



PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

"A parish preschool for your child"

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Palmer Catholic Academy Preschool of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church was founded in 1992 to provide parish families with a nurturing, Christ-centered environment for their children to learn and grow. Approximately two miles south of J. Turner Butler Boulevard on A1A North in Ponte Vedra Beach, the school is located on the grounds of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Our preschool provides for over 100 children, offering classes for ages 6-weeks through Pre-Kindergarten. Developmentally-oriented, the programs are designed to foster independence and promote social interaction.

Our 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. Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is offered for eligible four-year-old children. Our graduates have consistently scored high 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 for academic excellence. The main campus 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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Palmer Catholic Academy Mission Statement

Palmer Catholic Academy of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church provides a Catholic and Christ-centered educational environment that inspires all students to reach their full spiritual and academic potential.

Palmer Catholic Academy Preschool 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 creating awareness for the Church's three-fold mission of message, community, and service.
3. We believe in the importance in sharing with students, families, and the greater community a common faith in Jesus, which is sustained by the sacramental and prayer life of the church.
4. We believe in providing a learning environment, which incorporates stimulating, new teaching concepts within a structured and intimate classroom setting.
5. We believe in instilling self-discipline and responsibility in each student.
6. We believe in fostering an attitude of respect toward self, peers, and those in authority.
7. We believe in encouraging the achievement and development of self-worth according to individual, God given abilities and talent.
8. We believe in encouraging a living family environment within the school community where learning is a successful and enjoyable experience.
9. We believe in providing a diverse curriculum to develop skills in religion, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, technology, and foreign language.
10. We believe in developing and teaching cultural enrichment through secondary language, music, art, special events, and field trips.

Our Curriculum

Core Subjects

Language Arts: Phonemic awareness, phonics & vocabulary
Mathematics ~ Religion ~ Physical Education ~ Spanish ~ Music

All classes incorporate time for free play, arts & crafts, circle/story time and recess.

Four-Year-Old Rising Stars 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. **Drop in care available for mornings.**

The class choices are as follows:

- Monday through Friday VPK only hours 8:30 am- 11:30 am
- Monday through Friday VPK 8:30 am – 12:30 includes "Lunch Bunch".
Mid-August 2022- May 2023
- School uniform required

Three-Year-Old Shining Stars Program

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 weekly thematic units ensure children are at their optimal level of learning. Learning Centers incorporate time for pre-reading and pre-math skills.

The Frog Street curriculum supports the foundation for the next level of learning.

Choices of hours are: 8:30-12:30, 8:30 -2:00 or 7:30-4:00. Drop in care for morning care and extended hours available to enrolled students.

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday , Tuesday/Thursday, **or** Monday-Friday
- Mid-August 2022 – May 2023
- School Uniform required

*Children enrolled in the three-year-old and four-year-old classes must be toilet trained and able to attend to their own bathroom needs independently before the first day of school. Pull-ups are unacceptable. Children are toilet trained when, without reminders; can walk independently to the potty, pull down their pants, urinate or pass a bowel movement, wipe/cleanse themselves without assistance and pull up their pants.

** 'No Touch' Policy: For the dignity and safety of your child, school faculty is not permitted to assist your child in wiping/cleansing urine or feces if they soil their clothing or when using the toilet. Your child will be offered a wet wipe. If this occurs, the office will contact a parent to pick up their child. If a parent cannot be reached, the office will phone the emergency contacts.

Two-Year-Old Shooting Stars Program

This program provides a loving Christ-centered environment for children to begin their experience in group play and offers activities that will cultivate their natural curiosity and creativity. *The Frog Street* curriculum supports the foundation for the next level of learning.

This program is offered for children who are 24 months by September 1st. Diapers and pull-ups are accepted.

Choice of hours are: 8:30-12:30 or 8:30-2:00 or 7:30-4:00 for Monday- Friday, Drop in care for morning care and extended day available to enrolled students.

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Tuesday & Thursday
- Monday-Friday
- Mid-August 2022– May 2023

12 Months-23 Months Little Stars Program

The *Little Stars* program provides a Christ-centered environment that is nurturing and comfortable for you and your children. The staff creates a foundation of trust for which each child and parent feels welcomed and safe. *Little Stars* program staff will meet each child's level of developmental learning. Time is allocated for language development, exploration, outside play, music, early literacy, and arts/crafts.

Curriculum – *Learn Every Day, Program for Toddlers*

Choice of hours are: 8:30-12:30, 8:30-2:00 or 7:30-4:00 Monday-Friday. Drop in care for morning care and extended day available to enrolled students.

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Tuesday & Thursday
- Monday thru Friday
- Mid-August 2022 - May 2023

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6 weeks-12 months Twinkle Stars Program

The *Twinkle Stars* program provides a Christ-centered environment that is nurturing, warm, inviting, and safe. The staff prepares an environment that is comfortable and offers stimulating areas to learn, explore and develop. The staff will meet individual emotional, physical, and social needs of each infant. Cognitive and physical development is stimulated through interaction with teacher and others by exploring developmentally appropriate objects in the room. Curriculum - *Learn Every Day. The Program for Infants*

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Monday thru Friday
- Mid-August 2022- May 2023

Morning Care, Extended Day/ Enrichment and After Care Hours

Morning Care

- Morning care is available for all classes from 7:30-8:30
- Advance notice is needed for morning care

Extended Day/ Enrichment

- Extended Day hours are from 12:30- 2:00 and available to the one year old, two year-old and three year-old classes. Class space is limited

After Care

- After Care hours are from 2:00-4:00 for Little Stars, Shooting Stars and three-year-old classes. Class space is limited.

Registration priority for the 2022-2023 school year will be given in the following sequence:

- Current full time students enrolled M-F/ Current Enrolled students.
- Siblings of current students enrolled in PCAP or PCA
- Students of PCAP/PCA school employees
- Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea (based on length of time as parishioner)
- Catholic Families relocating to our parish from out of town and continuing education for their children.
- All others include non-parishioners.

Supporting Parishioner are defined as those families that:

- Are registered Catholic parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish;
- Regularly attend Mass on weekends;
- And, because the parish subsidizes Palmer Catholic Academy, we ask that through the use of offertory envelopes, you contribute to the parish.

Registration Fee:

- \$250 per child for the one, two and three-year olds is due in full at registration (annual non-refundable and non-transferrable fee).
- \$70.00 for the four-year-old VPK with "Lunch Bunch" is due in full at registration (annual non-refundable and non-transferrable fee).

Supply Fee:

- \$155 for one, two and three-year olds is due at time of registration and is non-refundable

Annual Safety and Security Fee:

- \$50 per family for one, two, and three-year-olds is due at time of registration and is non-refundable.

Payment Policy

- All fees and tuition (10 monthly installments) are paid through FACTS. The first tuition payment is non-refundable and due June 1, 2022. All other tuition payments are due the first day of the month August through April. You may also pay your tuition for the entire year through FACTS.

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