

## Extended Care Welcomes All Wolfhounds – New and Returning

The After Care Explorers (A.C.E.) Team is excited to welcome you to a new year of Extended Care. We're pleased once again to offer a quality Extended Care program for students of the school that enables students to determine their afternoon activities within a framework of alternatives. Once again this year, we are anticipating a bustling After Care. The program provides classes, art and craft projects, organized games, spaces for quiet study and conversation areas for sharing ideas. The program is designed for children to benefit from being able to plan and direct a few hours of their busy day.

We believe our priority is building relationships while keeping in mind student safety is paramount. We balance these essential aspects of our program in a fun and safe Extended Care environment for your children. The ACE staff members are positioned both inside and outside the school for supervision, allowing children to move safely from one recreation area to another. The outside area is large enough to accommodate a wide variety of activities. The playground provides a place for creative adventure; the cement pad is available for four square, jump rope and other activities. Our fields provide space for games of soccer and kickball. The "green" is designed for children who prefer to sit and chat or read a book.

All programs at Saint Patrick are guided by the objectives as detailed in "The Graduate at Graduation". As a result, students are expected to be courteous, well-mannered and respectful of others' rights and property. Additional details and policies about our Extended Care program can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook and on the Extended Care link of the Saint Patrick website [www.stpcs.org](http://www.stpcs.org).

### **Helpful guidance to frequently asked Extended Care questions:**

**Electronic Devices** – Per the Student/Parent Handbook, the use of electronic communication devices such as cell phones, pagers, iPods and MP3 players is prohibited during the school day. This includes during...Extended Care hours. Such devices may not be out on display or turned on during the school day.

**After Care Snack Policy** – An integral part of the After Care program is snack time. Each afternoon we stop, give thanks and offer both food and drink choices to students in our program. We ask, to help those students who have identified food allergies avoid exposure, students do not bring snacks from home.

**After School Activities** – If your child is involved with any clubs, team, lessons, etc. that requires him/her to leave the After Care program, please provide me the day/time and location of the activity. Please include whether your child will be picked up or has permission to depart After Care.

**After Care Attire** – Because of the activities students participate in during After Care, school uniforms are not always the most appropriate attire. We want to help preserve your children's uniforms as long as possible, so we allow/encourage the children to change into appropriate after school attire. We request after school attire be comfortable and conservative. Sweatpants are not allowed. If shorts are worn, they should be mid-thigh/fingertip length (no short shorts). For safety reasons, sandals, flip-flops and open toe shoes are not permitted. Tennis shoes are required because we play in the gym most days, and we can not allow dress shoes on the gym floor.

We look forward to a year of building new relationships, reconnecting with old friends and getting to know each of you better. "Grazie Mille" for your support. If at anytime you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 213-0945.

Sincerely,

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