



*Celebrating God's Plan to
Build a New School.*

Welcome

Our Early Childhood Program is a non-denominational, not-for-profit program operated by Sheboygan Christian School which provides a Christ-centered education for children three-years-old through eighth grade. Administration of the school is directed by the principal and the board of directors, composed of parents of SCS students.

Our early childhood program was organized to meet the needs of the three-year-old and four-year-old children and their families in our Christian community.

Our program:

*complements the values formed in a Christian home by enabling the child to spend part of a day in a world that is child-sized and planned so that the child learns to associate with other children of similar age.

*offers a Christian atmosphere of respect and loving appreciation for all children to help them develop a positive self-image, and gain in self-confidence while developing their own creativity.

*is seen as successful if the children's development has progressed spiritually, socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically as evidenced by teacher evaluation and observation.



In Sheboygan Christian School's Early Childhood Program we believe:

- *Children are created by God as unique individuals.
- *Children need love and care.
- *Children learn through play and exploration.
- *Children learn cooperation and sensitivity to others by interacting with peers.
- *Children learn problem solving skills, gain in self-confidence, and develop their own creativity when they are actively involved in their learning.
- *Children thrive with age-appropriate activities that stimulate their desire for knowledge.
- *Children progress at their own rate of speed.
- *Children need to grow and develop in all areas - - spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual, and physical.



EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:



Our teachers plan activities and games geared to the developmental level of the children to stimulate their desire for knowledge. Children are encouraged to be actively involved in the planned activities. These activities focus on the following areas:

Spiritual Growth

- listening to Bible lessons
- learning that God made the world
- developing a love for Jesus
- learning to obey as God wishes us to do
- singing praises to God
- thanking God for things he sees
- praying to God on his own

Social Growth

- learning to listen to others speak
- playing and working cooperatively with peers
- respecting grownups
- developing responsible attitudes
- responding to counsel and discipline
- learning to share and take turns

Emotional Growth

- developing confidence in himself
- practicing independence and self-reliance
- developing confidence and trust in others
- experiencing success
- sharing of feelings and emotions

Intellectual Growth

- exploring and observing God's world
- developing problem solving ability
- participating in dramatic play
- experimenting with tools and materials
- sharpening sensory awareness
- improving vocabulary and communication skills
- expressing self creatively through various activities
- developing pre-reading and pre-math skills

Physical Growth

- developing large and small muscular control
- establishing desirable health habits
- learning about nourishing foods
- accepting other's abilities and inabilities
- participating in group play
- developing good safety habits



HEALTH AND SAFETY

We operate under the rules established by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services. Our facilities are accessible to the physically handicapped.

Immunization records, health forms, and blanket permission slips must be returned to the SCS secretary or the classroom teacher by the first day of school.

Please keep your child at home at the onset of any illness. The child who comes to school when ill not only harms him/herself because resistance to other diseases is lower, but may also expose his/her school companions to the illness.



ENROLLMENT

Children must be three or four years old by September 1 of the current school year to enroll in an SCS Early Childhood program. All children must be toilet trained to attend our program. Classes for the three-year-old program meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The morning classes meet from 9:00 - 11:30 and the afternoon classes 12:45 - 3:15. Classes for the four-year-old program meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The morning classes meet 8:30 - 11:30 and the afternoon classes meet 12:15 - 3:15, except for the four-year-old class on Wednesdays which meets 12:15 - 2:30. Before and after school care is available 7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. each regular day of school, Monday through Friday.

To enroll your child, visit or call the Sheboygan Christian School office (457-3060) to obtain the necessary registration forms. You can also download an application for admissions from www.sheboyganchristian.com. No child shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from admission to this Christian School.

SONSHINE HOUSE

(Before and After school care)



Our Sunshine House sessions are designed to provide SCS students with a safe, enriching, and homelike atmosphere when they are not attending classes. Our Sunshine House teachers communicate regularly with each other, and the preschool teacher, to ensure that activities are consistent with the goals and activities of our early childhood program.

Enrollment in the extended day program is provided for students in the three year-old preschool classes through 5th grade. Students may attend extended day on days they do not have pre-school. One of our goals is to make our early childhood program as flexible as possible. We want to meet the individual needs of our parents.

TUITION



Our program depends on promptly paid tuition to meet budget needs since it operates on a non-profit basis. Tuition should be paid at the beginning of each school quarter for the extended care and on a monthly basis for the 3-year old and the 4-year old programs.

Tuition is set yearly by the Sheboygan Christian School Board. For information about this year's tuition please call the school office at 457-3060.

Tuition checks can be mailed or hand delivered to the school office. Please make checks payable to: Sheboygan Christian School, 418 Geele Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53083. Families may also enroll in the Tuition Autopay program.

The principal and the school board handle all finances. The teachers are not aware of financial arrangements.

Withdrawal from the program requires written notification sent to the school secretary.

TEACHING STAFF AND CONFERENCES



Our teaching staff consists of a trained, Wisconsin certified teacher of Early Childhood Education and an assistant teacher (if enrollment requires an assistant). There will be a minimum of one staff member for every 10 children ages three and four as required by law. Classes are limited in size to 18 students for each of the 3-year old and 4-year old sessions.

The teacher will have a minimum of one conference per school year with each parent, or as problems needing attention arise. The teacher will be happy to schedule

special conferences if necessary. All parents will receive periodic, written evaluations of their child's progress.

Parents are welcome to visit the class whenever it is in session at the teacher's discretion. Parents are also encouraged to help in the classroom as adult volunteers which is explained later in this handbook.

PARENT ORIENTATIONS



Parent Orientation for the 3-year old and 4-year old programs will be held during the week prior to school opening. Parents will be notified of the orientation date and time. In addition to other helpful information, the following materials will be distributed at the parent orientation:

Calendar with weekly theme
Bible Unit Plan and Key Verses
Class List

Parent Volunteer Questionnaire
Snack Suggestion List
Program Objectives

ADULT VOLUNTEERS



Adult volunteers are needed in the classroom from time to time. Volunteers can assist in leading classroom activities such as storytelling, art, or music, provide individual students assistance with personal needs, serve and clean up the daily snack, or help make and collect needed materials and games. Parents will be given the opportunity to indicate their willingness to participate as an adult volunteer at the parent orientation session.

FIELD TRIPS



The teacher will inform you of field trips. For the 3-year old and the 4-year old classes not less than 4 chaperons will accompany the class on field trips. Siblings of enrolled children will not be permitted on the field trip. The Adult Volunteer coordinator will be responsible for putting out a sign up sheet for chaperones, and contacting chaperons. Permission slips must be on file prior to child participation in any field trip.

TENTATIVE FIELD TRIPS

3 year olds

Pumpkin Farm or Apple Orchard
John Michael Kohler Arts Center
YMCA Gymnastic Center

4 year olds

Pumpkin Farm or Apple Orchard
John Michael Kohler Art Center
Mead Library
Maywood Environmental Park

CLOTHING



All children must be toilet trained to attend our early childhood program. However, we understand that spills and accidents can easily occur when a child is busy with any of the activities. For your child's comfort, we suggest that you send a bag containing a change of clothing. Children should be properly dressed for outdoor play.

We recommend play clothes because of the different types of activities in which the children will be involved.

SNOW CANCELLATIONS



In case of snow or inclement weather, listen to WHBL (1330 AM). If the Sheboygan Public Schools are canceled, you can assume that Sheboygan Christian School will be also. Sheboygan Christian School might not be separately listed.

SNACKS



Our policy is to serve nutritious snacks. Parents may participate by taking turns providing the snack for the 3-year old and 4-year old classes. A snack suggestion sheet will be available and a sign-up sheet will be posted at parent orientation and continue throughout the school year. Children staying for the extended session should bring their own lunch and beverage. Sheboygan Christian School provides a morning and an afternoon snack for children in the extended care session.

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL



If you plan to carpool with other parents, it is suggested that pooling begin after the first week of school to aid your child's transition to school. Parents are requested to bring and pick up your child from the classroom for safety reasons.

TENTATIVE SPECIAL DAYS

Beach Day	Pajama Day
Christmas Workshop	Grandparents' Day
Color Days	Spring Celebration

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

Upon arrival children are encouraged to choose an activity until everyone arrives. Activities may include: playdough, cutting and gluing, puzzles, number and alphabet games, books.

Opening/ Group Time - welcome song, weather, calendar, helpers, devotions/Bible story, fingerplays, introduction of new theme and project

Movement time - rhythmic activities, movement to music, group action songs, organized games, story. May include outdoor play time.

Choice Time - projects and active exploration of materials and activities in centers, teacher's one-on-one time with students

Clean up/Bathroom Break/Wash hands

Snack/Book time/Letter of the Week

Closing time - review of day or preparation for next class; prayer, goodbye song, collecting belongings

Dismissal and farewells

This schedule is flexible and will vary some days!

THANK YOU for your interest in Sheboygan Christian School's Early Childhood programs. We hope this pamphlet has answered some of your questions. If you would like to enroll your child, ask some more questions, or schedule a time to observe a class, please call the school office at 457-3060.

