

ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER – 2015



“It is a miracle if you can find true friends, and it is a miracle if you have enough food to eat, and it is a miracle if you get to spend your days and evenings doing whatever it is you like to do, and the holiday season- like all the other seasons – is a good time to tell stories of miracles, and to think about the miracles in your own life and to be grateful for them.” Lemony Snicket

The holidays are coming and your children are getting very excited. They love to sing Christmas songs and learn about the birth of Baby Jesus. The St. Edmund's Nursery School Board and Staff wish all of our families a wonderful, meaningful and memorable holiday season. We feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to teach and love your children and thank you all for your support as well. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

COLOR: Red SHAPE: Rectangle NUMBER: 4
CONCEPT: Giving, Loving, Sharing and Understanding the
Beauty and Magic of Christmas
Christian Quality: Joy and Celebration
Bible Verse: “A Savior Has Been Born” - Luke 2:11

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| Monday, Nov. 30 | - | Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes 10:10 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 1 | - | Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes 10:10 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 1 | - | Pre-K Conferences |
| Wednesday, Dec. 2 | - | Old 4's Conferences |
| Thursday, Dec. 3 | - | 5 Day Conferences |
| Tuesday, Dec. 8 | - | Scrip orders DUE TODAY! We need your support to reach our 100% participation goal! Thank you! |
| Tuesday, Dec. 8 | - | Christmas sing along and tree decorating - T/Th, 5 Day and Pre-K classes at 11:00 |
| Wednesday, Dec. 9 | - | Christmas sing along and tree decorating – MWF classes at 11:00 |
| Wednesday, Dec. 16 | - | 9:00 - 10:15 - Christmas Program for MWF children 10:30-11:45 - Christmas Program for 5 Day and Pre-K children |
| Thursday, Dec. 17 | - | 9:00-10:15 - Christmas Program for T/Th children |
| Thursday, Dec. 17 | - | No School for 5 Day and Pre-K classes |
| Friday, Dec. 19 | - | No School for Pre-K, 5 Day, and MWF classes |
| Fri., Dec. 18 – Jan. 1 | - | School vacation |
| Monday, Jan. 4 | - | School resumes |
| Monday, Jan. 4 | - | Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes 10:10 |
| Tuesday, Jan. 5 | - | Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes 10:10 |
| Thursday, Jan. 14 | - | Father's Morning - T/Th, 5 Day & Pre-K classes |
| Friday, Jan. 15 | - | Father's Morning - MWF Classes |
| Monday, Jan. 18 | - | Martin Luther King Day – No School |

The St. Edmund's Nursery School Annual Fund News:

You will be receiving a letter in your child's cubby asking for your support of the St. Edmund's Nursery School Annual Fund. This fund is vital to the school and our students and is our most significant fundraising event of the year. Our goal is simple: 100% participation from every family. Please make a tax-deductible donation to the St. Edmund's Nursery School Annual Fund. Thank you for your support.

Picnic News:

Bring your children to picnic even on those days they are not in school - a great opportunity to get some shopping done while your child has lots of fun at picnic!

- Monday, December 7 – Special Christmas Picnic – Mrs. Westphal and Mrs. Doerning, children will make a Christmas hand print aprons, so please join us! Additional \$15 charge. This is optional.
- Monday, Dec. 14 - Our last picnic before Christmas break, we will be serving hot dogs, chips and fruit! No extra charge. Hope to see you there. If your child does not want hot dogs, please be sure to send them with their own lunch.

Thank You:

- Thank you to **Erin McCarthy and Vanessa Sinner** for continuing to promote and organize our Scrip orders! Thank you to **all those families that have supported this fundraiser** and have already met their \$300 purchase requirement.

Reminders:

- **Safety First** – Please, if possible, do not park on San Gabriel Blvd. This street is so busy with speeding cars it makes it one of the more dangerous boulevards around our school. Thank you for observing our painted arrows in the parking lot directing traffic to the appropriate driveways when entering and exiting. Also, please be sure to walk your child to the wall and follow the yellow feet to the gate. This will ensure they are not in the way of traffic and kept safe at all times. Thank you. Please, no cell phones in the carpool lines.
- All parents are welcome to attend any Chapel with their child.
- Don't forget, a St. Edmund's Nursery School t-shirt or sweatshirt makes a great gift.
- Please be reminded that school begins at 8:45. We want to be sure that students arrive promptly so they do not miss any of the activities in the classroom. Thank you.
- **Please sign your children in and out each day!** We really need your help with this state wide mandated requirement.

Directory Updates:

Young 3's Helen Chu – Tiffanie Chu Family phone number 626-823-4124. Please adjust your information.

Joy and Celebration



December is a wonderful time of year for children and adults. It is a magical time filled with tradition, family, giving, joy and celebration. This is the perfect time to teach our children the true meaning of Christmas and help them to understand the importance of sharing, giving and the joy in celebration.

THE NICEST PRESENT

Under the tree the gifts enthrall,
But the nicest present of them all
is filling our thoughts with those who care,
wanting our Christmas joy to share.
To you, whom we're often thinking of,
we send our holiday joy and love.
- Anonymous

JOY

Somehow, not only for Christmas
but all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others,
Is the joy that comes back to you.
- John Greenleaf Whittier

Suggested Reading for Children:

- 1.) The Christmas Baby - by [Marion Dane Bauer](#)
- 2.) The Gifts They Gave - by Patricia Reeder Eubank
- 3.) The Berenstain Bears and the Joy of Giving - by Mike Berenstain

