the week of September 16-20. The theme that week will be Me, Family & Friends!

Welcome!!

Please join us in welcoming our newest Childcare staff members!!

**Ms. Tara
Ms. Jeanette
Ms. Carolyn**

Please introduce yourself if you have the opportunity to meet them! We're excited to have them on our team!

Childcare Reminders

Before signing your child into their childcare classroom, please wash their hands. Per DCFS hands are to be washed upon arrival and we are trying to be diligent in keeping germs and allergy contamination at bay.

Please keep your children with you as you enter and leave the building. When children run ahead they may end up in the wrong place or falling. We do not want anyone unattended and possibly getting hurt.

Infant Toddler Room: Please remember to read over the daily sheets filled out by your Infant / Toddler room staff. There is information about your little one's day and reminders of items you may need to restock.

2s/3s Room: Please check the board and your child's cubby before leaving for the day. There is information from school and details about your kiddo's day.

Multi-Age Room: Please remember to check your child's cubby and the white board before leaving each day.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Tuition Due</i> <i>Spirit Wear Orders Due</i>	2 <i>No School Labor Day</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Fall Mum Sale Kick-Off!</i>	7
8	9	10	11	12 <i>Dress-Up Day</i>	13 <i>Dress-Up Day</i>	14
15	16 <i>Fall Mum Sale Orders & \$\$ Due</i>	17 <i>Fall Mum Sale Orders & \$\$ Due (by 10AM)</i>	18 <i>Zoo Field Trip MWF classes Spirit Wear Day</i>	19 <i>Zoo Field Trip TT, M-F 4s & PreK classes Spirit Wear Day</i>	20 <i>No School SD308 Closed</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

September Schedule of Events

- * 9/1 - Tuition Due
- * 9/1 - Spirit Wear Orders Due
- * 9/2 - **No Preschool: Labor Day, District Closed**
- * 9/6 - Fall Mum Sale Kick-Off!
- * 9/12 - Dress-Up Day, Mismatched Clothes! T/TH and all PM classes
- * 9/13 - Dress-Up Day, Mismatched Clothes! MWF and M-F AM classes
- * 9/16 - Fall Mum Sale Orders & \$ Due
- * 9/17 - Fall Mum Sale Orders & \$ Due (by 10 AM)
- * 9/18 - Zoo Field Trip, MWF classes
- * 9/18 - Spirit Wear Day, MWF classes
- * 9/19 - Zoo Field Trip, TT, M-F 4s & all PreK classes
- * 9/19 - Spirit Wear Day, TT, M-F 4s & all PreK classes
- * 9/20 - **No Preschool: SD308 Closed**


October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Tuition Due</i>	2	3 <i>Mum Delivery Day!</i> <i>Spirit Wear Day</i>	4 <i>Spirit Wear Day</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	14 <i>No School Columbus Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19
22	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>Halloween Party, Wear Costumes! MWF</i>	31 <i>Halloween Party, Wear Costumes! TT / M-F / PreK</i>		

October Schedule of Events

- * 10/1 - Tuition Due
- * 10/3 - Mums Delivered! Pick-Up Info will be sent home soon!
- * 10/3 - Spirit Wear Day TT / M-F PM / PreK
- * 10/4 - Spirit Wear Day MWF / M-F AM
- * **10/14 - No School: Columbus Day, District Closed**
- * 10/30 - Halloween Party Last 45 mins of class. **Wear your costume! MWF**
- * 10/31 - Halloween Party Last 45 mins of class. **Wear your costume! TT / M-F / PreK**

September Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B: Prairie Pals Closed AM:  L: PM:	B: Cinnamon Toast AM: Graham Crackers L: Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Mixed Fruit PM: Chex Mix	B: Cereal AM: Apples & Wow Butter(no wow butter in I/T room) L: Mac & Cheese Broccoli & Cauliflower Mix Pears PM: Oyster Crackers & *Raisins(no raisins in I/T room)	B: Bagels & Cream Cheese AM: Caramel Quakes L: Diced Ham Tater Tots Pineapple PM: Goldfish	B: Cereal AM: Bananas L: Fish Sticks Carrots Peaches PM: Vanilla Wafers
B: Toast & Jelly/*Wow Butter AM: Teddy Grahams L: Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Mandarin Oranges PM: Veggie Straws	B: Cereal AM: Applesauce L: Cheese Quesadilla Peas & Carrots Peaches PM: Pretzels & *Raisins(no raisins in I/T room)	B: Bagels & Cream Cheese AM: Yogurt L: Meat Ravioli Broccoli Pears PM: Chips & Salsa	B: Cereal AM: Orange Slices L: Taquitos Peas Mixed Fruit PM: Cheese Quakes	B: NutriGrain Bar & Banana AM: Crackers & *Wow Butter(no wow butter in I/T room) L: Pancakes & Sausage Hash Browns Blueberries PM: Oreos
B: Cereal AM: Bananas L: Chicken Marinara Cauliflower Applesauce PM: Cheese Veggie Straws	B: Yogurt & Apple Slices AM: Sun Chips L: Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Pears PM: Wheat Thins	B: Cereal AM: Pears L: Chicken Casserole Pineapple PM: Cheese & Crackers	B: Cinnamon Toast AM: Cheez Its & *Raisins(no raisins in I/T room) L: Cheese Pizza Mixed Veggies Peaches PM: Teddy Grahams	B: Cereal AM: Vanilla Wafers L: Chicken Patty Sandwich Carrots Mixed Fruit PM: Crackers/Wow Butter(no wow butter in I/T room)
B: Bagels & Cream Cheese AM: Veggie Chips L: Cheese Quesadilla Green Beans Mandarin Oranges PM: Pears	B: Cereal AM: Orange Slices L: Chicken Parmesean Broccoli & Cauliflower Mix Pineapple PM: Chips & Salsa	B: Waffles AM: Chex Mix L: Egg Casserole Peaches PM: Cheese Sticks	B: Cereal AM: Graham Crackers L: French Toast & Sausage Hash Browns Strawberries PM: Bananas	B: Yogurt & NutriGrain Bar AM: Apples & Wow Butter(no wow butter in I/T room) L: Pasta & Cheese Sauce Peas Pears PM: Rice Krispy Treats
B: Cereal AM: Pretzels & *Raisins(no raisins in I/T room) L: Cheese Pizza Green Beans Mixed Fruit PM: Lunchmeat & Crackers	B: AM: L: PM:	B: AM: L: PM:	B: AM: L: PM:	B: AM: L: PM:

B: Breakfast, **AM:** AM Snack, **L:** Lunch, **PM:** PM Snack

Milk and/or water is served with every meal. A bread item is served with lunch. Milk and Juice is served with breakfast.

*Raisins and Wow Butter will not be served in the Infant/Toddler room, they will be served the listed snack stated minus these items