

Most Precious Blood School



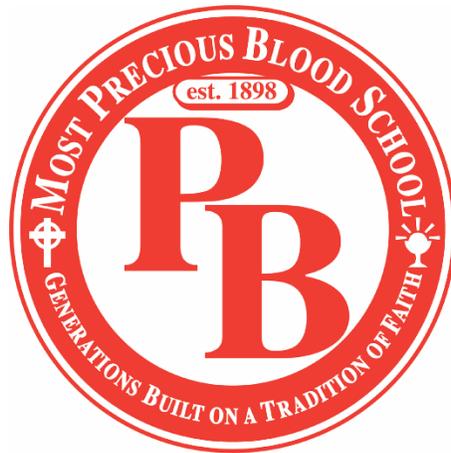
Early Childhood Handbook

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MISSION

Most Precious Blood School is a Catholic community dedicated to promoting education in Christian values, academic standards, and character development.

VISION

With Christ as our center, Most Precious Blood Catholic School and Church work together to empower the mind and enrich the spirit.

We, the academic community of Most Precious Blood, empower the mind as we:

- Seek knowledge
- Embrace new learning experiences
- Commit to high academic standards
- Diversify learning approaches
- Create opportunities for self-expression in the fine arts, writing, class discussion
- Expect success and celebrate achievement

We, the faith community of Most Precious Blood, enrich the spirit as we:

- Live the Gospel
- Walk with Christ
- Embrace the Sacraments
- Share the Eucharist
- Internalize self-discipline
- Love one another

3 and 4 Year Old Programs

Full day Monday-Friday program hours	7:55 AM - 2:45 PM
Full day Tues/Wed/Thurs program hours	7:55 AM - 2:45 PM
Half day Monday-Friday program	7:55 AM -12:00 PM
Half day Tues/Wed/Thurs program	7:55AM - 12:00 PM

Drop off begins at 7:30 AM with flexible drop off until 8:45 AM

Arrival and Dismissal

Children may begin entering the classroom at 7:30 AM. Morning prayer, pledge and announcements begin at 7:55 AM. Our instructional day will begin at 8:05am. YMCA After School Care services are available from 2:50 – 5:30 PM. Pre-registration is required for YMCA After School Care. Registration and additional information is available on our school website. They also offer before care during 2-hour delay caused by weather,

Preschool students arriving before 7:55 AM should enter through Door #2- Barthold St. Children arriving after 7:55 AM will need to be signed in at the office upon arrival.

Parents should pick up their children the Door #2- Barthold St @ 2:45 PM (12:00 PM for ½ day children). Each child will be assigned a dismissal number by their teacher. Parents or any other authorized adult will need this number to pick up your child.

**Early Dismissal time will be 1:30 PM for all full day children

Important: Children will not be dismissed to anyone unless authorized by the parent. If it is necessary for someone else to pick up your child, the school office/ teacher must be notified in advance. Identification will be checked if they do not have your child's dismissal number.

If a child needs to be picked up early, a parent/ authorized adult must sign them out in the school office.

Attendance

When a student must be absent from school, parents should call the school office before 8:00 AM. If the school office has not been notified by phone, they will contact the parent/guardian at home/work. There must be a doctor's excuse after five consecutive days of absence. Children may not make-up missed school days on unassigned days.

Closings and Delays

Most Precious Blood calls it own delays and cancellations. In case of a 2-hr delay, early childhood classes will begin at 9:55 AM with no flexible drop-off for that day. **A Reach Alert message will be sent to notify parents of closings and delays.** Radio and TV stations are contacted if schools are to be closed or delayed.

All Parents and Guardians need to sign up for school Most Precious Blood School Communications.

As a user of REACH Alert, you will be in control of how you receive your messages from Most Precious Blood School.

This means you will be able to:

- **Choose up to three ways to receive your messages** – email, voice call, text messaging.
- **Add up to four devices** – email addresses and/or phone numbers that you want to receive your messages with.
- **Update your contact information at anytime** – add an email address & phone number when you register, then login to update your info today or three years from now.

****If you don't register, you won't receive our messages or the benefits above.***

Registration takes less than a minute to complete! To register, go to www.reachalert.com and click on the blue text, "Create an account." When prompted, please use the following information to register for our Network.

Network Name: Most Precious Blood
Role: Parent
Registration Code: 46808

If you have difficulty registering, please contact REACH Alert at (877) 307-9313 or info@reachalert.com. For additional information from us, please contact us at (260) 424-4832

Curriculum: Goals of the Preschool Curriculum

If the overall purpose of education is to foster competence in all aspects of life as a Christian, then, curriculum must provide opportunities for total learning. This is accomplished when the teacher considers the six areas of children's development—spiritual, emotional, social, physical, intellectual and creative. The overall goals of the curriculum will be to meet the needs of the children in each of these areas and at the same time keep the whole child in mind.

Through the activities in the early childhood curriculum, children will:

1. Grow spiritually
 - develop a sense of trust
 - realize their need for God's love
 - know Jesus as a Friend
 - respond to God's love
 - feel secure in God's love and care
 - see themselves as God's children

2. Grow emotionally
 - develop a positive self-concept
 - be free to risk failure and be comfortable with mistakes
 - develop a sense of security and trust
 - show independence and self-responsibility
 - channel emotions into appropriate and acceptable outlets

3. Grow socially
 - learn to play, work and communicate with peers and adults
 - adjust to group situations
 - accept others even though they may be different from self
 - develop a sense of community
 - accept change in environment and routines

4. Grow physically
 - develop gross and fine motor coordination
 - develop eye-hand and eye-foot coordination
 - become aware of his/her own body

5. Grow intellectually
 - continue to develop language use and understanding
 - develop pre-reading skills such as:
 - visual discrimination
 - auditory discrimination
 - understanding of symbols
 - love of and interest in books
 - develop an ever-increasing attention span
 - complete tasks begun
 - initiate his or her own activities
 - follow two and three step directions

6. Grow creatively
 - view him/herself as a unique individual created and valued by God
 - express ideas in his or her own unique way
 - be free to create artistically using a variety of media
 - develop his/her God-given talents and abilities

Clothing

Children should dress in play clothes. They will be painting and using other messy materials, sitting on the floor, and running in the gym.

Clothes should allow for easy movement and be easily washable. Girls who choose to wear dresses should wear tights, shorts or pants under the dress for warmth and protection from the floor. **Children must also be able to button, snap and zip their pants.** All clothing must have sleeves – no muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, halter-tops.

Footwear, which provides safety and support in active play, are best. All-purpose gym shoes, rubber soled shoes and socks are required. Slip on shoes, western boots, buckle dress shoes, rain boots and sandals are not recommended for safety during outdoor play.

Socks must be worn at all times.

Character tee shirts must be school appropriate.

The school also abides by a warm weather policy that states that shorts may be worn only during the months of May, June, August, September and until mid-October.

Discipline

Most Precious Blood School promotes a POSITIVE APPROACH to discipline with the intent to teach self-discipline skills appropriate to the student's development stages. Discipline is defined in this approach as a system of rules and regulations that govern the conduct of the student and teacher so that learning can take place. The early childhood children are taught the first five skills that include listening, following directions, asking questions, sharing and demonstrating basic social skills.

Enrollment

Eligibility: Eligibility requirements are: Children who have reached their third or fourth birthday by August 1 of the current school year and are restroom trained (no diapers, pull-ups or training pants allowed). On a year by year and case by case situation we may have the ability to accept students who are near the age cut-off dates.

Enrollment/ Registration is available on the school website. For more information call 260-424-4832.

Order of Acceptance: Most Precious Blood School does give preference for admission to students in this order:

- i. Siblings of students already enrolled at Most Precious Blood.
- ii. Children of Most Precious Blood Parishioners.
- iii. Catholic children from other parishes.
- iv. Non-Catholic children on a first come first serve basis.

Health Requirements

State law requires proof of immunization and vaccination against communicable diseases at the time of enrollment. Children are prohibited from being enrolled without proof of proper immunizations. Children enrolling in Early Childhood classes are given a health form from the Fort Wayne Allen County Board of Health that is to be filled out by the family physician and filed in the school office. Dental examinations are recommended.

Children must also be potty trained. No diapers, pull-up or training pants are allowed. Parents are asked to send in an extra set of clothes in case of an accident. If the child is not able to wipe themselves after an accident, a parent may be called to come in and do so. At no time may a school employee wipe a child who has had an accident. If a child is seen as having frequent accidents, they may be considered not fully potty trained and asked to withdraw from our Preschool Program until the problem is corrected.

Illness/Injury Guidelines

It is not always an easy task to decide when your child is ill enough to be kept at home. This guideline will help you make that decision.

Colds: This is probably the hardest illness to decide. A mild cough or occasional runny nose is not cause to withhold a child from school, unless it is obvious that the child is not feeling up to attending. (A child with a non-stop runny nose or constant cough should be kept at home. The child would probably feel uncomfortable and very tired in a group of children and may pass along germs.)

Fever: The child should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Medications: After taking antibiotics for 48 hours, providing that your child feels fine and the doctor agrees, your child may return to school. State law forbids a school from dispensing any medication. Since some children must receive medicine during the school day, the following conditions are to be obeyed:

1. Diocesan medication forms must be filled out for prescription and over the counter medicine.
2. The form and medication are brought to the office **by the parent/ guardian** immediately upon arrival of the student to school.
3. Medications must be in original prescribed containers.

Lice: Most Precious Blood Catholic School the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend schools maintains a “no nit-no live lice” policy. This means that if lice or nits are found on a child, the child is sent home to begin treatment. We will also check siblings and the classroom of that child. The child may return to school if “nit free and lice free” the next day, meaning that the parents should be checking their child thoroughly before returning to school, and for those 3 weeks of treatment in the home environment. The treatment of the lice shampoo should be done according to package directions. We also check all students thoroughly before returning to the classroom. If necessary, we do, and have had to, send children back home if nits or lice are found when they return to school.

Chickenpox: All pox must be scabbed over before returning to school.

Vomiting: A child must be out of school for 24 hours after his/her last vomiting episode.

In School Illness: If a child becomes ill while at school, is feverish, vomiting or in discomfort, we will phone you to take your child home. If we are unable to reach anyone at home, and the child is vomiting, spouse or emergency contact person will be called to pick up your child.

Accidents: Accidents of any nature, which may require completion of insurance forms, must be reported to the school as soon as possible.

Emergency Forms: An emergency form for each student is kept on file in the school. All required emergency forms can be found on our website.

YMCA After Care

The YMCA operates an after care school program at Most Precious Blood School to assist working parents and provide quality supervised care for students. Hours are 2:50-5:30 p.m. Fees are charged to attend the program. After Care is open to all students. All school rules are to be followed by students while attending this program. **Registration is required.**

Library

The children will visit the library at school once a week. Books are to be returned after one week. Children may not check out another book until the previous one is returned. Lost books must be replaced or a \$5 fine will be owed.

Lunch

In accordance with the nation early childhood nutritional guidelines. Preschool students can buy 1% or skim milk, unflavored milk only. Only no grain based desserts will be served as part of the lunch meal (granola bars, animal crackers, etc.).

Newsletters

Classroom newsletters will be available on our school website under our classroom page. Mr. Liponoga's REDS NEWS weekly schoolwide newsletter will be sent out via Reach Alert each week.

Non-Custodial Parent

This school abides by the Buckley Amendment with respects to the rights of the non-custodial parents. In the absence of a court order to the contrary, a school will provide the non-custodial parents with access to the academic records and other school related information regarding the child. If there is a court order specifying that there is to be no information given, it is the responsibility of the custodial parent to provide the school with an official copy of the court order.

It is required that divorced parents provide the school with a copy of the custody section of the divorce decree. This information will also help the school in determining when, if ever, the child can be released to the non-custodial parent.

Parent Participation

Your child will be eager to share their day with you. We encourage you to take an active interest in what is shared or in what is brought home to show you. Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled in October and February. However, feel free to contact the teacher anytime you have a question or would like to discuss something.

Snacks

Children are asked to bring a store bought snack during their special day. Each child will be provided a snack calendar. Children are asked to provide a snack for the entire class on the day that they are assigned. Please keep snacks healthy and avoid candy.

White milk is available at snack time for an annual cost.

Supply List

Located on our school website under Supply List.

Technology

Students will learn the basic technology skills. Students will interact with Smartboard and tablet technologies.

Visitation

We encourage parents to be active partners in their child's education. If you would like to come visit the classroom, please schedule a time for your visit with your child's teacher.

Tuition

Tuition is directly withdrawn monthly from a checking or savings account using the [FACTS Tuition Management](#) system.

Report cards will not be given if tuition is delinquent. The student will not be able to participate in graduation ceremonies unless previous arrangements have been made with the school office for all outstanding debts. If tuition is not current before Christmas break the student will be unable to return unless arrangements have been made with the school office.

Tuition and Fees	Yearly	Monthly
3 Year Old or 4 Year Old Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday	\$ 2,650.00	\$265.00
3 Year Old or 4 Year Old Monday-Friday	\$ 3,400.00	\$340.00
1/2 Day 3 Year Old or 4 Year Old Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday	\$ 1,855.00	\$188.00
1/2 Day 3 Year Old or 4 Year Old Monday-Friday	\$ 2,380.00	\$238.00

Disclaimer

Most Precious Blood School and Early Childhood Department reserves the right to add, or change any of the information stated in this handbook.