

Policy Page

Tuition Payments: Monthly tuition payments are due no later than the 5th of the month . We do not accept weekly or daily payments. For more payment and billing information, please call the office.

Late Pick -up Policy: Children picked up after 5:30pm, will be charged \$5 for every 5 minutes late, payable within 24 hours.

Sickness: Children with a fever over 100 degrees may not stay at Shepherd's Gate. If a child becomes ill, he/she must be picked up immediately. After a three day absence due to sickness, a child may return ONLY with a doctors note.

Medical Form: All children must have a physical and immunization form within the past year on file prior to attending. The office must be informed at the time of registration, any special medical conditions, allergies and medications that their child may have.

These Behaviors Will Not Be Tolerated

*****Hitting **Cursing **Bullying **Being
Disrespectful **Fighting*

****Parents will receive a complete policy booklet upon registration****

Violating the above rules will result in suspension or permanent program dismissal. Depending on the offense, unsafe conduct towards one self or anyone else, can result in immediate dismissal. We encourage parents to assist the counselors in safety rules enforcement and in promoting healthy social qualities like sharing and being sensitive to the feelings of others. Expelling a child is a difficult and painful experience for everyone involved. We resort to this extreme measure only after working with the parent and it becomes clear that the child needs and expertise beyond the scope of our program.



Shepherd's Gate Before & After School Hybrid/Kindergarten Program

Working parents need to feel that their children are in a safe and family oriented environment. This is Shepherd's Gate highest priority.



Located At:

St. Joseph's Academy Campus
1725 Brentwood Rd.
Brentwood, New York 11717

(631) 435-3215
www.shepherdsgateacademy.com



Welcome To Shepherd's Gate Before and After School Program

Shepherd's Gate has been providing Child Care services to the Children & Families across Long Island since 1998.

Our Programs Include Before & After School Child Care, Summer Camp, Kindergarten, Pre-K and Universal Pre-K. We are Licensed by New York State and are continually trained to stay up to date with the most current ideas and trends in childcare.

It is our mission to provide an environment for children that will give parents the peace of mind to go to work knowing that their child is in a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment with qualified adults who treat each child with the respect and care they deserve.

Our Philosophy

We understand that families are faced with many challenges today and it is our goal to provide children with an environment that promotes confidence, compassion, and understanding. We hope that each child leaves Shepherd's Gate with a desire to succeed and the confidence to believe that they can accomplish anything they put their mind to.

After-School Activities



Baking



Performing Arts



Sports



Lambs
Corner



Science



What is Special About Our Location:

Shepherd's Gate is located on 200 acres of manicured property on the Private Grounds of St. Josephs in Brentwood. Our Facility includes large classrooms, a full gymnasium, baseball and soccer fields and children's bike paths. Our property also boasts 2 organic children's gardens and Lambs Corner, a children's ecological animal farm. The grounds of St. Joseph's provides a natural setting filled with large fields and sprawling trees. This environment provides an opportunity for children to experience nature at it's fullest which is essential to their overall development.

Before School Program

The Before school program provides a comfortable setting where the counselors first priority is to ensure that all of the children are able to start their school day off on the right foot!

Counselors provide **quiet boards games, book clubs, academic enrichment clubs, arts & crafts and other low tempo activities** that will keep children engaged and excited while they wait for their school bus.

Parents have the option to either have their children eat breakfast at home, send it with them each day, or leave a breakfast item that will last them for the week, (ex. Cereal and milk) in our walk-in refrigerator which the counselors will serve to them each morning.

For those who have extra energy in the morning, counselors will provide children the opportunity to participate in dance classes and visit the gymnasium for some light activity .

New School Age Program during the Covid-19 Pandemic Changes for 2020-2021

As Students will be participating in hybrid learning this school year, Shepherd's Gate will be providing childcare with an academic focus. This program will be supervised by qualified instructors and will provide an educational setting for students to participate alternating with school district schedules.

(Ask one of our office staff members for more details)



Tuition Information

Registration Fee: \$75 per child

Before School: 6:30am-9am \$250 per month

After School: 2:30pm-5:30pm \$250 per month

Both Programs above:

Before and After School: \$385 per month

**Late fee P/U after (5:30pm) \$1 per minute*

New Hybrid: School Age Program 5yrs to 12 years

Full day available: 9am-3pm \$ 385 per month

Half Day Kindergarten Am or Pm \$ 385 per month

All based on Brentwood School District Calendar year

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance is available through the Department of Social Services for qualifying families. For More information call DSS at: (631) 854-3349.

Union Child Care vouchers are accepted as well through agencies such as 1199.

Customers waiting for DSS or Grant Approval must pay all registration and tuition fees until approval letters are received by the office.



Health & Safety During Covid-19



At Shepherd's Gate, we understand that schools and child care programs play a major role in the well being of a child as well as a necessity for working parents who need to feel safe that their child is being cared for and nurtured in the best way possible while they are at work. That is why the health and safety of our staff and children are of the utmost importance to us.

Based on guidelines given to our program from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, we will be open for summer camp. We have many new policies and procedures in place regarding day to day operations, sanitization, social distancing and screening that we have been implementing during summer camp with great success. *Our full Covid-19 safety policies are available in the office and on the school website.*



After School Information

The Goal of the After-School Program is to provide a safe place for children during the after-school hours where they can grow socially and academically. Parent's are able to work with the peace of mind knowing that their children are being cared for with the highest of quality.

Children will be exposed to many new and exciting areas of enrichment that they may have never had the opportunity to experience otherwise. These enrichment areas include:

"Lambs Corner" Children's Animal Farm: At Lambs Corner, children will participate in a hands on learning experience with caring for animals including goats, rabbits and chickens, and gardening in our organic children's garden. They will be led by educators who's main goal is to take what is being taught in the classroom, outside, and continue teaching in a setting where students can put science, social/emotional education, literacy, and many other areas of learning into real life practice.

Homework Room: It is our highest priority to ensure that each child completes their homework each and every day while at Shepherd's Gate either in their classroom or in our homework room. Although we do not provide one to one tutoring, counselors will help each child to understand their assignments so they will be able to complete their homework with the best chance for success.

Sports and Recreation: Shepherd's Gate boasts over 200 acres of property with baseball fields, playgrounds, and wide open space for children to participate in activities such as soccer, football, archery, golf, volleyball, bike riding and many other traditional and non-traditional sports. Children will also be able to use a full size gymnasium daily for sports such as basketball and badminton as well as a place to ensure daily activity will be possible even in inclement weather. All sports and recreation activities will always be led to promote good health, develop positive interpersonal skills, and will give children the opportunity to learn how to be a good team player and a leader.

After School Information Cont...

The Arts: Children have many likes and interests that they know of, and many times that they have not discovered yet. At Shepherd's Gate we strive to expose our children to as many areas of the arts as possible including dance (hip hop, Latin, ball room, etc.), choir, instrument lessons (ukulele, percussion), video production, theatre, sculpting, painting and many other areas of the arts. Not only will children be able to practice and enjoy these areas of the arts, but they will have the opportunity to display these talents at our many shows throughout the year.

Experiences in Science: Lambs Corner will give children many opportunities to experience science through nature such as basic animal anatomy and veterinary care as well as understanding and practicing basics in horticulture. Head counselors will also plan fun and engaging activities that will bring out the scientist in all children through rocket building and experimentation, volcano projects, basic robotics, and many other areas of science that are age appropriate to each group.

Bi-Weekly Themes: Every two weeks, the After-School program will have a program wide theme. These themes include multicultural appreciation, science, going green, Olympics, Talent week, and much more! These themes provide an excitement and buzz for the children and counselors and are used to ensure that each day is filled with as many exciting and diverse activities as possible. Parents will receive a monthly calendar which will outline the themes, activities and events for the month.

Basic After school Schedule

2:30pm:	Arrival
2:30pm - 4:00pm:	Home work
4:00pm - 4:30pm:	Snack
4:30 pm- 5:30pm:	Enrichment Activities
5:30pm:	Dismissal

