

## **2021 - 2022 StMM Preschool FAQ's**

All students will be charged a \$100 application fee and a \$150 tuition deposit. Both are non-refundable.

### **What Preschool programs are offered at StMM?**

**Assuming that COVID-19 guidelines are relaxed and we are able to operate under close to normal procedures, we plan to offer the following programs for the 2021-2022 school year. There is a chance that some of our programs may need to be altered if we are required to adjust our settings for increased social distancing.**

#### **3 year old Full day Preschool:**

Hours: 8:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

5 day	Tuition: \$8526	Supply fee: \$250	Application Fee: \$100
3 day (MWF)	Tuition: \$5266	Supply Fee: \$160	Application Fee: \$100
2 day (TTH)	Tuition: \$3560	Supply Fee: \$120	Application Fee: \$100

For an additional fee, there are before school care programs available through the school. For information about the after school program, please contact Mrs. Megan Mastrogiovanni at [Mastrogiovanni@stmm.net](mailto:Mastrogiovanni@stmm.net).

#### **3 year old Half-day Morning Preschool:**

Hours: 8:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

5 day	Tuition: \$4263	Supply fee: \$125	Application Fee: \$100
3 day (MWF)	Tuition: \$2708	Supply Fee: \$80	Application Fee: \$100
2 day (TTH)	Tuition: \$1855	Supply Fee: \$60	Application Fee: \$100

Depending on current enrollment, we may be able to be flexible about the specific days for 2 day and 3 day schedules. It may not necessarily have to be MWF or TTH.

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#### **4 Year Old Full day Preschool:**

Hours: 8:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

5 day	Tuition: \$7105	Supply Fee: \$250	Application Fee: \$100
3 day (M/W/F)	Tuition: \$4413	Supply Fee: \$160	Application Fee: \$100
2 day (T/Th)	Tuition: \$2992	Supply Fee: \$120	Application Fee: \$100

For an additional fee, there are before school care programs available through the school. For information about the after school program, please contact Mrs. Megan Mastrogiovanni at [Mastrogiovanni@stmm.net](mailto:Mastrogiovanni@stmm.net).

#### **4 Year Old Half-day Preschool:**

Morning Hours: 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Afternoon Hours: 11:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

5 day	Tuition: \$3553	Supply Fee: \$125	Application Fee: \$100
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3 day (MWF) Tuition: \$2282 Supply Fee: \$80 Application Fee: \$100

2 day (TTH) Tuition: \$1571 Supply Fee: \$60 Application Fee: \$100

The 5 day, MWF and TTH options are available in both the morning and afternoon class sessions. Students enrolling for 5 days have first priority for available openings. Depending on current enrollment, we may be able to be flexible about the specific days for 2 day and 3 day schedules. It may not necessarily have to be MWF or TTH.

For an additional fee, there are before school care programs available through the school. For information about the after school program, please contact Mrs. Megan Mastrogiovanni at [Mastrogiovanni@stmm.net](mailto:Mastrogiovanni@stmm.net).

## **Do you have an extended morning or lunch option for half-day students?**

### **3 and 4 Year Old Lunch Bunch Info:**

For the PK3 and PK4 morning students, an additional hour is available daily from 11:15-12:15 which includes lunch time followed by enrichment with a variety of science, math, technology, and language extension activities. Lunch will be eaten in the classroom and must be brought from home. Parents may choose 1-5 days per week for this option, but those days must be on a fixed schedule of the same week days throughout the school year. Cost: \$34 per month multiplied by the number of days per week for each child.

## **Do you offer before and/or after care programs?**

Our preschool program does not operate any before and/or after care programs. However, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School offers a Before and After School Care program that preschool families may register for separately. For updated information about the before/after school program, please contact Mrs. Megan Mastrogiovanni at [Mastrogiovanni@stmm.net](mailto:Mastrogiovanni@stmm.net).

## **Does the supply fee cover all of the supplies, or will I be asked to send in school supplies?**

In each of the preschool classes, you will be asked to send in some basic school supplies such as glue sticks, writing notebooks, markers, etc. The list of supplies varies depending on the class in which you are enrolled.

## **How old does my child need to be to attend Preschool at StMM? What is the birthday cut off for preschool?**

To enroll in the 3 year old program, children must be 3 years old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year they will enter school.

To enroll in the 4 year old program, children must be 4 years old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year they will enter school.

## **How many children are in each class? What is the student: teacher ratio?**

**3 year old Preschool:** Up to 12 children with 2 teachers. **4 Year old Preschool:** Up to 22 children with 2 teachers.

## **Do children have to be potty trained? Can children wear “Pull Up” Diapers?**

All children entering the preschool program must be completely toilet trained. Pull Ups or diapers of any kind are not permitted in the classroom.

## **Do you offer a “Mother’s Morning Out” Program for younger children?**

No. While we would love to offer such a program, we don't have any available classroom space at this time. We may offer a MMO program in the future if we can resolve the space issue.

### **Can I get a tour of the facility?**

Yes, we are happy to schedule a tour of the preschool program for you. You are welcome to bring your child with you when you visit the school. Please contact Barbara Senn ([senn@stmm.net](mailto:senn@stmm.net)) or Lydia Binanay ([binanay@stmm.net](mailto:binanay@stmm.net)) to arrange a tour.

### **Can I come and observe the classrooms?**

Yes. You will need to contact the director (Barbara Senn: [senn@stmm.net](mailto:senn@stmm.net)) to schedule a time to observe one or more classes. Available observation times will depend on which classes you wish to observe. Mrs. Senn will be happy to work with you to find a time that will work with your schedule.

### **Do you provide snacks or lunch for the children?**

No. In the 3 year old and 4 year old Half-day Programs, the children should bring a healthy snack and a water bottle each day. They will have an opportunity to eat a snack about mid-way through the scheduled class time.

In the Full-day programs, preschool students should bring 2 snacks and a water bottle. In addition, these students may either bring lunch from home or they may buy the lunch offered in the school cafeteria each day.

In order to provide a safe experience for all of our students, StMM is a peanut and tree nut free environment. Products that contain or MAY contain peanuts or tree nuts are not permitted in the classrooms or cafeteria.

### **If I enroll in Preschool at StMM, is my child automatically accepted into the kindergarten class?**

Yes. Children that are enrolled in StMM's four-year-old program are automatically accepted into our kindergarten program pending the results of their Kindergarten Readiness Screening.

### **What if my child has food allergies?**

The teachers and staff of StMM are very aware of the serious nature of many food allergies. We maintain a peanut and tree nut free environment. If your child has food allergies, you will be asked to fill out an Allergy Action Plan for him/her. If your child must have an Epi-pen or Benadryl on hand in case of allergic reaction, you will be asked to provide 2 Epi-pens to keep on campus. (1 in the classroom, 1 in the nurse's office) A StMM Medical Form detailing dosing instructions and signed by a physician must be on file for each medication.

### **Do the children in Preschool wear uniforms?**

The children in the 3 year old Preschool classes DO NOT wear uniforms.

The children in the 4 year old Preschool classes DO wear uniforms. They follow the same uniform guidelines as the children in the elementary school with a few exceptions. The preschool students are NOT required to wear a belt when wearing pants or shorts, and they are not required to have a P.E. uniform.

### **What kind of curriculum is used in the Preschool program? What types of things/activities do they do?**

Our main goal is to create a safe and nurturing environment where young children can learn and explore. We believe that a basic understanding of the beauty of God's creation and of His unending love and forgiveness for all

people helps to set young children on a positive path for friendships, behavior, and knowledge of their own self-worth.

Weekly activities in the preschool classrooms include arts and crafts, music, movement, alphabet and number activities, science and sensory activities, dramatic play, block play, writing activities, and manipulative toys such as puzzles and peg boards. In both the 3 and 4 year old programs, there is significant emphasis placed on social skills and language skills.

The Preschool program at StMM follows the curriculum guidelines developed by the Diocese of Raleigh. Classroom teachers use the teaching methods and activities that they have found to be most effective with their age group as they address each of the curriculum standards set forth by the diocese. The Diocesan Curriculum for Early Childhood Programs includes activities and skills for each developmental area in which children learn and grow. These areas include spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical motor skills. An overview of the Diocesan curriculum guidelines for Early Childhood programs is available on line at:

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/catholic-schools/standards-and-instruction>

### **What about religion? Do the children attend Mass?**

The children in both the 3 year old and 4 year old classes use a religion curriculum which includes many activities and stories designed to help young children appreciate the beauty and wonder of God's Creation and His love for all living beings.

The students in the 4 year old program attend Mass weekly along with the elementary and middle school students. Parents are always welcome to join us for this celebration. In addition to Mass, the 4 year old preschool classes participate in other prayer services during Advent and Lent.

The students in the 3 year old program do not attend weekly Mass. They do, however, attend Mass occasionally.

In addition, our preschool students participate in The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori based sensorially rich faith formation experience for children from the ages of 3 to 12 years that gives children the opportunity to grow in love and knowledge of God through the Christian tradition.

### **Do the full-day students take a nap?**

Yes. The children in the Full-Day 3 year old and 4 year old classes have rest time scheduled each day. The children are asked to rest quietly on their mats, but they are not required to sleep during this time.

### **What measures are you taking to limit the spread of COVID-19?**

Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Preschool is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for our families and employees. We are committed to working within guidelines set forth by state and local health officials and collaborating with staff, parents, students, and physicians to minimize risk of exposure and/or spread of COVID-19. The health and safety of our students, staff, and community are a top priority and we urge any student, staff member, or visitor who is not feeling well to stay home.

We will not allow any person to enter our buildings who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days, has recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19, or is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms

In addition, health screenings along with enhanced hygiene and cleaning procedures have been put in place.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Senn at [senn@stmm.net](mailto:senn@stmm.net) or 919-657-4800 ext. 7283.