

Dear Good Shepherd Preschool and Church Families,
Registration begins next Saturday!!

We will be registering for:

Summer 2024

- Toddlers Age 1 on June 1
- PeeWees Age 2 on June 1
- Preschool Age 3 on June 1
- Elementary Entering 1st grade through graduating 5th grade

Elementary ages will go to Glen Aqua 3 days a week, weather permitting, and preschool and youth will have a twice-weekly dance and twice-weekly music class. As well as a bounce house day and weekly water play- weather permitting.

School Year 2024-2025

- Toddlers Age 1 and walking Aug 21
- PeeWees Age 2 on Aug 21
- Preschool Age
 - Sunshines Age 3 on or before August 1
 - Moonbeams Age 4 on or before August 1
- Elementary
 - Before School Care for Students enrolled Glenwood Park, including two-hour delays
 - Holiday, Break Care, and Snow Days for Kindergarten through 5th grade students.

Summer Dates: May 28 through August 16 (Elementary Care ends when FWCS begins school)

NOTES: We will be closed July 3 and 4 in observance of the 4th of July Holiday

School Year Dates: Aug 21, 2024 to May 23, 2025

School Year Calendar is still in progress.

The registration forms are open, but they are **not** official. You can log into your myprocare.com account and see the new registrations. NOTE>>>> Any registration submitted before Feb 10 will be deleted, and any registration submitted before 7 AM on Feb 10 will be processed at the end of the day. All of our spots are first come, first served, and to make it fair, we will go by the time stamp that Procare puts on the registration. I recommend getting in there and seeing what you see.

Changes to the program in the 2024-25 school year

1-All Sunshine and Moonbeam classes will be increased in price by \$5 a month.

2-Summer Scheduling will be different.

Summer Scheduling for Elementary and Preschool age students will be slightly different this year. While Toddlers and PeeWees will remain the same. Preschool-age children and Elementary-age children will choose weeks of attendance and pay a weekly fee that guarantees them a spot for that week from 9-12 for Preschoolers **OR** 9-3 for Preschoolers and Elementary students. If you need care outside of those weekly hours, the rate will be \$6 per hour for Preschoolers and \$7 an hour for Elementary students.

As the parents, you will need to choose these weeks in advance when you register; if you wish to cancel attendance for any week, GSP will need to be notified 14 days before the first day of the week you wish not to attend if you do not wish to pay for that week. This allows us 14 days to offer that spot to someone who would like to attend. The weeks of summer care on the registration form are numbered and dated, showing the tuition rate for that week. This is adjusted for holidays.

Billing for summer care will follow the same format that we follow now. Each Monday, you will be billed for the weekly rate you used and any extended care hours before 9 am or after 3 pm (or 12). Payment will be expected by that Friday, and accounts will be subject to a late fee on the 15th after posting.

Other Program Updates

In an attempt to keep your daycare cost affordable, a new piece of paperwork will be added to the REQUIRED documents. We will see if we qualify for the CACFP, a food program that would reimburse us for the cost of our food. I am sure it is no surprise to you that the cost of food is increasing. We need ALL families to complete some financial paperwork so that we can apply for this program. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. This is a big undertaking, and we want to know if we will qualify before applying.

Lastly, we are strongly considering applying to be an On My Way PreK program. On My Way, PreK is a part of the Child Care Development Fund Block Grant, and it is a way for families to receive free or supplemented high-quality PreK experiences. I will put a link for families to look at to see if they might qualify for this program. It requires at least 25 hours of weekly attendance and be enrolled in Moonbeam Class. If you think you might qualify, please stop in and see Miss Jenni or Mrs. Brown; we can connect you to the people you need to talk to.

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/on-my-way-pre-k/>

I wish you well!

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