

CARES for 2023/2024

A few things you will need to know before school begins.

CARES is our Before and After School program for students Kindergarten through 8th grade attending St. Teresa of Calcutta School.

CARES is offered Monday through Friday daily from 7-7:45 AM and 2:45-5:30 PM. The children are typically housed in the Gym, but from time to time may need to be housed in the Ministry Center or in a classroom depending on the school need for the gym or the time of day. Ms. Lesleigh, our CARES Coordinator, will let you know ahead of time if this happens and pick up or drop off is in a different location via Tadpoles.

There are different costs associated with days that the school is closed and we offer CARES. Please see the rate sheet on our website for that information. www.stteresacatholiclearningcenter.org. If school is closed and CARES is being offered that day, you will need to sign up through the sign-up genius that is sent out monthly through our Tadpoles system. If we are at capacity for any given day, you did not sign up electronically, and you come to drop your child off, you will not be permitted to do so. So, please be sure to check your emails for these important sign ups!

AM CARES drop-off begins in the gym with Ms. Tara, no sooner than 7 AM, and students will be sent to class at the beginning of each school day by 7:45. They are permitted to eat breakfast provided from home, if they are dropped off BEFORE 7:25. If dropping off after that time they will need to put food items away and save them for lunch. We cannot heat any items in the AM or PM CARES, so please send in already prepared foods for breakfast.

PM CARES begins in the gym at the end of the school day. Students will be dropped off by teachers to Ms. Lesleigh. Children will have a break from learning, eat a snack (provided from home), and do homework if needed. Children in Kindergarten are exempt from completing homework in CARES as the Kindergarten students are asked to do this at home only.

SPECIAL DAYS: There are special days that we only offer CARES at a certain times because the ELC is closing early or has a special event. Please refer to the list attached for this year to find dates that you will NEED to know when CARES is closed and what different times it may be offered.

PICK UP from CARES is in the gym no later than 5:30 PM (late fees apply beginning at 5:31). Pick up time includes the time that it takes for you to walk to the gym and exit the building, so you will need to be able to arrive a few minutes before, as the ELC closes at 5:30 PM.

Families MUST enter through the Child Care entrance. Pick up is NOT permitted through the safe yard gates. In addition, families expected to go directly to the gym. Children and families are not permitted to go to classrooms or other areas of the school, even if they forgot something. Once a child is dropped off for afternoon CARES they will not be permitted to go back to their classroom to retrieve anything, even forgotten homework. This is a school rule that the ELC is required to follow.

Sometimes parents come to pick their child up while teachers are still in the building and you may see them working in their room or in the school. Please know that the K-8 school teachers are working to wrap up their day and do not welcome visitors during this time. Families are NOT permitted to stop and talk to a school teacher unless a previous appointment has been made to speak with them. In those cases the families must enter through the school entrance to meet with the teacher and then exit through the school entrance before picking up their child from CARES and then driving back to the Child Care entrance to pick up their child. This is the only way that we can ensure the proper security in our buildings.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the ELC and you can speak to either Carole or Tara. 610-287-2500 xt. 3

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Early Learning Center and Child Care Holiday Schedule 2023/2024

September 1: Teacher In-Service/Fire Safety Training

September 4: Labor Day

October 31: closing at 3:30 right after the parade

November 22: closing at 2 PM, right after the Feast

November 23: Thanksgiving

November 24: Day after Thanksgiving

December 22: closing at 3 PM

December 25, 26, 27: Christmas

December 29: closing at 3 PM

January 1: New Year's Day

January 15: Martin Luther King

February 19: President's Day

March 29: Good Friday

April 1: Easter Monday

May 24: Memorial Day

July 3: Closing at 3:30 PM right after parade

July 4: Independence Day

September 2: Teacher In-Service

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Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
21-25 NO CARES	1-4 NO CARES	13th - No Cares	1st- Cares 8:30 to 5:30	8th - Cares 8:30- 5:30	1st- No Cares	2nd- Cares 11:30 to 5:30	15th- Cares 11:30 to 5:30	1st- No Cares	9th - Cares 8:30 to 5:30	6th- No Cares
28-29 ONLY PM CARES	4th - No Cares	20th - No Cares	22nd - No Cares	22nd- No Cares	15th- No Cares	16th - Cares 8:30- 5:30	27th - Cares 11:30 to 5:30		10th- Cares 8:30 to 5:30	7th- No Cares
30 AM and PM CARES BEGINS		31st - Cares only till 4 pm	23-24th - NO Cares	25-29th - No Cares		19th- No Cares	28th - Cares 8:30 to 5:30		24th- No Cares	Jun. 10th - Aug. 16th -Summer Camp for those entering 1st grade and exiting 4th grade.
									27th- No Cares	29th- No Cares