



# CROSSING POINT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 2018

### News from the Director



It is hard to believe that we are already into November and the holiday season is upon us! As we welcome in the fall colors and cooler weather, it sets my heart thinking about Thanksgiving and all the blessings that God has given me and my family. As you prepare your hearts and your homes for Thanksgiving and Christmas, spend some family time remembering the blessings that God has bestowed upon you and your family. Remind your children the true meaning of being thankful and how to show thanks for all that God has done and continues to do for them in their lives. Don't let the hustle and bustle of the upcoming holiday season distract you from what is really important!

God and Family.



Blessings,

Ms Rjcki  
Director

### Ms. Connie's Movement Class



This month we will continue to work on nonlocomotor **skills** such as pushing/pulling & swinging/swaying. We'll add in the additional **locomotor skills** of running, sliding and skipping. Our body awareness focus will be on learning about the muscles of our body—The Muscular System. Our friend “Marvin the Muscle Man” is helping us to understand what our muscles look like and how they work inside our body. Marvin is a brother to Mr. Jones and will be hanging out with us this month as we build muscles for his body. We'll learn about muscles that move on their own (involuntary) such as the heart & muscles that move when we tell them to move (voluntary) such as walking with your leg muscles. To wrap it all up we will also talk about how bones and muscles work together to help us move. Ask your child about the muscle of the day and how to “move” that muscle.

#### Family Wellness Challenge:

Be physically active with your child. Enjoy one or all of these activities over the Thanksgiving Break!

- Go for a family walk
- Go for a bike ride with your family
- Play a game of ball — basketball, kickball, soccer

### Science with Ms. Penny



We will be learning a lot of new things in Science Lab this month. Students will be exploring the power of magnets, the vibration of sound, where Indian corn comes from and is it tasty, and gas; what happens when you mix baking soda with vinegar and food coloring. We have so much fun in Science and the students are learning a variety of concepts that they can build upon throughout their educational journey 😊



## Saying GoodBye is So Hard

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Crossing Point's Office Manager, Sharon Wright gave me her resignation effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. Sharon has been an invaluable part of Crossing Point for more than 20 years and her presence will definitely be missed. We are excited for Sharon and her husband David as they begin a new chapter in their lives and enjoy their retirement years.

For the last several weeks, I have gone through the interview process to fill this position and have extended an offer to Amy Maisberger. Amy was a classroom teacher here for several years and will make an excellent Office Assistant for our school. We are excited to have her back on staff.

Plans are underway to have a time to celebrate Sharon and her love and dedication to Crossing Point. Watch your email for further information as plans are finalized.

Continue to hold Crossing Point in your prayers as we go through this transition time.

Ms. Ricki  
Director

## Meet Your 2018/2019 Crossing Point Christian School's Advisory Committee

We welcome some new parents to our Advisory Committee for this school year. The members were asked to be a support group for the school and the director, advocates for teachers and children, and a sounding board for ideas and advice for making the school a better place for children to learn and grow. This committee will meet quarterly throughout the year, our first meeting was October 2nd, and the next meeting, January 10, 2019. Get to know these committee members, pray for us, and let us know when you have ideas to make Crossing Point even more awesome than it already proves to be.

### FCC Members

Rose Anne Mott, Chair

Shirley Armstrong

Vickie Williamson

Cindy Gallatin

Meredith McGruder

Kayla Coffee-Prose (FCC Assoc. Minister)

### Crossing Point CS Parent Members

Danielle McCaslin

Sarah Wahhab

Rachel Pittman

Kathleen Talbot



The Computer Detectives will be busy this month helping the Puterbugs solve all new technology missions! This week we are traveling to the Webwood Forest for the Case of the Pizza Pops. Something terrible has gone wrong with the pizza oven and the pizzas have turned into pizza popsicles! We have a special Thanksgiving Day lesson, The Case of the Tasty Turkey, the kids are going to love it! We are learning about satellites and how they send messages for us, learning how to use the internet to search for help, and also focusing on the home row and numbers keys of the keyboard. Each week we are integrating S.T.E.M. through the use of computers! We will wrap up November by visiting Network Neighborhood where we will help the Puterbugs fix the satellite that runs the grocery store check-out system. The Computer Detectives are having so much fun learning about the world of technology we live in!

NOVEMBER SPECIAL: Receive \$5 off your first month of tuition! Must mention the November newsletter for discount. Available for new students only. Haven't joined the Puterbugs class yet? It's not too late to join! Call or text Nicole Halbert at 972-898-8482 for details or visit the website [www.royalkids.net](http://www.royalkids.net) for online enrollment.



## THANKSGIVING FEASTS – NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> -16<sup>TH</sup>

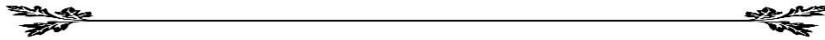
EACH CLASS WILL HAVE A DAY FOR THEIR THANKSGIVING FEASTS. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER FOR WHAT YOU CAN HELP PROVIDE FOR THE MEAL.

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>: Ms. KARLA (YOUNG 3's), Ms. DAWN (MWF 3's)

TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>: Ms. LINDA (M-F 3's), Ms. SHERRI (TTH 3's), Ms. KARLA (YOUNG 3's)

WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>: Ms. JULIE (M-F PRE-K 4's), Ms. COURTNEY (MWF PRE-K 4's)

THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>: Ms. PENNY (M-TH PRE-K 4's), Ms. COURTNEY (TTH PRE-K 4's), Ms. BIESEMEIER (TK CLASS)



## CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR BURK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The holidays are approaching and the need for food is greater than ever! Through the month of November, we will be collecting canned foods that will support the students and their families who attend Burk's Elementary here in McKinney. First Christian McKinney also supports this elementary school throughout the year with school supply drives, so we wanted to lend a helping hand as well. We are asking for your help by bringing in non-perishable food items. We will collect foods through November 14<sup>th</sup>. We want to be able to deliver our collections to the school before the Thanksgiving break. We thank you in advance for your participation and generosity.



## WHY MUSIC??

- I. Music is a Science
- II. Music is Mathematical
- III. Music is a Foreign Language
- IV. Music is History
- V. Music is Physical Education
- VI. Music Develops Insight and Demands Reason
- VII. Music is all these things, but most of all,  
Music is Art!!



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who stayed to watch our Harvest Fest Parade and to those parents and grandparents who helped with all the super fun activities on Fest days. Without your support we would not be able to provide these types of events for your children and our school.



- Nov. 1st: FCC McKinney Bazaar  
Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Feasts for Classes  
Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Thanksgiving Holiday Break  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>: Reindeer Games (4's & TK Classes)  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Holiday  
Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>: No Preschool  
Extended Care Day Only  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>: All Classes Resume

# PARENT INFO BOARD

## Growing Independence: Tips for Parents of Young Children



### Children Love to Learn

- Open and honest communication will create a lifelong closeness with your child.
- Routines and responsibilities will let your child know what to expect. When a rule is broken, a natural consequence needs to follow.
- As you teach your child how to be independent, you also need to teach how to be safe.
- Learning how to be a good friend is an important skill you can teach your child.
- Your little one is starting to explore the world outside your home. This is exciting but can be scary!

### Children from 4 to 6 years old are:

- Beginning to develop their independence and form real friendships.
- Learning rules to more difficult games.
- Developing important life skills.

### Set Limits

When children do something against the rules, explain simply and in a few words:

- That what they did was wrong
- What will happen if the behavior continues Consequences need to be logical, meaningful, and simple. For example:
  - If your child rides a bike without a helmet, the bike is off limits for a day or two.
  - When your child won't share a toy, that toy can't be used for the rest of the day.

### Create and Keep Routines

Teach about rules by setting up daily routines.

Children do best when they know what to expect.

#### In the morning:

- Use the bathroom
- Get dressed
- Have breakfast

#### At bedtime:

- Take a bath
- Brush teeth
- Read a story

Schedule specific times for TV, video games, and use of the computer. When you know what your child is watching, you can avoid violence and other unacceptable content. Limit "total screen time" to no more than 2 hours a day.

### Read at bedtime. This helps your child:

- Settle down after a busy day

- Learn how to read

Have meals together as much as possible.

This is a great way to spend time together and share family traditions, while also teaching good eating habits and table manners.

### **Take Time to Talk and Listen**

Children feel important when adults take the time to talk with them. Talking often, and about many things, helps them gain self-confidence. Ask about friendships and the activities that your child enjoys. Talk about your own best and worst experiences.

#### **Ask your child:**

- “What was the best part of today?”
- “What was the hardest part of today?”

Let your child know that it’s OK to have and talk about negative feelings. Share the best and hard parts of your day. This teaches your child that we all have ups and downs.

### **Assign Responsibility**

When young children copy everyday household tasks, they are really learning how to contribute. With your support, tasks will soon be done with few reminders. As children grow older, they can begin to take on real responsibilities, such as:

- Setting the table
- Putting away their toys
- Feeding the pets
- Placing dirty clothes in a basket

Watch your child’s self-esteem grow when given the chance to help out.

### **Encourage Independence in Bathing and Dressing**

At first, this may take a little more time than helping your child get dressed or take a bath, but it is time well spent. Independence comes with practice, and with your guidance.

If you get the clothes ready the night before, the morning routine will involve only getting dressed. This way, your child can focus on just one thing. Your child may need to be reminded of all the steps.

1. “In the morning, when you get up,
2. First, use the bathroom,
3. Then, take off your PJs,
4. And then, put on your clothes.”

Praise your child’s efforts and successes:

“You did a great job getting yourself ready for school today!”

### **Teach Simple Rules About Safety with Adults**

Keeping children safe is an important job for parents. You want your child to respect and trust others, but you also need to teach your child to be careful. Following are some simple rules and ways that you can start a conversation with your child about different safety issues.

- “If you’re not sure, ask me.”
- “If an adult asks you to do something that you’re not sure is OK, always ask me first. I won’t get mad at you for asking.”
- “No secrets.”
- “No one should ever tell you to keep a secret from me—one that might make me mad if I found out. Adults should never expect you to do this.”
- “Certain body parts are private.”

- “No adults (except parents, doctors, and nurses) should touch you where you normally wear a bathing suit.”
- “If we get separated, find a security guard or police officer.”
- “This is a very busy place. If you can’t find me, find a security guard or police officer, or ask someone to help you find one. That person will help you find me.”
- When you take your child to a crowded place, look around and point out the person who is there to help if you do become separated.

### **Help Your Child Become a Good Friend**

Four- to six-year-olds are learning what it means to be a friend. They will have fun times as well as arguments and hurt feelings. It can be tempting for parents to try to solve these problems themselves or by talking with the other child’s parent. Instead, guide your child to solve problems. With your help, your child can learn how to solve social problems.

1. Help your child understand the other child’s point of view. “I guess Suzie wants a turn too.”
2. Teach your child the following:
  - Stay calm
  - Do not hit, grab, or shove
3. Use words:
  - “I get upset when you talk to me like that.”
  - “I’m sad you don’t want to play with me.”
  - “I’m angry you took the ball from me.”
4. Stand close by and watch as the children solve their problem. Being close by puts the children on their best behavior. This is how they begin to develop the confidence and skills to communicate honestly, calmly, and politely with others.

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