



## WELCOME TO HOLLY POND SCHOOL

Our mission is to foster the growth of independent and confident scholars who respect themselves and others through active learning experiences that extend their knowledge in the classroom and beyond.

The learning environment at the Holly Pond School is experiential, interactive and collaborative, with an emphasis on educating the whole person; fostering the intellectual, socio-emotional and physical growth of each child.

Our curriculum is organized thematically, enabling children to make thoughtful connections and comparisons from their own observations, explorations and experiences. We believe we teach children best when we support and extend their learning through play, challenging them to discover their own abilities and to try the unfamiliar. Our goal is to prepare all of our students for a successful transition into Kindergarten.

We utilize proactive classroom management techniques and respectful language. This models respect for self and others, and guides children to focus on good choices.

The YMCA facilities provide children with multiple opportunities for active enrichment, including swimming and gymnastics. This enrichment broadens their learning beyond the classroom, engaging the body as well as the mind, helping children develop courage, confidence and an awareness of community. We believe that our students leave the Holly Pond School possessing the core YMCA values of Caring, Honest, Respect and Responsibility.

### 2021-2022 CLASS OFFERINGS & TUITION

2 Year Old Classes		3 Year Old Classes	
<b>2 Days (T &amp; Th)</b> AM 9:00-11:30 PM 12:00-2:30 \$5350	<b>3 Days (M, W, F)</b> AM 9:00-11:30 PM 12:00-2:30 \$7465	<b>3 Days (M, W, F or T, Th, F)</b> AM 9:00-11:45 PM 12:15-3:00 \$5720	<b>5 Days (M-F)</b> AM 9:00-11:45 PM 12:15-3:00 \$8070
4 Year Old Classes		Pre-K	
<b>4 Days (M-Th)</b> AM 9:00-11:45 PM 12:15-3:00 \$6,860	<b>5 Days (M-F)</b> AM 9:00-11:45 PM 12:15-3:00 \$8070	<b>5 Day mix of:</b> M, W, F 9:00 -12:00 & T & Th 9:00-3:00 \$10,765	

**Payment Calendar:**

**\$500 deposit is due on registration day, 1/4 of payment minus \$500 is due by February 15th, 1/4 of payment is due May 15th, 1/4 of payment is due September 15th and final 1/4 is due November 15th.**

**If February 15th payment is not received on time, your spot will be forfeited and your registration fee and deposit are non-refundable.**

**Refunds are only given if nursery school spots can be filled. Withdraws made prior to April 1st will receive a refund of 2/3 of the tuition received. Withdraws made after April 1st will receive a refund of the 1/3 of the tuition received.**

**If your child is enrolled in the program, a Darien YMCA membership is required by the start of school.**



## HOLLY POND SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Holly Pond School Registration is done through a lottery system. There are 2 steps to the Registration Process.

1. Draw your lottery ticket at the Darien YMCA on either **Wednesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Your lottery ticket will give you the time and the date to come to the Darien YMCA to register for the school year. There is a \$50 non-refundable registration fee which is paid at the time of the lottery pick. If your child gets into school the \$50 will be applied toward your tuition payment.
2. Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is as follows:

**Currently enrolled student, Siblings of currently enrolled student and Alumni of Holly Pond School will register on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**ALL new students will register on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Registration will begin at 10:00 am.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Students may stay late or arrive early for a lunch group from 11:45 AM-1:00 PM (\$15), or 11:45 am-12:15 pm (\$7.50) Monday through Fridays. Children provide their own lunch and drink, which the Y will keep refrigerated. Supervised lunch is followed by inside or outdoor play. Pre-registration is necessary which can be done online. Children must be 3 years of age and fully potty trained.

## HOLLY CARE

The Holly Care program provides a structured environment in which children revel in their exploration of new ideas and new activities. Children may attend the morning, afternoon or full day sessions. Each day's activities include supervised lunch time, outdoor play, story time, arts & crafts and more. In addition, children will participate in the special theme of the day (see below) to help develop their motor and social skills. Children must be 3 years of age and fully potty trained.

### SPECIAL THEMES OF THE DAY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	Swimming	Sports	Swimming	Gymnastics	Music
PM	Swimming	Gymnastics	Sports	Music	Cooking

AM Program runs from 9:00 -12:15 and our PM Program runs from 11:45 -3:00. You may also choose a full day from 9:00-3:00. Lunch time is included in both morning and afternoon program. Parents supply lunch. Holly Care follows the Darien Public School Calendar. For fees and dates, please visit our web-site at [www.darien-ymca.org](http://www.darien-ymca.org).

## KID'S CLUB AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM & VACATION CAMP for Scheduled Holidays and School Breaks

The Darien YMCA offers After School Kid's Club for children ages 3—5th Grade. Open from school dismissal until 6:30 PM. Kid's Club follows the Darien Public School Calendar. Choose between 1-5 days. Activities include homework time, outside play, snack, games, gym and recreational swim.

When schools are not in session, we offer Vacation Camp for children aged 3 through 5th Grade. Special Theme Days and Field Trips are planned, as well as gym, crafts, outside play and group activities. For more information on both these programs, visit our web-site at [www.darien-ymca.org](http://www.darien-ymca.org).

**Visit our web site at [www.darien-ymca.org](http://www.darien-ymca.org) to get more detailed information about our Holly Pond School programs, as well as other great programs at the Darien YMCA.**

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