

CARES Schedule, Rules, and Locations

Hello CARES Families and Welcome to the 2024/2025 School Year!

There have been some changes to our CARES program as far as staffing and locations throughout the 3 hours your child will spend with us after school!

Here are the details:

AM CARES will be held in the Preschool classroom with Ms. Kate. At 7:30 we will dismiss the children to their school classrooms. If they are in Kindergarten, no worries, someone will walk them to their class. Drop off with Ms. Kate in the Preschool classroom between 7 and 7:30 for AM CARES (third door on the right after entering through the child care entrance).

PM CARES this year is one with high numbers in attendance and we have secured an extra room to hold CARES in so the children are not restricted to the All Purpose Room/Gym. Room 100, (Mrs. Knoke's Room and the classroom closest to the All Purpose Room), will house some of The CARES children throughout the afternoon. Parents of children in Grades 2-8 are able to pick up their child from CARES in Room 100 from 3:00-4:00PM where they will work on their homework. At 4:00 those students will move to the All Purpose room to eat snack or outside to the Safe Yard.

Parents of Kindergarteners and First Graders are able to pick up their child from CARES in the All Purpose Room from 3:00-4:00PM. At 4PM First Graders will move to Room 100 to work on Homework and Kindergarteners will remain in the All Purpose Room or be outside on the Safe Yard.

We will only be permitted to eat snack in the All Purpose room as Room 100 is for homework and quiet work only.

There will be a CARES Counselor with all three groups, and in some cases two counselors, depending on the day.

Please know that while we will help the children with their homework to the best of our ability, if they are struggling, we may send the work home so that families can help but also see what areas that their child needs help with and it is up to families to communicate with their child's teacher about homework. We will start homework with your child, but cannot guarantee its completion as the children do need some down time and outside time after school to relax and recharge. Kindergarten is not permitted to do their homework in CARES as the teachers ask that families be involved in that process the first year.

Children are not permitted to return to their classrooms to retrieve items left after the bell rings and they are dismissed to CARES, even if it is homework or books needed. Parents are also not permitted in any area of the building, even to chat with a teacher, other than designated CARES areas. This is a STRICTLY enforced rule. If families continuously violate this rule their child may be dismissed from the CARES program or suspended from it. Some families find this a difficult rule as they may see their child's teacher in a classroom and want to stop to ask a question or talk. Please refrain from doing this as it is not permitted. If you would like to talk

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with your child's teacher or any teacher in the school, please send them an email and arrange a time that works for them.

Some families oftentimes want to drop off or pick up a child in our child Care and then walk through the building to go to the main Office or a classroom with business for the school. This is strictly forbidden. Please refrain from doing this. Any business with the K-8 Office requires that you go to the front entrance and they will buzz you in there.

We are excited to have Ms. Brooke (from Summer Camp), Ms. Eva (who was a past student at St. Teresa and now a Senior in High School), and Ms. Lesleigh be our steady CARES counselors for the school year! Ms. Tara and Ms. Carole will be helping out in CARES until we hire a few more counselors for afternoon CARES.

If you have questions or need clarification about anything please don't hesitate to ask and we are happy to help!