

# St. Peter's Preschool Newsletter

September 2024



## From the Director's Chair - by Rita Dai Wang

Each month, I will send a newsletter home discussing school-wide issues/events. Please look over it carefully and know that I will send more information regarding dates to remember as the time nears.

**Facebook Pages:** Our private FB pages for each class are up and running! You are welcome to invite other family members, but please respect everyone's privacy by keeping it a small private group. If you are having trouble joining your class's FB page, please let me know.

**Extended Day Program:** Extended Day is an optional program open to 3's/4's from 1-3pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. You are welcome to try it for a month or commit to the entire year, whichever you prefer. The cost is \$250/mo with a one-time \$30 rest mat fee.

**Preschool Board:** We are seeking one parent per class to join the St. Peter's Preschool Board. This group meets 3 times over the course of the year (typically evenings in October, February, and June) to discuss school finances, philosophy, and policies. Smaller issues can be discussed over email, or more meetings can be convened as needed. Please see Ms. Rita if you are interested.

**Illness Policy:** If your child is not feeling well enough to participate fully in school, please keep them at home. We play hard when we're in school, and if kids aren't sleeping/eating well or can't breathe because they're congested or coughing, they would benefit from a rest day at home.

**MSDE regulations require a child be free from fever, vomiting or diarrhea without the use of medications for 24 hours to return to school.**

The CDC is now treating COVID with the same guidelines as other respiratory illnesses, and St. Peter's is following suit. Once symptoms have improved and your child is fever-free for 24 hours, they are welcome to return.

**Please notify us if your child is sick and will be absent from school. If your child contracts a communicable disease (pink-eye, strep, hand-foot-mouth, lice, etc.) please alert us ASAP.** This allows us to fully disinfect the classroom and materials, be on alert for symptoms in the other children, and inform families and staff who may have been exposed.

## Dates to Remember

- 9/9 Extended Day begins
- 9/17 Yoga/Fitness class begins
- 9/27 Pizza & Popsicle Social (all classes) 5:30-7:00

## Happy Birthday!



- 9/7 Ms. Christine
- 9/16 Lucy
- 9/17 Kelsey
- 9/19 Anissa



## Pizza & Popsicles Social

We are excited to host our first school-wide event on **Friday, 9/27 from 5:30-7:00** in our parking lot/playground for all current and former St. Peter's families. You are invited to enjoy pizza and popsicles while reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones. This is a free event, but we encourage you to bring a donation to the St. Peter's Food Pantry. Feel free to bring picnic blankets, chairs, or your own dinner if you don't like pizza. This is also BYOB event 😊 More details coming soon.

## All About Ms. Rita

I came to St. Peter's as a parent of a 3 year old and fell in love with this gem of a school. That 3 year old is now a junior in high school, so you can do the math on how long I've been here! I have been a teacher in the 2's, 3's, and 4's, and am starting my 7<sup>th</sup> year as the Director. Before coming to St. Peter's, I taught elementary school for 10 years and was a SAHM for 9 years. I have 3 boys (ages 21, 19, and 16), and my entire family is crazy about tennis. In my spare time, I like to work out, run, play tennis, hike, read, and cook. My goal at St. Peter's is to create a community where everyone is respected and feels like they belong. If there is anything you need, please feel free to reach out to me anytime on my cell - 443-801-3816.



Colin, Ken, Rita, Tyler, and Alex



Back to School  
Books for Kids



## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Celebrate the beginning of the school year by reading some back to school books!

<https://littleslovelearning.com/first-day-of-school-books-for-preschool/>

# Join St. Peter's Preschool Parents' Yoga and Fitness Group



**Instructor:**  
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HOOL.ORG  
Certified Yoga instructor,  
prenatal and postnatal  
instructor. Teaching experience:  
12 years. Former elementary  
school teacher and mother of 4.  
Please text, call, or email with  
any questions!

**Come join fellow St. Peter's Preschool and Parish parents for some stretching, strength-training, and community!**

- Where: St. Peter's Church
- When: Tuesdays from 9:40-10:40
- Who: All St. Peter's Preschool Parents and Friends
- What: Yoga and Group Fitness
- Why: We all need connection, movement, and fun!
- Cost: First class is FREE! After that, it's \$10 per class!

*This judgment-free class is an opportunity for parents of all fitness levels to come together to exercise and chat. Babies and toddlers are welcome, too! Equipment will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own mat. I can't wait to see you!*