



# PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRESCHOOL

“A parish preschool for your child”



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**Monsignor Brennan, Pastor**  
**Ms. Daniela DosSantos, Principal**  
**Mrs. Christine Nally, Director**

**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 accredited through the Florida Catholic Conference and National Council for Private School Accreditation. Our staff includes degreed and certified teachers and each class benefits from classroom assistants who support and enhance classroom activities. In addition, teacher's 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.**



**Warm regards,**

**Mrs. Christine Nally**  
**Director**

## 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 and become responsible, respectful and reverent disciples of Christ.

### Philosophy of Education

In the preschool classrooms of Palmer Catholic Academy, our teachers and paraprofessionals encourage the natural curiosity of each child to learn about the world around them, in light of our Catholic faith. Our staff develops the whole child, in a Catholic and Christ centered educational environment. Our students learn in a play-based environment, in which their academic and social growth is facilitated by our staff. The schedule of activities and hands-on, active learning experiences facilitate the growth of children throughout their school day. Our teachers plan a wide variety of learning experiences for the children, encouraging them to explore and problem solve in a safe, nurturing and faith-based environment.

### 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

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

## **Four-Year-Old Rising Stars Pre-kindergarten\***

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. Sadlier series, Discovering God curriculum introduces students to the Catholic Faith. World of Wonder of Wonder and My Math both by McGraw Hill curriculum supports the foundation for kindergarten readiness skills.

Drop-in care available in the 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 -2:00
- Mid-August-June
- 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. Sadlier series, Discovering God curriculum introduces students to the Catholic Faith.

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-June
- School Uniform required.

# Our Curriculum



**\*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, 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-June
- School uniform required



# Our Curriculum



## 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 - The Frog Street 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-June

## 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 teachers and others by exploring developmentally appropriate objects in the room. Curriculum - The Frog Street for infants

- Monday-Friday
- 7:30-4:00
- Mid-August-June
- School uniform



# Our Curriculum



## 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 one-year old, two-year old, and three-year-old classes. Class space is limited.

Registration priority for the 2025-2026 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 or Faith Direct online, you contribute to the parish.



# Our Resources



## Spanish Education:

Our Spanish Preschool Class provides a fun and interactive environment where young learners can begin their journey of language acquisition in Spanish. This class is designed for children aged 3-5 years and focuses on developing foundational skills in the Spanish language through engaging activities.

## Physical Education:

Our Preschool Physical Education (PE) program is designed to introduce young children to the joy of movement, coordination, and teamwork in a fun and supportive environment. Tailored for children ages 2-5, this class focuses on building foundational physical skills, promoting healthy habits, and encouraging social interaction through age-appropriate games and activities.

## Music Education:

Our Preschool Music Class is an engaging and dynamic program designed to introduce young children to the world of music in a fun, interactive, and creative way. Aimed at children ages 3-5, this class encourages self-expression, rhythm development, and an early appreciation for music through songs, instruments, and movement.





# Our Tuition & Fees



## Registration Fee:

- \$250 per child for the one, two and three-year old is due in full at registration (annual non-refundable and non-transferrable fee).
- \$100.00 for the four-year-old VPK only is due in full at registration (annual non-refundable and non-transferrable fee).

## Supply Fee:

- \$175 for one, two and three-year-old is due at time of registration and is non-refundable

## Annual Safety and Security Fee:

- \$50 per family for one, two, and three-year-old 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 nonrefundable and due first week of June. 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.

Tuition rates are available upon request.

