

After School Care Program



St. Mary's School



"We, the family of St. Mary's School, are committed to promoting Catholic values to God's children through faith, Christ-centered worship, service and academic excellence."

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

St. Mary's School views children as a precious resource, given by God, and acknowledges its responsibility, along with parents, for their care and nurture.

Therefore, St. Mary's School carries out its mission by establishing and maintaining a program of after school care to provide a safe, secure and caring setting for children. This program is for children whose parents need child care services after school due to job responsibilities. St. Mary's After Care Program is not a babysitting service or play date program. Parents are to be prompt in picking up their children.

DAILY SCHEDULE

The After School Care Program operates on days when school is in session for the full day. There is **no** After Care on days when school is closed early because of weather or other emergencies.

The After School program begins at the regular school dismissal time, 2:50 p.m. and care will be provided until 5:00 p.m.

The general schedule includes playtime, snacks, and time for homework or quiet reading.

IMPORTANT PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- With the children's safety and well-being in mind, it is most important that the parent fills out an emergency card, and then adheres to the instructions given.
- One of the most important regulations concerns the child's leaving the premises of the After School Care Program.
 1. Parents or guardians should not take children from the school yard or other areas without notifying the program staff **and signing the child out.**
 2. Each child participating in this program will have to be picked up at St. Mary's School. No child will be permitted to walk home when the program ends for the day. It is acceptable to have a teenage sibling pick up the child(ren).

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FEES

Program participation fees are the sole support of the St. Mary's School After School Care Program. It is not subsidized by the parish or school tuition.

FEES & LATE PICK-UP

For those families who use After Care on a regular basis, you will receive a statement at the end of each month and should send your payment at that time. If you only send your child occasionally, you can send payment along with the registration form.

Parents will be charged a late fee of \$5.00 per incident if the child(ren) are not picked up by 5:00 p.m. **If payment is delayed more than a month, your child(ren) will not be eligible to attend the After Care Program.

COSTS

A minimum rate of \$4.00 per child per day is charged for the first hour no matter how long the child stays. A rate of \$1.00 for each additional 15 minute increment will be charged after the first hour. Five (5) minutes into the next fifteen minute increment will result in a \$1.00 charge.

- For example: If you schedule your child to be at St. Mary's from 3:00 – 4:00 and you are unable to pick up your child until 4:10, your charge would be \$4.00 for the first hour and an additional \$1.00 for the additional ten (10) minutes. Your total charge would be \$5.00.
- Using the same situation as above, but you were unable to pick up your child until 4:20, you would pay the \$4.00 for the first hour, \$ 1.00 for the first fifteen (15) minutes, and \$1.00 for the second fifteen (15) minute increment. Your total charge would be \$6.00.

REGISTRATION

For those families who use After Care on a regular basis, please fill out the registration form indicating which days your child(ren) will be at After Care. You may check the box stating they will attend on a regular basis and only need to fill out the form one time. If they won't be attending on a specific day, please send a note to the office. You will receive a statement at the end of each month and payment should be made at that time. Families who only need to use the program once in a while should fill out a new form each time indicating when After Care is needed and may send payment along with the form. **All payments are to be sent to the school office. Checks are to be made out to: St. Mary's School (please mark After Care in the memo.)**

SPECIAL PROVISION AND PROCEDURES

- **ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT**
 1. Cases, which appear to be of minor nature, will be taken care of on the premises. Medication will not be administered unless both a written statement from a physician detailing method, amount, and time schedule, and a written statement from parent authorizing the staff to assist a child in taking such medication are on file.
 2. In cases, which appear serious, the primary caregiver will make an effort to carry out the instructions as given on the Emergency Card.
 3. Parents who do not wish their child treated in any way should indicate on the Emergency Card, and should give instructions to be followed in the space "Special Instructions".
 4. Parents will be expected to make provisions for taking sick children home. The After Care Program does not have facilities for transportation of children.
 5. If the home does not supply adequate emergency instruction, or if the instructions given cannot be followed at the time of the emergency, the staff will act according to their best judgment for the welfare of the child.
- **HOMEWORK**
 1. A homework period will be scheduled each day. Those who have no homework are to settle down in their designated area to read, play a game quietly, or just relax until the homework time is over.

2. It is the child's responsibility to acknowledge his/her assignment and then to use the resources available. The staff has no way of knowing what work, if any, has been assigned to which students.

EXPECTATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR

The discipline procedures of the school will carry over into the After School Care Program. Each school family receives a copy of the school handbook containing this information.

Infractions will be handled by the staff member in conjunction with school administration. The first infraction would result in a warning and contacting the parents. The second would result in a suspension and contacting the parents, and the third would be dismissal from the program.

St. Mary's School After School Care Registration Form

Parent's Name _____ Phone (Home) _____
(Work) _____

Children's Names: 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
5) _____

Week of _____ to _____

My child(ren) will attend After Care on a regular basis at the times indicated below.

	After School In/Out	Total Hours	Total Dollars
MONDAY	_____	_____	_____
TUESDAY	_____	_____	_____
WEDNESDAY	_____	_____	_____
THURSDAY	_____	_____	_____
FRIDAY	_____	_____	_____

Total Charges for Week: _____

Charge is \$4.00 per hour/per day/per child \$1.00 per each additional 15 minute increment. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

