



**“A parish preschool for your child”**

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Palmer Catholic Academy Preschool (formerly Little Stars Preschool) of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church was founded in 1991 to provide the children of our parish with a warm, Christ-centered environment in which to learn and grow. Located approximately two miles south of J. Turner Butler Boulevard on A1A North in Ponte Vedra Beach, the school is on the grounds of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Our preschool provides for over 100 children, offering classes for ages 24-months through Pre-Kindergarten three-and four-year olds. Developmentally oriented, the programs are designed to foster independence and promote social interaction.

The preschool is certified by the Florida State Department of Children and Families and is recognized under the Florida Catholic Conference. Our staff includes degreed and certified teachers and each class benefits from classroom assistants who support and enhance classroom activities. In addition, teachers complete catechist certification for the instruction of the religious curriculum.

Our preschool offers classes from August through May each year. All children experience free play, circle time, arts and crafts, language arts, religion, science and mathematics. Resource subjects of foreign language, music and physical education are incorporated into the weekly thematic units. Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is offered for eligible four year old children. Our graduates scored at ninety-five percent when tested by the state for kindergarten readiness.

We encourage each family to continue their seamless Catholic education by enrolling in Palmer Catholic Academy. Palmer Catholic Academy earned the prestigious Blue Ribbon School Award in 2005 and is ranked nationally in the top tenth percentile of all private elementary schools in the United States of America for academic excellence. The elementary/middle school is located approximately three miles from the preschool on Palm Valley Road. Currently enrolled students and parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church are given priority in the registration process at Palmer Catholic Academy.

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## ***Mission Statement***

*Palmer Catholic Academy Preschool of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church provides early learning and developmentally oriented programs in a Christ-centered environment which promotes enrichment and growth for our parish children. The programs provide a warm, comfortable, positive environment that enables each child to grow physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.*

## **Belief Statement**

Palmer Catholic Academy Preschool of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish recognizes and is committed to the following objectives:

1. We believe in providing a distinctive Christian environment that teaches Catholic values and traditions, promotes spiritual growth, and instills a lasting love for God.
2. We believe in providing a developmental learning environment, which incorporates stimulating teaching concepts within a structured and intimate classroom setting.
3. We believe in encouraging a loving family environment within the school community where learning is a successful and enjoyable experience.
4. We believe in encouraging the achievement and development of self-worth according to individual God given abilities and talent.
5. We believe in providing a diverse curriculum to develop skills in religion, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, technology and foreign language.
6. We believe in developing and teaching cultural enrichment through secondary language, music, art, special events and field trips.
7. We believe in fostering an attitude of respect toward self, peers and those in authority.

## **Our Curriculum**

### **Core Subjects**

- Mathematics
- Religion
- Language Arts - Phonemic awareness and phonics/vocabulary
- Spanish

### ***Four-Year-Old Prekindergarten***

The four-year-old classes are designed to prepare children for kindergarten. The teachers create a learning environment that promotes the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of young children. Let's Begin with the Letter People curriculum supports the foundation for kindergarten readiness skills.

Children enrolled in the four-year-old classes must be \*potty trained and able to attend to their own bathroom needs independently before the first day of school. Pull-ups are unacceptable. Uniforms are required.

The class choices are as follows:

- Monday through Friday VPK with \*\*Extended Day & Enrichment Program 8:30 am - 2:00 pm  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – May 2013 date TBD
- Tuesday through Friday VPK with \*\*Extended Day and Enrichment Program 8:30 am- 2:00 pm  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – May 2013, date TBD
- Monday through Friday VPK only hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
August 20, 2012 – **March 2013** date TBD
- Tuesday through Friday VPK only hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
August 20<sup>th</sup> – May 2013 date TBD
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday VPK only hours 8:30 am – 1:54 pm  
August 20<sup>th</sup> – May 2013 date TBD
- After school hours available from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – May 2013 date TBD

\*\*Extended day and Enrichment

Additional enrichment hours include a Religious curriculum and workbook, Resource classes in Music and Physical Education, The Annual Musical Christmas Program, Field Trips and more. Please see brochure attachment for additional enrichment activities.

### ***Three-Year-Old Classes***

The focus of our three-year-old class is for children to develop positive self-esteem and socialization skills in a Christ-centered literacy enriched environment. Children interact with their peers and learn how to be a part of a group, cooperate and share. Developmentally appropriate activities and thematic units change weekly to ensure children are at their optimal level of learning. The class incorporates time for free play, circle time, recess, arts and crafts, pre-reading and pre-math skills and story time. Resource classes in Music and Physical Education are incorporated each week. The InvestiGator Club curriculum supports the foundation for the next level of learning.

Children enrolled in the three-year-old class must be fully \*potty trained and able to attend to their own bathroom needs independently before the first day of school. Pull-ups are unacceptable. Uniforms are required.

The class offered is as follows:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.,
- Continuation of the program from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (minimum enrollment must be met to be offered)
- After school hours available from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – May 2012 date TBD

### ***Two-Year-Old Shooting Stars Program***

This program provides a loving Christ-centered environment for children to begin their experience in group play without parents and offers activities that will cultivate their natural curiosity and creativity. This program is offered for children who are 24 months by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Diapers and pull-ups are accepted. The class offered is as follows:

- Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,
- August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – May 2012 date TBD

\*Your child is toilet trained when, without any reminders, can walk independently to the potty, pull down his/her pants, urinate or pass a bowel movement, is able to wipe/cleanse him/herself without assistance and pull up his/her pants.

No Touch Policy: For the dignity and safety of your child, school faculty cannot assist your child in wiping/cleansing when they use the toilet or if they soil their clothing with urine or feces. If this should occur the office will call the parent(s) to come and pick up their child. If the parent(s) cannot be reached the office will proceed by calling the emergency contacts.

All children registering are to be the required age on September 1<sup>st</sup>. School uniforms are required for children in the three- and four-year-old classes. Interested families should submit the Program Request and Registration Form to the preschool office.

**Registration priority will be given in the following sequence:**

1. Current students
2. Siblings of current students
3. Supporting parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church (based on length of time as a parishioner)
4. Catholic families relocating to our parish from out-of-town continuing a Catholic education for their child(ren)
5. All others include non-supporting parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and non-parishioners\*

**Supporting parishioners are defined as those families who:**

- Are registered Catholic parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church
- Regularly attend Mass on weekends
- And, through the use of offertory envelopes, contribute to the parish according to the table below:

Supporting Status for the school year:	Annual Contribution to the Parish	Time frame in which to make the contribution
2011- 2012	\$1,560.00 (\$30 per week)	January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011
2012-2013	\$1,040.00 (\$20 per week)	January 1, 2012-December 31, 2012

**Tuition and Wrap-around Fee Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup> tuition/wrap-around fee due date: **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

2<sup>nd</sup> tuition/wrap-around fee due date: **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 - April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013** tuition/wrap-around fees are due on the **1<sup>st</sup>** of the month.

**The Registration fee of \$242.00 per child for the Three-year-old, Shooting Stars, and Non-VPK Four-year-old classes/programs is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable.**

**Two-Year-Old Shooting Stars Class**

Class Days	Class Times	Registration Fee	Tuition	
			Supporting Parishioner	All Others
<i>Tuesday &amp; Thursdays</i>	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	\$242.00	\$178.00	\$235.00

**Three-Year-Old Class**

Class Days	Class Times	Registration Fee	Tuition	
			Supporting Parishioner	All Others
<i>Monday Wednesday Friday</i>	8:30 am- 12:30 pm	\$242.00	\$272.00	\$363.00
<i>Extended Day</i>	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Na	\$108.00	\$120.00

**Four-Year-Old Prekindergarten Classes**

**VPK with Extended Day and Enrichment Program**

Class Days	Class Times	Registration Fee	Monthly Wrap Around Rate	
			Supporting Parishioner	All Others
<i>Monday-Friday</i>	8:30 am – 2:00 pm	n/a	\$279.00	\$446.00
<i>Tuesday-Friday</i>	8:30 am – 2:00 pm	n/a	\$213.00	\$359.00

**VPK Only Hours**

<i>Monday-Friday</i> <i>Last day of school is in March 2013</i>	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	n/a	No Charge	No Charge
<i>Tuesday-Friday</i>	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	n/a	No Charge	No Charge
<i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i>	8:30 am – 1:54 pm	n/a	No Charge	No Charge

**Non VPK students in the 4 year old class**

(children 5 years of age on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 are not eligible VPK funding)

Class Days	Class Times	Registration Fee	Monthly Tuition	
			Supporting Parishioner	All Others
<i>Monday-Friday</i>	8:30 am – 2:00 pm	\$242.00	\$493.50	\$697.50

**After School Care**

Care Days	Care Times	Registration Fee	Tuition
<i>Monday-Friday</i>	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	n/a	\$250.00
<i>Tuesday – Friday</i>	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	n/a	\$225.00
<i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i>	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	n/a	\$200.00

\*All others include non-supporting parishioners, out of parish Catholics and non-Catholics. Catholic families new to the parish will be offered the supporting rate for the first year if they submit, at registration, a letter from their current parish which indicates their support of that parish's offertory donation criteria. The family must meet the supporting parishioner criteria at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church to retain such status. To achieve supporting parishioner status for the 2012/2013 school year, offertory contributions to our parish are \$30.00/wk (\$1,560.00 annually) for the year 2011.