# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY New Family Quick Start Guide



**Crusader Station Preschool** 

**NOTE:** *Current 2024-2025 policies can be found in Student Handbook in the Parent Portal of the school website – www. firstpresacademy.com.* 

## APP

Our school is launching a new app designed to streamline communication with teachers and provide essential updates about school activities and events. Look out for an email before the first day of school containing the app download link and instructions on how to get started!

## **ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL TIMES**

Early Arrival | 7:15 a.m. Full Day | 8:10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pre-School Half Day | 8:10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All School Half Day | 8:10 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Late Stay | 3:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. \*Students may begin entering the classrooms at 7:50 a.m.

### Early Stay/Late Stay

Students arriving prior to 7:50 a.m. must report to Early Stay, which begins at 7:15 a.m. Late Stay is available from 3:15-5:30 p.m. Early Stay and Late Stay is available for an additional charge for students in K3 - K4.

See PARENT PORTAL - Administration - Early/Late Stay Programs

# CALENDAR

See PARENT PORTAL - CALENDAR - 2024-2025 School Calendar

# **CALENDAR - IMPORTANT DATES for NEW FAMILIES**

#### Back to School Day – Monday, August 12, 2024

Back to School Day is an opportunity for parents and students to meet their teacher(s), familiarize yourself with school grounds and ask questions.

An eBlast will be emailed with more details about times and locations.

First Day of School - Wednesday, August 14, 2024 (Half Day dismissal at 11:45 a.m.)

# **CAR LINE PROCEDURES**

See Parent/Student Handbook

See Parent Portal - ADMINISTRATION - Carline Diagram

# **DRESS CODE- Preschool (K3-K4)**

Preschool students are permitted to wear age appropriate, modest clothing. Student clothing should be casual, comfortable and in good taste. It is very important that clothing be "bathroom friendly," including bottoms with elastic waists, no belts, etc. Students are required to wear closed-toe, closed-heel shoes every day.

## eBLASTs

FPA issues weekly eBLASTS for updated communication and announcements via email. This is one of the primary methods of regular communication by the school. If you do not receive the weekly eBLASTS please contact Laurie Thrasher at lthrasher@firstpresacademy.com.

# **HOURS OF OPERATION**

#### **Office Hours**

Regular operating hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

#### LUNCH

Students in K3 + K4 will eat lunch in their classrooms.

Students should submit their lunch orders via that FPA app.

# **FAMILY PORTAL VIA FACTS**

Family Portal is a private and secure parent portal that allows parents to view academic information specific to their children while protecting their children's information from others. You can see your child's grades, attendance, homework, and conduct. The log in and password given to you during the Admissions process is the same log in and password you will use throughout the year.

FPA App is available and connects to your FACTS family portal. This app is available through your App store under "First Presbyterian Academy."

# **SNACKS**

K3 + K4 students should bring a healthy, low-sugar snack to school each day to be eaten during the designated snack time. It is helpful for parents to label the item as a "snack" when packing your child's lunch. Full day students - please bring two snacks per day - one for the morning and one for the afternoon.