

Sterling High School Junior Knights

March 2023

Attention Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the Sterling High School Junior Knights Preschool Program. This program runs in conjunction with the high school's career-readiness Early Childhood Education course of study. The high school students involved in this program take a series of courses to help prepare them for a career in working with children. We are also members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), which helps the students harness their leadership potential and develop strong character skills through their participation in Family and Consumer Science education. We were able to incorporate many of the FCCLA programs and competitive events (such as Caregiver Carry-all, Storybook Ethics and Toys that Teach) into the Early Childhood Education curriculum and our preschool program.

Attached is the registration packet for the 2023-2024 school year; please submit all paperwork as soon as possible. I will also need an updated copy of your child's immunization record and the \$50 yearly fee (see me for discounts for multiple children). Please note, the state mandates that all children have received the flu shot and provide proof to the school by December 31, 2023 or they will be excluded from the program.

Please feel free to pass the paperwork along to a neighbor, friend, or family member (in the sending district) that might have a preschooler ready to become a Junior Knight. Remember, we require students to be three years old and able to take care of their own toileting needs. If you need any additional registration packets, please see me.

If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to contact me at cbachowski@sterling.k12.nj.us (recommended) or 856-784-1333. I look forward to speaking with you about our program...our class is nothing without the support of great families!

Thank you,
Carrin Bachowski

Course Descriptions

Sterling High School has adopted a five-course progression for the Early Childhood career path. Below are the course descriptions so you can get a feel for what students in each level of the program will focus on each year.

Child Development: Child Development will help students gain an insight and understanding of the developmental milestones of preschool age children. It will show the students the responsibility involved in meeting the physical, cognitive and social/emotional needs of children. During their term, the students will complete lesson plans, journals, a variety of worksheets and a milestone project. Will be a quarter-length course (10 weeks).

***Early Childhood I (Curriculum and Methods):** This course will provide instruction on the planning, preparation and delivery of developmentally appropriate curriculum for young children. Students will be introduced to learning theorists, such as Jean Piaget, Erik Erikson, Lawrence Kohlberg and Lev Vygotsky, and research-based early childhood curriculum models. External factors (family and community) and technology issues are explored. Will be a semester-length course. Students in this course will take part in the preschool laboratory classroom.

***Early Childhood II (Health and Well-Being):** This course will emphasize the health, safety and nutritional needs of young children. Content will include childhood illnesses, children with special medical needs and how to effectively plan a safe and healthy learning space. Will be a semester-length course. Students in this course will take part in the preschool laboratory classroom.

***Early Childhood III (Creative Experiences):** This course will give an overview of curriculum development and design for young children. Students will continue to explore learning theories and learn how to implement various creative experiences into the curriculum. Will be a semester-length course. Students in this course will take part in the preschool laboratory classroom.

***Early Childhood Seminar:** Students will work to compile a Child Development Associate (CDA) portfolio and work towards obtaining the CDA credential. Will be a semester-length course. Students in this course will take part in the preschool laboratory classroom.

*These classes will work with the Junior Knights program.

Sterling High School Junior Knights Preschool Lab Registration Form

Child's Name	Date of Birth	M	F
Child's nickname	Parent email address	Sex	
Parent's/Guardian's Name	Parent's/Guardian's Name		
(())	(())	(())	(())
Home Phone	Work Phone	Home Phone	Work Phone
Address	Address		
City, ST ZIP Code	City, ST ZIP Code		

Emergency Contacts

Primary Emergency Contact (other than parents/guardians)	Secondary Emergency Contact (other than parents/guardians)
(())	(())
Home Phone	Work Phone
Home Phone	Work Phone
Address	Address
City, ST ZIP Code	City, ST ZIP Code

Pick Up Authorization

Person(s) authorized to pick up child
Person(s) NOT authorized to pick up child

Other Information

Allergies/Special Health Considerations
Previous group or preschool experiences
Other family members living in the home (ages/grades of siblings)
Please give a brief description of your child's personality.

EMERGENCY CARE: In the event of an emergency, I authorize the staff to provide any first aid care deemed necessary for my child.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature	Date
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Sterling High School Junior Knights Preschool

Picture/Video/Website Permission Slip

Throughout the course of the school year, we will be taking videos/photographs of the preschool class. We will take videos and pictures of special occasions, class visitors and field trips. The children enjoy watching themselves on the "big screen." We also like to share our classroom with others to show how much fun we have learning. By signing below, you give your permission for the school to video tape or take pictures of your child and to share these videos/photos with others.

Thank you for your cooperation. For more information, please see the school website, <http://www.sterling.k12.nj.us>. I will be using Bloomz website for the school year to share with families the photos that are taken in the classroom. More details to come later.

I hereby give permission for my child, _____ to be filmed and photographed for gifts, photo albums, memory books, class videos, school yearbook, newsletters, printed articles and posted on the SHS website for the 2023-2024 school year.

Printed Name

Signature

Date