

EDUCATION GUIDE

Cornerstone Preschool – where the love for learning begins

Cornerstone Preschool provides a loving Christian environment in which children have an opportunity to socially interact with others, share feelings and possessions, learn to cooperate and make a positive first step toward independence.

Our teachers are dedicated to seeing that our children reach their individual preschool potential in all areas of development: physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual.

Cornerstone's Discovery Program is a great first building block for preschool. The class is designed to help 2-year-olds to succeed in learning to share and play cooperatively with each other, as well as to encour-

age independence, build friendships and introduce colors, shapes and structured learning times. Your child must be 2 by Sept. 1 to enroll in this class.

Our Builders Program is designed for older 2-year-olds and younger 3-year-olds. This class offers your child a chance to gain more independence as they practice self-help skills, fine motor and large motor skills and many important academic and school skills.

The Explorers Program offers your child the opportunity to explore God's world through an art- and literature-based thematic curriculum. We provide positive and meaningful exploration in math, creative art, music

and movement, dramatic play and literature. The experiences in this class are designed for children turning 4 in the fall, winter and spring and will lay the foundation for Pre-K and kindergarten.

Our Pre-K class lays the groundwork for your child's success in kindergarten. Offered as a three-day or a five-day program, social, academic and fine and gross motor skills are all developed through interactive themes using social studies, science, math, art and language arts. Your child must be at least 4 by Sept. 1 to be eligible for this class.

Nurturing our children through their early years is our top priority. Their little minds and hearts are grow-



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ing quickly, and we take seriously the delicate art of spiritual and intellectual development.

Call 610-369-1507 for more information or to set up a tour, or visit us at www.trinityboyertown.org or

Trinity Church, 250 Sweinhart Road, Boyertown.

We look forward to meeting you.

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Immaculate Conception Academy – love, learning, leadership

Immaculate Conception Academy opened its doors to our first students in September of 2003. At that time, we had 175 students in kindergarten to eighth grade.

Since then, we have grown to almost 300 students, which include two preschool programs, two kindergarten classes, as well as first through eighth grades.

The effective ICA academic curriculum is enriched with weekly specialty classes such as art, music, library, physical education and media/STEM. Our continued success is based on love, learning and leadership – qualities demonstrated every day in our faculty, students and

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Our motto is: Love, Learning, Leadership.

ICA is Love ... As members of the ICA family, our students, faculty and staff demonstrate love, care, compassion and respect in our interactions with each other and the outside community.

ICA is Learning ... A

strong learning foundation is built for all students through a curriculum that encompasses academic excellence in a faith-filled environment that prepares our students to be lifelong learners.

ICA is Leadership ... Through various leadership roles and activities, our students are empowered to provide service to their school,

parish, community and world.

Our mission: Following the Blessed Mother's example of care and compassion, Immaculate Conception Academy provides a faith-filled, family centered environment, where responsible leadership and charitable service are modeled and encouraged. In a secure setting, we build a strong foundation of faith through excellence in education and mutual respect for all of God's children.

Open House

Immaculate Conception Academy's Winter Open House will be Sunday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call 610-404-8645 to schedule a tour or visit icaberks.org for more information.

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How to ease your child's transition to a new school

Being the new kid in school can be a tall order for youngsters. Children who change schools may face a host of challenges that studies suggest can affect both their social and academic development.

In a 2010 study that followed students who entered kindergarten in 1998 through 2007, the Government Accountability Office found that 13 percent of students changed schools four or more times by the end of eighth grade. Such mobility can adversely affect students, as a study of 13,000 students in the city of Chicago found that children who had changed schools four or more times by the sixth grade were roughly a year behind their classmates.

In addition to the toll transferring schools can take on their academic performance, students also may experience difficulty assimilating into their new schools. Though there's no formula to make such transitions easier, parents can try various strategies to help their kids successfully adjust to new schools.

Speak with children about the transition. Pathways.org, a not-for-profit organization devoted to providing free child development information to parents and health professionals, recommends parents speak with their children about transitioning to a new school. Encourage children to share what excites and worries them about the transition. The way parents discuss transitions can go a long way toward shaping how kids view the change.

Stay true to your routine. Pathways also recommends parents of students who are transitioning to a new school do their best to replicate first day of school routines from

years past. Some familiar traditions might help calm kids' concerns about their first day in a new school.

Assimilate into a new community before the school year begins. The education resource Edweek.org notes that the most common causes of students changing schools are residential moves related to parents' jobs or financial instability. Parents on the lookout for a new job or those who may need to relocate for financial reasons may want to delay moving until the current school year has ended. Moving between school years gives families time to acclimate to their new communities. That means kids will get time to make new friends. Some familiar faces on the first day at a new school can go a long way toward alleviating the fears children may have.

Volunteer at your child's new school. Parental involvement at school can have a profound impact on children. The National Education Association notes that children whose parents are involved at school are more likely to perform academically than students whose parents are uninvolved.

In addition, such students are more likely to have good attendance and exhibit stronger social skills than children whose parents do not involve themselves in their children's school. It stands to reason that students transferring to a new school may benefit from parental involvement even more than other students, as seeing their parents approach a new school with excitement and energy may inspire children to follow suit.

Transitioning to a new school is not easy for many students. But parents can help smooth that transition in various ways.

ROBESON LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Our Philosophy is to provide a quality program in which each child can grow emotionally, socially, developmentally, intellectually and spiritually. We are designed to foster a child's overall development in the following areas: social awareness, emotional independence, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, language development and cognitive development.

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Plow Road on Rt. 10

All of Robeson Lutheran Preschool's programs operate under the policies and bylaws established by the Preschool Advisory Board. Our school is part of the ministry of Robeson Evangelical Lutheran Church and is a non profit, private school. Enrollment is open to children of all faiths, races and ethnic origins.

Our daily schedule is flexible depending on the day's theme and activities. Each day will include free play, group circle time, arts & crafts, music and movement, exploring interesting centers, snack time, playground activities (outdoors or indoors) and story time. PreK program offers literacy, Hand Writing without Tears, math and STEM centers. Field trips are scheduled throughout the school year and parents are encouraged to participate in school activities. The school has an open door policy. Call to schedule a tour or drop in!

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins February 19th.

- Toddler program (2 years by Sept. 30)
- 3 Year Old (3 years by Sept 30)
- 4 Year Old program
- PreK Program
- Preschool Enrichment Program (PEP) offered in afternoon



Immaculate Conception Academy ICABERKS.ORG

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Immaculate Conception Academy is a school of academics, arts and sciences with a balanced curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life. ICA offers state of the art technology which enhances our student's education. *All families are welcome at ICA.*

- **Preschool Program (2 days a week):** Promoting in young children a love for God, themselves, and for learning.
- **Pre-K Program (3 or 5 days a week, half or full day):** Emphasizing social, cognitive, language, science and mathematical skills. With weekly Art, Gym and Technology classes.
- **Full Day Kindergarten - 8th grade:** A strong learning foundation is built for all students through a curriculum that encompasses academic excellence in a faith-filled environment that prepares our students to be life-long learners.

903 Chestnut St., Douglassville, PA 19518
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Winter Open House
Sunday, January 27, 2019, 9 am-1 pm

← Call to schedule a tour!

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Have you considered a Catholic education for your child?

Explore the benefits when you choose Saint Mary Catholic School

As parents, we all have hopes and dreams for our children. But more important than that are the decisions we must make from the moment they enter into our lives and families.

One of the most serious decisions parents must make when their children reach school age is which school will provide the academic rigor they will need to be contributing citizens of the 21st century.

As they begin the journey of researching and selecting the best school for their child, parents should visit, observe, question and compare their options.

We at Saint Mary in Schwenksville suggest that the search begin with this one thought in mind: The only adults that spend more time with your child than you are their teachers.

ents would look for an academic environment with values consistent to those at home.

Here are some facts about Saint Mary Catholic School that we believe will be helpful in deciding if our school is what you and your family are praying for.

Saint Mary Catholic School is located in historic Schwenksville, Pa. Our school has been a model of academic excellence since 1956 and continues to enrich and educate the young minds who will become the leaders of tomorrow.

Saint Mary Catholic School is the parish school of Saint Mary Catholic Church, not a regional school. Because of our long history as a parish school, we are blessed with faithful and supportive alumni, and our present students that feel a great sense of pride in our



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school. Our history gives evidence of our leadership in spiritual guidance and educational achievement.

Our accomplished and

dedicated faculty have a combined total of 347 years of teaching at Saint Mary Catholic School. Our devoted team of teachers strives to inspire, nurture, enrich and challenge our students to reach for high achievement in their individual studies, as well as to respect and strengthen their fellow students, as they all follow the example of the apostles and Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Visual Arts

We at St. Mary strongly believe that a well-rounded arts curriculum fosters creative problem solving and critical thinking; builds self-esteem, self-expression, discipline and perseverance; and encourages collaboration.

We are happy to announce that our Visual Arts Department now has a ceramic kiln on site and that ceramics will now be included in our art curriculum. In addition, our students will experience fiber arts, mixed media, art history and STEAM projects.

At Saint Mary Catholic School, our students have many opportunities to display their artwork both here at school and in our surrounding communities.

Performing Arts

In our music and performing arts classes this year, Saint Mary Catholic School students will be singing, dancing and experiencing the joy of music and performing arts through playing a variety of instruments, including recorders, hand chimes, guitars and drums, just to mention a few.

Theater arts will also be experienced in the curriculum.

In addition to English, American Sign Language (ASL), Spanish and Latin languages will be used in vocal music classes. At Saint Mary Catholic School, we have two school choirs: Cherubim and Seraphim. Our students have many opportunities to develop their talent and perform for our school and parish community, as well as singing and performing in public for a variety of communities from Souderton to Philadelphia. New to this year's list of performances that our students will be presenting is our dinner the-

ater on May 19 in the parish's Hedge Hall.

We at St. Mary believe that music and the performing arts hold a prominent place in the spectrum of arts and is of paramount importance in the development of the whole child.

Committed as a Catholic School

Saint Mary Catholic School recognizes the need to adapt to an ever-changing world, constantly updating educational strategies and technology and infusing our curriculum to offer tools that will help students maximize their potential.

With the commitment of our devoted faculty and staff, we are dedicated to providing a safe, secure learning environment that fosters and supports integration across our curriculum — religion, honors math and algebra, language arts, science, social studies, foreign language, technology, music, art and physical education.

The best way to know if Saint Mary Catholic School is the right school for your child and your family is to visit us. This will give you an opportunity to meet the administrators and teachers, to get a "feel" for the school and to experience the atmosphere and personality.

At the end of the day, the best school for your child is a highly personal decision based on your family, your values and, most important, the special interests of your child.

Please consider enrollment at Saint Mary Catholic School as the beginning of a beautiful life journey for your child, your "Most Valuable Treasure."

Call Suzette Moyer at ext. 244 at any time and arrange to have a personal tour for your family.

Saint Mary Catholic School is located at 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

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Grace Early Learning Center has been offering preschool for more than 50 years

Grace Early Learning Center has been a preschool provider in the Pottstown area for more than 50 years.

Today, GELC offers both half-day classes, as well as full-day extended care classes for children ages 1 to 5 to accommodate all of your child's educational needs.

Classes are available for families interested in a half-day program offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Tuesday and Thursday; or Monday through Friday for most age groups.

GELC offers full-day care with hours from 6:30

a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

Grace Early Learning Center offers a unique program called Grace Explorers, which gives children the option of having a 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. program for ages 1 to 5. Additionally, Lunch Bunch is available for half-day students wanting to extend the day until 1 p.m.

Grace Early Learning Center accepts state subsidized care.

Grace Early Learning Center is a Christian-based childcare setting, located in Grace Lutheran Church at 660 N. Charlotte St. in Pottstown. GELC is licensed through the De-

partment of Human Services. GELC is also part of PA Keystone Stars, having recently earned Star #2.

GELC offers gym class twice a month, music once a month and special visitors monthly. Field trips are offered several times per year.

For more information about our school, visit us at graceschoolpottstown.org or [facebook.com/gracearlylc](https://www.facebook.com/gracearlylc). If you are interested in seeing what makes our school special, please call us at 610-323-9435 to set up at tour and see why students at Grace Early Learning Center are "learning with love."

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St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish anticipates ground breaking for new building

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish is expanding to the final phase of development.

Groundbreaking for the construction of the Ministry Center will take place this spring. The Ministry Center will serve as a valuable building to students, administrators and the parish community. The first floor will be the new junior high school and will contain four classrooms. The classrooms will be equipped with the technology for a junior high curriculum. There will be a lecture/dining hall and a recreational group learning space. The junior high school will provide a mature learning environment so adolescents can maximize their learning potential. The second and third floors of the Ministry Center will provide additional office space and conference rooms for our parish staff. Adequate meeting areas for



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our various parish community ministries will be available on these floors.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish and Education Center are blessed to be immersed in a growing community in Limerick Township.

Please join us on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 1 p.m. for

our open house at the Education Center. You will have the opportunity to meet our dedicated teachers and staff, tour our Blue Ribbon School and get the great experience of our school community.

We are located at 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

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St. Gabriel's Good Shepherd Learning Center provides safe, caring environment

St. Gabriel's Good Shepherd Learning Center is located at 422 East, Douglassville.

We offer daycare for in-

fants through 12 years of age from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and preschool and pre-K half-day sessions from 9 a.m. to noon.

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What makes Holy Cross Regional Catholic School the right educational choice for your child? Check out some of the benefits that Holy Cross offers...

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- Catholic education rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ
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- Sacramental preparation for First Penance, Holy Communion, and Confirmation
- Theology of the Body for Middle School Students
- Many service opportunities

Academic Excellence

- Fully accredited by Middle States Association
- Greater than 90% of students score higher than the national average in Math, Language, and Reading, according to Terra Nova testing results
- Over \$270,000 in academic scholarships to Archdiocesan and private high schools awarded to the Class of 2018
- Three Neumann Scholars in 2018 (out of 39 for the entire Archdiocese) received full academic scholarships to an Archdiocesan Catholic high school, giving Holy Cross eight Neumann Scholars in the last seven years

Advanced Capabilities

- SMART Board Technology integrated into every classroom
- State-of-the-art Computer Lab with 35 desktops
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Rigorous Coursework

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- Accelerated Reading program for grades K-8
- Hands-on instruction in fully equipped Science Lab

Resources Available

- Full-day Pre-K and Kindergarten programs
- After-school CARES program
- Reading and Math learning support provided by Montgomery County I.U.
- Junior Achievement Financial Literacy program
- Clubs/organizations including Robotics, Reading Olympics, Student Council, Band, Choral Group, and Garden Club

Come experience Holy Cross for yourself!
Call today to set up a personal tour for your family.
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