



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in learning about our Preschool program at Saint Kateri School. We are thrilled to share a little about our preschool program here at Saint Kateri School. We held a Preschool Information night in February ~ and the slide presentation for that event is located on our website if you are looking for more information. ([saintkaterischool.org](http://saintkaterischool.org)) We are also scheduling in-person school tours ~ call (585) 467-8730 to schedule. If registering for our Preschool program after March 15<sup>th</sup>, please reference this letter and you will receive the Early Bird registration rate of \$100. (The registration rate March 16<sup>th</sup> and beyond is \$150.)

Saint Kateri Preschool is a faith-based learning environment for 3, 4, and young 5 year old children. Our preschool programs are play-based, with center/choice play and teacher directed activities—providing your child with the best ways of learning for them. Standards and curriculum are based on the NYS Next Generation standards with the addition of religion standards provided by the Diocese of Rochester. Preschoolers also enjoy encore classes with a specialized teacher in each class (Art, Music, P.E.) once a week.

Our programs are taught by NYS Certified teachers and maintains the NYS guidelines for early childhood adult/student ratios. Our school prides itself on the prestigious award of Middle States accreditation as well. We take safety and security of our school building seriously with procedures in place for background checks of volunteers, sign-in/out procedures for visitors, and proper identification of adults picking up students at dismissal time.

Communication is key in a school-family partnership. Families are provided with daily folders in which newsletters, calendars, and other notes are sent home on a regular basis. Teachers are also available through email and phone messages. Report cards and conferences are held twice each year.

The following gives a general schedule of daily activities in our preschool programs:

Drop off for school happens between 8:00 and 8:30AM. Health checks are completed each morning before students enter the building to keep in compliance with our COVID reopening plan. On March 2, 2022 our mask policy transitioned to “mask optional”. Hand washing is taught and encouraged throughout the day as well as sanitation of toys and equipment that are shared in the classroom. The school day begins at 8:30 with arrival activities and circle time. During this time, we say morning prayers, the Pledge of Allegiance, discuss calendar, and the weather. A group lesson is conducted during Circle Time based on the themes for the month/week, or one of the standards for the year (shapes, patterning, learning about apples, a book read, or a Bible story.) After Circle Time, children transition into Center Time, which consists of choice play, teacher directed activities, or child-led learning games. Each classroom is



equipped with Building, Dramatic Play, Reading, and Technology play centers as well as plenty of floor and table space for teacher-led small group lessons during Center Time. Children are then encouraged to help with clean-up of materials before transitioning into snack (provided by parents) and gross-motor time.

Our facilities include a large play yard, fully equipped gymnasium, and well-maintained playground. When we are blessed with nice weather, the classes are brought outside for fresh air and exercise (even in the wintertime!). The gym and its equipment are also available most days.

Half day students are dismissed at 11:00 and full day students transition into the afternoon portion of the program. Families are offered the option to participate in our hot lunch and milk programs. Lunch is served after our half-day students are dismissed and a short rest/nap follows for about 1 hour. The day ends with a short whole-group activity, game, or songs. Before and After school care is available within the school building until 6:00PM.

We encourage you to visit the Saint Kateri School website for more information about our school at [www.saintkaterischool.org](http://www.saintkaterischool.org). From there you can access preschool webpages by going to classroom webpages where you can see pictures of our classes in action. We invite you to call the school office at (585) 467-8730 with any questions or to schedule a classroom visit with or without your child.

Blessings ~

Mrs. Terri L. Morgan, Principal  
Mrs. Hannah Gašić, PK4 Teacher  
Mrs. Helen Moore, PK4 Teacher  
Mrs. Patty Slocum, PK4 Teacher  
Ms. Terry Valvo, PK4 Teacher