

Philosophy

We believe in meeting the needs of the whole child: spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical. We recognize that God has made each child unique, and we believe each child is a special addition to our preschool. Our curriculum is set up to encourage spiritual growth, hands-on learning, creative experiences, and academic readiness. We know that children learn best by actively engaging in their environment, and many of our activities revolve around that concept. We believe in and follow Shiloh Christian School's declaration of faith which supports biblical principles, spiritual growth, and Christian morals and values within the classroom.

Goals

- 1) To instill Biblical principles through Bible stories, songs and Bible verse memorization.
- 2) To teach age-appropriate academic material and provide hands-on activities that promote cognitive growth.
- 3) To encourage appropriate social interaction by sharing, using good manners, and showing respect.
- 4) To allow for kinesthetic growth through free play, playground activities, and gym time.

Programming Hours and Class Descriptions

Our classes have been set up to accommodate the different developmental stages of our students. With most kindergarten classes being full day/every day, we are finding that many of our students with late spring and summer birthdays are not developmentally ready for kindergarten. With that in mind, we have set up the following classes to give our students the possibility of one more year of preschool. In North Dakota, children entering kindergarten must turn five on or before July 31.

Pre-Kindergarten M/W/F AM or M/W/F PM from 8:30am-11:15am or 12:15pm-3:00pm

This class is designed for children ages four and five. Most children from this class will go on to kindergarten the following year. Students will work on a variety of kindergarten readiness skills and will be age-appropriately challenged in all areas of development to prepare them for kindergarten. Students must turn four on or before July 31 prior to the new school year in order to enroll in this class.

Pre-Kindergarten M/W/F Full Day or Tu/Th Full Day from 8:30am-3:00pm

This class is designed for children ages four and five. Most children from this class will go on to kindergarten the following year. Students will work on a variety of kindergarten readiness skills and will be age-appropriately challenged in all areas of development to prepare them for kindergarten. Please consider your child's personality and ability to handle a structured full day schedule when looking at this option. Students must turn four on or before July 31 prior to the new school year in order to enroll in this class.

Pre-Kindergarten Monday through Friday Full Day from 8:30am-3:00 pm

This class is primarily designed for older four-year-olds and five-year-olds who will attend kindergarten the following year. This can also be a good option for those who have already completed a year of Pre-K. Students will work on a variety of kindergarten readiness skills and will be age-appropriately challenged in all areas of development to prepare them for kindergarten. Please consider your child's personality and ability to handle a structured full day/every day schedule when looking at this option. If you think your child might attend a second year of Pre-K the following year, please choose one of our other Pre-K options this year. Children must turn four on or before July 31 prior to the new school year in order to enroll in this class

Jr. Preschool Tu/Th AM from 8:30am-11:15am

This class is primarily designed for younger three-year-olds and may be a good fit for those who have not previously been in a group setting. The goal of this class is to encourage cooperative play, the development of social skills, and positive group interactions in a Christ-centered, child-focused setting. Students from this class generally transition well to the Advanced Junior class or a part-time Pre-K class the following year. Children must turn three on or before July 31 prior to the new school year in order to enroll in this class.

Advanced Jr. Preschool Tu/Th AM or M/W/F AM from 8:30am-11:15am

This class is primarily for older three-year-olds and younger four-year-olds who will turn four during the first half of the school year. It is also a nice option for families who choose to spend three years in our program (Junior, Advanced Junior, and then Pre-K). Students from this class will go on to one of our Pre-K classes the following year. The goal of this class is to introduce an academic, Christ-centered, child-focused environment in more of a structured setting, while encouraging cooperative play, development of social skills, and positive group interactions. Children must turn three on or before July 31 prior to the new school year in order to enroll in this class.

Tuition and Fees (\$175 registration fee is due upon submission of each student's application.)

Pre-Kindergarten AM or Pre-Kindergarten PM (M/W/F):

Each Pre-K family will be able to choose one of the following payment plans:

1. A monthly tuition fee of \$270.00 that will be due by the 5th of each month starting in September.
2. A payment in full will be due by September 5th. If you pay your tuition in full, you will receive a 2% discount. Tuition paid in full with the discount is \$2,381.40.

Pre-Kindergarten Full Day (Tu/Th):

Each Pre-K family will be able to choose one of the following payment plans:

1. A monthly tuition fee of \$315.00 (not including hot lunch fees). Tuition is due the 5th of each month starting in September.
2. A payment in full will be due by September 5th. If you pay your tuition in full, you will receive a 2% discount. Tuition paid in full with the discount is \$2,778.30.

Pre-Kindergarten Full Day (M/W/F):

Each Pre-K family will be able to choose one of the following payment plans:

1. A monthly tuition fee of \$395.00 (not including hot lunch fees). Tuition is due the 5th of each month starting in September.
2. A payment in full will be due by September 5th. If you pay your tuition in full, you will receive a 2% discount. Tuition paid in full with the discount is \$3,483.90.

Pre-Kindergarten Full Day (Monday through Friday):

Each Pre-K family will be able to choose one of the following payment plans:

1. A monthly tuition fee of \$695.00 (not including hot lunch fees). Tuition is due the 5th of each month starting in September.
2. A payment in full will be due by September 5th. If you pay your tuition in full, you will receive a 2% discount. Tuition paid in full with the discount is \$6,129.90.

Junior or Advanced Jr. Preschool (Tu/Th):

Each TU/TH Jr. or Advanced Jr. Preschool family will be able to choose one of the following payment plans:

1. A monthly tuition fee of \$225.00 that will be due by the 5th of each month starting in September.
2. A payment in full that will be due by September 5th. If you pay your tuition in full, you will receive a 2% discount. Tuition paid in full with the discount is \$1,984.50.

Advanced Jr. Preschool (M/W/F):

Each M/W/F Advanced Jr. Preschool family will be able to choose one of the following payment plans:

1. A monthly tuition fee of \$270.00 that will be due by the 5th of each month starting in September.
2. A payment in full will be due by September 5th. If you pay your tuition in full, you will receive a 2% discount. Tuition paid in full with the discount is \$2,381.40.

All classes must have a minimum number of students for that session to be held. Classes may need to be reassigned or cancelled depending on class size and availability.

Before School Care Hours and Fees

We offer Before School Care from 7:45-8:30. If you are interested in this program, please fill out the Before School Care option in the Program and Payment Plan section of the Admissions Application. Fees are due by the 5th of each month.

Pre-Kindergarten M/W/F Half Day or Full Day –	\$10/day drop-in or \$100/month full-time
Pre-Kindergarten Tu/Th Full Day –	\$10/day drop-in or \$70/month full-time
Pre-Kindergarten M-F Full Day –	\$10/day drop-in or \$130/month full-time
Advanced Jr. Preschool M/W/F Half Day –	\$10/day drop-in or \$100/month full-time
Junior or Advanced Jr. Preschool Tu/Th Half Day –	\$10/day drop-in or \$70/month full-time

Late Pick Up Fees

Morning class dismissal time is 11:00-11:15 am. Afternoon and full day class dismissal time is 2:45-3:00 pm. If a child is not picked up promptly by 11:15 am from the morning session or 3:00 pm from the afternoon or full day session, a \$15.00 (non-prorated) late fee will be charged for each 15 minutes you are late. Late fees will be added to the monthly billing statement and will be due on the 5th of each month. A family who is late on a continual basis will be asked to make different arrangements for their child.

Billing and Late Payment Fees

Each family will have their own personal FACTS account. All billing information can be viewed on this account. Details on how to log into your account will be given to each family before the school year begins. An email will be sent as a reminder of payments due. Payments are due by the 5th of each month, starting in September. If a payment is not made 10 days after the due date, a \$15.00 per month fee may be assessed. If a family has two consecutive months of delinquent payments, their child will not be able to attend class until their account is current. Payments that are late on a continual basis will result in the family making different arrangements for their child at the request of administration.

Hot Lunch Fees

If your child attends a full day session, you will have the option of purchasing a hot lunch or bringing a cold lunch from home. Funds may be deposited electronically through your FACTS account to pay for hot lunch fees.

Enrollment Requirements

There is a limited amount of space available in our program. If our program does fill up, we encourage you to put your name on our waiting list in case an opening should occur. In order for us to process your application, you must complete all of the following:

1. Read the Shiloh Christian Preschool Handbook.
2. Pay the non-refundable annual registration fee of \$175 per student.
3. Complete the Admissions Application.
4. Complete and submit the Parent's Statement on Health of Child form.
5. Submit a copy of your child's immunization record. (can be requested from child's physician)
6. Submit a photocopy of your child's birth certificate.

Acceptance

When we have received all of the enrollment requirements, we will carefully look over all information included to ensure the needs of your child can be met in our facility. If we conclude that your child has been accepted, you will be notified via email; and your child will be placed on the roster for the upcoming school year.

Communication to Parents

Communication from Shiloh's Preschool Directors regarding acceptance, class placements, preschool programming, upcoming events, or other important information will be communicated to parents via email. If you do not have access to email, please indicate it in the Family Information section of the Admissions Application.

Special Needs

We will make every effort to accommodate a child with special needs. However, if we are unable to meet those needs due to funding, staffing, or equipment, we will suggest other options for your child. Acceptance of a child with special needs will vary with each individual.

Withdrawal

A two-week notice must be given in written form to the director if a family plans to withdraw from our preschool. If we do not receive a withdrawal notice, you will be charged for those two weeks.

Open House and Orientation

We will be having an Open House in the spring and an Orientation session shortly before school begins. We encourage each family to attend these events. It will give us a chance to meet your child, and he/she will be able to see the classroom and meet teachers and classmates.

Vacations, Holidays, and Storm Days

No credits will be made on tuition for scheduled holidays, vacations, or storm days. We will not pro-rate for longer or shorter months. If Shiloh has a storm day in which school is cancelled due to bad weather, preschool will also be closed on that day. Text alerts and emails will be sent to notify you if school is closed. You will be informed of any make-up days for storms. Each family will receive a yearly preschool calendar prior to the school year. Our calendar is aligned closely with Shiloh's K-12 calendar, with the exception of the first and last days of school.

Absences

If your child will not be present for school, please inform the teacher or director by 8:00 am of that day. Email is the best way to contact the teacher or director regarding illnesses/absences. No credits will be made on tuition for absences.

Illnesses

Your child's health and well-being are very important to us and that is why we ask each family to fill out health forms and keep immunizations up to date. If your child is ill, please keep your child at home to prevent the spread of illnesses to others. We will also notify you if:

1. Your child develops symptoms or signs of irritability throughout the day.
2. The illness prevents him or her from participating with the other children.
3. The illness produces greater needs than what the teacher can provide for without compromising care to the other children.

We will provide a place for him or her to rest, away from the group with supervision, until you arrive. We are especially concerned about communicable diseases. Please contact us as soon as possible if your child has contracted a communicable disease or has been exposed to one. (Ex: pinkeye, lice, strep throat, chickenpox, influenza, croup, impetigo, etc.) Please be sure that your child is adequately recovered and is no longer contagious before returning him or her to school. Your child must be symptom free for 24 hours after vomiting or a fever of 100 degrees or higher. Please talk to the director regarding exclusion rules. We will notify parents, as necessary, regarding exposure to communicable illnesses within the classroom.

Medications

We will need a written permission slip from a parent/guardian in order to give any medications to your child. Medications prescribed by a doctor must have the doctor's written instructions on the original container as to:

1. The recommended dosage of medication
2. The administration of medication
3. The proper way to store medication
4. The child's name
5. The date it was filled

Food Allergy Policy

Shiloh Christian Preschool is committed to do its best to keep all students safe and healthy while in our care. The following policy includes guidelines to help ensure safety for students with food allergies.

1. Parents of children with food allergies will be asked to sign a Food Allergy Action Plan in case of an allergic reaction.
2. Due to the increasing numbers of severe food allergies, we will be purchasing and providing all snacks for our students based on the types of allergies we have and nutrition guidelines. This will ensure that all children are given safe and healthy snacks each day.
3. If your child has a severe food allergy and you are more comfortable providing your own snack for your child each day, you are certainly welcome to do so.
4. For birthdays, we will provide a special snack from our list of approved birthday treats.
5. Students are offered white milk for snack each day for a minimal fee. Water is also served for those who desire that instead of milk. If there is a milk intolerance/allergy, an alternative nut-free milk substitute can be provided by the family and left at school to serve during snack.
6. We will provide a list of food items not allowed in the classroom (including cold lunches) due to allergies.

Discipline

We believe that children respond best to positive reinforcement and redirection toward a positive and constructive behavior. If a discipline problem arises, the teacher may visit with the child about how to appropriately handle the situation, or the teacher may ask the child to be away from a situation for a brief amount of time. We also believe that children thrive through the example of a positive and encouraging role model, and our teachers and staff have been hired with that in mind. If a child is having a tough day, parents may be called to pick up their child if the teacher feels their behavior is compromising the care of the other children in the class.

Behavior Policy

We strive to ensure safety for every child; therefore, we have implemented a behavior policy regarding more serious behavioral concerns within the classroom. If a child harms himself or others verbally, physically or emotionally on a consistent basis; or if the child's behavior compromises the care of the other children in the classroom and attempts to address the concern do not result in improvement, we may have to ask the family to make different arrangements for their child.

School Apparel

Please make sure your child is dressed for a busy, fun-filled, sometimes messy day! Your child should be comfortable and appropriately dressed for the season. Ensure your child is dressed warm enough for outside winter play (coat, snow pants, hats, mittens, and boots). For safety reasons, tennis shoes must be worn at preschool. It is difficult to change out shoes during the day, due to time constraints, so please send your child to school wearing tennis shoes. We ask that you label each one of your child's belongings in case they are lost or misplaced. In case of an accident or spill, please make sure an extra set of clothes is left at the school or in their backpack (shirt, pants, underwear and socks).

Emergencies

If there should ever be a more serious accidental injury, we will contact a parent or caregiver immediately and, depending on the severity, call 911. We will make medical decisions along with paramedics until you arrive. Any expenses not covered by our insurance will be the responsibility of the family. Please keep your emergency information updated so you can be easily reached if needed. All teachers are CPR and First Aid certified. Each classroom has an emergency procedures manual listing steps to follow in the event of a school emergency, such as a fire, lockdown, shelter in place, etc. Emergency drills are performed monthly. In the event of a school emergency that would require relocation (such as a fire), all students will be bused to a designated relocation site. The name and address of the relocation site, along with other pertinent information, is posted by the door inside each classroom.

Transportation

Shiloh Christian Preschool does not provide transportation to or from our facility, except in the event of an emergency evacuation requiring relocation.

Aquatic Activities

Shiloh Christian Preschool does not have a water filled pool, wading pool, hot tub or any aquatic equipment on its premises. Shiloh Christian Preschool students do not participate in any aquatic activities while in our care and under our supervision.

Sign In/Sign Out

When you bring your child into the classroom, he or she becomes our responsibility. We want to make sure all children are well taken care of. By signing your child in upon arrival and signing them out when you leave, we can better ensure their safety. Your child will only be able to leave with a person listed on the Child Information Form. We will be calling the parent/guardian if there is any question and may ask to see personal ID.

Family Classroom Communication

The teacher will be available to visit with you before and after school. The teacher can also be contacted by phone or email. To make sure that there is effective communication between the teacher and parents/caregivers, the following items will be posted on a family communication board in each classroom:

1. Postings of any special activities/events
2. A monthly calendar
3. A sign-in and sign-out clipboard (found near the classroom door)

Each student also has a mailbox/cubby where you will receive:

1. A monthly calendar
2. A newsletter of classroom activities
3. A report regarding your child's progress (twice a year)
4. Any classwork/projects your child has completed

Soliciting Policy

The mailboxes in the classroom cannot be used to distribute personal invitations (adult or child), information marketing businesses, or any information that does not strictly relate to the program's activities. If a child is handing out invitations for any occasion on school grounds, each student in the classroom must then receive one. Otherwise, please mail them.

Social Media

We do our best to protect your child's privacy. However, Shiloh is not able to control social media activity by preschool families. To respect the privacy and rights of our preschool families, we ask that any pictures of children in our care, other than your own, not be posted to any form of social media. Each family will complete the Release of Information section in the Admissions Application stating your preference regarding specific releases of information.

Shiloh Christian Preschool Staff

Shiloh Christian Preschool staff members have been hired for their excellence in the field of Early Childhood Education. Each staff member participates in yearly professional development in order to meet licensing requirements and to stay current in their field. An annual background check on each staff member is also completed to ensure the safety and well-being of the students.

Shiloh Christian Preschool Licensing Information

Shiloh Christian Preschool is licensed through the State of North Dakota under the Department of Human Services, (701) 222-6622. As Early Childhood professionals and as a license holder, our staff is required by law to report any suspected case of child abuse or neglect to Social Services. Parents also have the right to report a complaint or a potential licensing violation to their local Social Services.

Shiloh Christian School's Declaration of Faith

- We believe in Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man (John 1:1-18; Phil. 2:6-8), His virgin birth (Mt. 1:18-25; Lk. 1:26-38), His sinless life (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15), His miracles (Jn. 30:30,31), His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross (Rom. 5:1-12; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Heb. 9-10), His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Acts 1:9-11; 7:55,56; Eph. 1:20-23), and His personal, physical return in power and glory (Zech. 14; Rev. 19).
- We believe in one infinite God (Ps. 90:2; 1 Tim. 1:17) in whom are three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19, 2 Cor. 13, 14, Eph. 1:3-14).
- We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16), who is fully God (Acts 5:3,4); that He indwells every born-again believer (Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 6:19), giving power to live a godly life (Gal. 5:22,23; Eph. 4:30; 1 John 2:20-27).
- We believe that the Bible is the only verbally, fully inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20,21), inerrant and infallible in matters of both fact and faith (Mt. 5:17; John 10:35); that it has absolute authority over all earthly wisdom (1 Cor. 1:18-31) and that it teaches us what we are to believe and how we are to live (James 1:19-27).
- We believe that man has a sinful nature from conception (Ps. 51:5; Ps. 58:3), is totally dead in sin (Eph. 2:1), unable to save himself (Tit. 1:15,16), and in need of a Savior (Rom. 3).
- We believe salvation consists of the remission of sins, the imputation of Christ's righteousness and the gift of eternal life received by faith alone, apart from works (Eph. 2:8, 9; Tit. 3:5). All who repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, being freely justified by the Father are born again by the Holy Spirit (Romans 1-5; Eph. 1:3-14)
- We believe in the existence of Satan (Luke 11:18), his warfare against God (Acts 26:18, 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 John 3:8-10), and his defeat on the cross (Col. 2:15) for eternity (Rev. 20:10).
- We believe in the literal, supernatural creation (Gen. 1,2; Job 38-41) – everything existing according to God's power (Col. 1:15, 17).
- We believe in the resurrection of the saved unto everlasting life and blessedness in heaven (Dan. 12:2; John 5:28-29; 14:1-3; Rev. 21,22) and in the resurrection of the lost unto everlasting conscious punishment in hell (Rev. 20:11-15).
- We believe The Church is the Body of Christ, composed of all born-again believers (Eph. 4:1-16; 5:25-27; Col. 1:18), meeting together in local assemblies for worship and fellowship (Acts 2:42-47; Phil. 1:1; 1 Th. 1: Rev. 1:4).

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**Our handbook has been written to ensure that our program runs smoothly and adheres to State guidelines and regulations so that your child will have the best preschool experience possible. The handbook is subject to change at Shiloh's discretion.*

***Upon submission of application, you are indicating willingness to follow all preschool policies.*



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