



St. James' Nursery School News

Calendar of Events:

12/1-12/18: Christmas Mission Project: Pajama collection to benefit the "Pajama Project" - see info on back of newsletter

12/2-4: Two's Mini-Chapel in the classroom

12/3: Annex Pre-K 4/5's fieldtrip to a Christmas tree farm

12/14: Annex Bookmobile

12/16: Mrs. Garnand's and Ms. Kim's Pre-K 4's Christmas Gathering with Carols—6:30PM in St. James' Sanctuary

12/17: Mrs. Thomas' Pre-K 4/5's Christmas Gathering with Carols—6:30PM at the Annex

12/18: Main Street Bookmobile Day

12/18: Christmas Chapel Time for the T/Th 3's

12/15: Christmas Chapel Time for the T/TH 3's and 4's

12/16: Christmas Chapel Time for MWF 3's

12/22: 3's Bookmobile Day

12/23-1/1: Nursery Closed for Christmas and New Year's

1/4/10: Nursery Classes Resume

1/11: In-House Registration Begins—no registrations will be accepted by the office until the morning of January 11. Registration for these classes will begin on January 11 for our currently enrolled children and their siblings. In order to assure your child a spot in our program, you must register the first week, January 11-15.

December 2009



Inclement Weather School Closing Procedures



- When Carroll County Schools are closed due to bad weather, St. James' Nursery, **both locations**, will also be closed.
- When Carroll County Schools open one **or** two hours late: All AM classes and full-day classes will begin one hour late and dismiss at the scheduled time and PM classes are held as scheduled.
- Early closings due to bad weather will also follow the announced Carroll County School policy for kindergarten.
- When afternoon Carroll County kindergarten is cancelled, we will have no PM classes and the full-day classes will dismiss at 12:00.
- If Carroll County Schools dismiss one or two hours early, we will not hold PM classes and the full-day class will dismiss at 12:00.
- As always, your child's safety comes first. If you are uncomfortable with the driving conditions, we will respect your decision to keep your child at home or pick them up early.
- If you are unsure of closings, please call the nursery office at 301-829-0014 to hear the recorded message.



December Chapel Schedule

A special invitation is extended to all parents to join us for December's Chapel Times.



Chapel with Rev. Portia

Dec. 9: 10:45/2:15 for Main Street 4's
And Annex Pre-K 4/5's at 10:00

Dec. 16: Main MWF 3's at 10:45/2:15

Chapel with Ms. Pat

Dec. 2-4: with the 2's

Dec. 15: Main Street at 11:00,
Annex at 1:30,

And T/TH 4's at 2:30

This month's chapel theme is
The Birth of Christ.

Cuddle-up and Read Program!!

Please find a calendar for December, with directions, sent out with this newsletter about this fun literacy program that the children of St. James' Nursery School will be participating in beginning this month!! When children return their calendars in the beginning of January they will each choose a new book!!



From the Director's Desk

Once again I find myself wondering where on earth did the fall go!? As time flies by, I try to remind myself to enjoy each day God has given me. Savor each moment this Christmas season with your children. Take lots of pictures and videotape them as they smile and talk about the happiness they are experiencing.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Renee Seek and Erika Winters for coordinating this year's Thanksgiving Food Collections. It is wonderful how much food was delivered to the Mount Airy Net for Thanksgiving. I'm sure many families in the community benefited. Thank you all for supporting this collection with your donations.

Beginning December 1st, the school is participating in the Christmas Mission Project which will benefit the "Pajama Program". Pajama Program, a 501(c)(3) charity, provides new pajamas and new books to needy children, many of whom are waiting and hoping to be adopted. Many of these youngsters have been abused or abandoned and in many cases, have never enjoyed the simple comfort of having a loving mother or father tuck them in at bedtime. Through the Pajama Program, we hope to contribute to a warmer, more loving environment for children when they are at their most vulnerable. Pajamas need to be **new, unused**, and a complete set or a nightgown. We thought this would be a great opportunity for the children to choose something specific to help another child. We will have drop-off boxes located in the front halls of both the Annex and Main Street locations. The last day to drop-off pajamas will be December 18th. The local representative of the Pajama

Program will be coming to our school to pick up the items donated.

Have a blessed Christmas and happy New Year! As always, remember that you can always call me if you have any questions or ideas,

Classes and Schedules Offered for the 2010-2011 School Year at St. James' Nursery School!

For Two Year Olds

2-days a week (MW/TTH)

9-11 and 12-2

1-day a week (F)

9-11 and 12-2

For Three Year Olds

2-days a week (TTH)

9-11:30

3-days a week (MWF)

9-11:30 and 12:30-3

Full-Day 3's Class

2-days a week (T/Th) from 9-2

For Pre-K 4's

3-days a week (MWF)

9-11:30 and 12:30-3

Full Day Pre-K 4's Class

3-days a week (MWF) from 9-3

Four's Enrichment Class

2-days a week (TTH)

12:30-3

Registration for these classes will begin on January 11 for our currently enrolled children and their siblings. In order to assure your child a spot in our program, you must register the first week, January 11-15.

If you have any questions concerning the above and/or would like help making a decision, Pat will be happy to chat with you. She can be reached at 301-829-0014 or by e-mail at stjamesnursery@verizon.net.

Ms. Karla's 2's

November was a very busy month. We all enjoyed the Thanksgiving Feasts.

We will start to talk about the winter season. There are so many beautiful changes going on all around us.

Our nursery rhyme is "Little Jack Horner" and the theme is Christmas. We will introduce the number four, the color yellow and the star shape.

Continue to work with your child on the colors, numbers and shapes that we have already introduced.

As the weather changes, we could use some help during the last 20 minutes of class time to get coats, hats, and mittens on. Also, remember to put names on everything!!

Thanks to all our parents for volunteering and providing snacks. I love having volunteers in our classroom.

Happy Holiday,

*Ms. Karla, Ms. Jenny
and Ms. Robin*

Ms. Dona's Green Room 3's

After a 'brief' November, December will be large in importance and packed with holiday and learning activities.

During the first week, we'll continue 'School Spirit Week' finding out what makes our school a good place to be. From then on we'll learn about the birth of Jesus and the joy of giving and sharing. The star shape, the color green, the number 4, and on and off will be taught this month. We might even write our own "Days of Christmas" song (4 green trees)!

Special Days:

Dec. 16: Chapel and Cookie Party at
10:45 or 2:15

Dec. 21: Children's Holiday Party
Ms. Dona, Ms. Deb and Ms. Tracy

Ms. Deb's Green Room 3's

Happy Holidays! As December begins we will take time to learn about how other places in the world celebrate Christmas. We will talk about traditions and our favorite things to do at Christmas time. All month we will fill our room with the sights, smells and sounds of the holiday.

On Tuesday 12/15, you are invited to come with us and join in our Christmas Chapel and Cookie Social. Look for information to come home the first week in December.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus, we share the gift of giving by having a birthday party for Jesus on 12/22. Information and sign up sheets will be posted.

As always if you have any question or concerns feel free to contact us.

Have a Blessed and

Joyous Holiday!

Ms. Deb & Ms. Jenny



Ms. Susan's Red Room 3's

The holidays are here! With them brings exciting activities to our classroom. This month most activities will be centered around Christmas. We will learn about Christmas traditions in other countries, make and wrap gifts for special loved ones, and discuss Jesus' birth. As we read stories and sing songs to further our celebration of the Christmas Season,

We will also be reinforcing the color green, the number 4, the star shape, and the opposite-on/off. Our month will end

with an in class Christmas Cookie Social! More about the social will be coming home later.

We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

Ms. Susan and Mrs. Calka

Ms. Kim's Yellow Room 3's and Pre-K 4's

Christmas time is a wonderful time of the year. We will be able to explore the many smells, colors, and textures of the holiday. We will see how the other cultures and religions celebrate this wonderful holiday. We will be decorating a wooden shoe is a part of the Holland tradition. The children will be hopeful that Sinterklaas will come by with his treats. There also will be some cooking projects. We will end the month with what Christmas is really about the birth of Jesus. We will learn about the gift of giving, kindness, and love. My three year old class will look for a piece of hay to write your good deeds on to line the baby Jesus manger with warm and softness. The four year old classes will look for your happiness stars to light up the sky above baby Jesus' manger. Ms. Linda, Mrs. Calka, and I wish your family a wonderful and safe Christmas holiday. Happy New Year!

Ms. Kim, Ms. Linda, Mrs. Calka

Mrs. Garnand's Red Room Pre-K 4's

Happy Holiday! 'Tis the season to be jolly – and we plan on having lots of fun this month. There will be lots of artwork and crafts to “Deck the Halls” at school and at home. There will be stories, songs and discussions on the birth of Jesus. Chapel will be held on December 9 and our Christmas music program will

be on December 16 at 6:30 upstairs in the sanctuary. Please watch for more information and your invitation! We will also have a special Christmas Mission Project - more information to follow. We will be closed December 23 through January 3, 2010. Mrs. Calka and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Garnand and Mrs. Calka



Mrs. Thomas' News News from the Annex

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The children had a great time at our Thanksgiving feast.

The month of December will be filled with excitement and expectation as we look forward to Christmas. We will be busy making gifts for our families and talking about the greatest gift of all – the birth of Jesus. During the month, we will be collecting new pajamas to benefit needy and homeless children.

All the children will be involved in decorating the perfect tree selected by the Pre-K 4/5's class on their trip to the Christmas tree farm. Oh, what an exciting month we will have.

Ms. Susan, Ms. Karen and I wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Susan and Ms. Karen

