



The selection of an early childhood program for your child is one of the most important first decisions you will make as a parent. If your “school age” child is your first, you may be overwhelmed with options. If this is your last child to make the giant leap to student life, you know how expectations have changed over the last several years.

We believe St. John Fisher has a very strong early childhood education program. In a recent letter from a parent, it was noted: “I am impressed by the curriculum, the teachers and the school. . .we can’t wait for our other children to go to Fisher.”

In response to many inquiries, we are pleased to announce that we are enhancing opportunities for early childhood education at our school. The uncertainty of provisions for pre-schools in the local public schools and our commitment to provide a well rounded total education program for our students have prompted our faculty and school board to examine ways to make our program more affordable and expand the hours that will be available.

Although we are still in the preliminary stages of our planning, we anticipate a large response to these exciting new program changes. We want you who have already registered your child to have the first opportunity to reserve your space and option for the upcoming school year.

Briefly, our plan includes:

- ☺ **A combined three- and four-year-old preschool program that will meet five days each week, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.** We will be sending details about the proposed new curriculum which promises to combine the “best of both worlds” for our youngest scholars. Staffing and space will be re-aligned to accommodate the changes we will make for this new program.
- ☺ **The traditional three- and four-year-old a.m. preschool program will remain.** Three-year-olds will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:50 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Four-year-olds will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:50 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
- ☺ **Modified half-day program for kindergarten.** Because of a very small response to our half-day Kindergarten program, we will not have the traditional half-day option next year. However, students may come for a morning session from 7:50 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. The full-day curriculum in that classroom will be sensitive to that plan. On “special days” (school assemblies, birthdays, or other special event days), the half-day students will be welcome to stay.) If during the course of the school year, parents feel the half-day student is ready for a full-day program, he or she is most welcome to join the full day program.

We feel participation in a quality early childhood program should be available to all families for their children. With understanding of the increasing financial demands of young parents in a difficult economy, we have been able to make significant adjustments to our part-time student tuition scale.

Please know that an excellent before- and after-school care program is also available from 6:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. and from 2:20 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you have questions about this program, please call the school office at 773/445-4737.

We are providing preference in selection of a program to those already registered. Please complete the following, indicating your preference no later than Wednesday, March 31st so we may reserve a spot in the program of your choice.

I apologize that this outline is not more complete, but we need to act quickly based on the number of new inquiries we have received over the last few days.

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAM PREFERENCE FORM/REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name _____ Child's First Name _____

___ Please register my child for the following program. Enclosed is my registration fee of \$150.

___ I have already registered for preschool, and would like my child to participate in the following program.

	Program Description	Days/Times**	Annual Tuition*	Monthly Tuition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional Three-Year-Old Program	Tues/Thurs. 7:50-10:45 am	\$750	\$83.33
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional Four-Year-Old Program	Mon/Wed/Fri 7:50 – 10:45 am	\$1000	\$111.11
<input type="checkbox"/>	New 5-day program for Three- and Four-Year Olds	Mon-Fri 11:30 am – 2:20 pm	\$1500	\$166.67

*School fees, in addition to tuition are as follows (if you have already registered, \$150 of your fees have already been paid):

- Books/Combined 3-4 program \$150
- Books/Traditional 4 Program \$120
- Books/Traditional 3 Program \$100
- Archdiocesan Fee \$ 23
- Technology Fee Combined 3-4 \$100
- Technology Fee-Traditional \$ 75
- Per Family Mandatory Fundraising Fee \$175
- New Family Fee (paid only once) \$ 25

We welcome your comments
and suggestions
and would be happy to talk to
you about our plans!



**Minor adjustments in schedule may occur based on parent preference and responses.